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Free Food Distribution Sites in Canarsie

By Jibreel Jalloh Founder, The Flossy Organization

Cuts and delays to SNAP benefits couldn't come at a worse time. Across Brooklyn, families are already struggling to afford groceries, rent and basic needs — and now the federal government shutdown has delayed November SNAP benefits statewide. The New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) confirmed that regular and expedited benefits are on hold until federal funding resumes. While EBT cards will still work for those with remaining balances, new benefits will not be issued until the shutdown ends.

In moments like this, our community steps up. Canarsie's churches, nonprofits and neighborhood associations continue to distribute food weekly — helping to ensure that no neighbor goes hungry. We've compiled a partial list of local food pantry sites in and around Canarsie from Food Bank NYC to help residents access support while SNAP is delayed.

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for SNAP updates. You can apply online or call 311 if you live in New York City. Call the USDA Hunger Hotline at 1-866-3-HUNGRY.

These SNAP cuts remind us that hunger is not a personal failure — it's a policy failure. But here in Canarsie, we look out for one another. If you can, volunteer, donate or share this list. If you need help, please reach out. No one in our community should ever go hungry.

Jibreel Jalloh is an award-winning organizer and 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, he has helped lead efforts to end gun violence, expand public transit and secure investments in local green spaces. Jibreel is a 2024–2025 Obama Foundation Scholar at Columbia University. Learn more at theflossy.org and follow @theflossyorg on Instagram and TikTok.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR -VOL. 105, NO. 45

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SAT. NOVEMBER 8TH

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SAT. NOVEMBER 8TH

Jamaica Bay-Rockaway
Parks Conservancy:
November CleanSweep
Plumb Beach
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East of Exit 9
12 to 2 p.m.
Register at
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SUN. NOVEMBER 9TH

Williams: Honoring Veterans

Carmine Carro Community

Assemblywoman Jaime

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11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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TUES. NOVEMBER 11TH
Jamaica Bay-Rockaway
Parks Conservancy: Achilles
Adaptive Cycling
Floyd Bennett Field
3159 Flatbush Avenue
10 to 11 a.m.

THUR, NOVEMBER 13TH

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East Flatbush

Man Dies in Basement During Flash Flood

By Linda Steinmuller

Heavy rains caused flash flooding last week, killing two New Yorkers, one of them an East Flatbush resident.

Over two inches of rain fell in Brooklyn on Thursday, October 30th, delaying flights at all three major airports, overwhelming the sewer system and flooding the streets, subways and some basement apartments.

In a basement apartment at Rutland Road and Kingston Avenue, members of the FDNY Scuba Team recovered the body of Aaron Akaberi, a 39-year-old man who drowned while trying to rescue his dog during the deadly storm, police said.

Akaberi was pronounced dead at an area hospital, according to the NYPD.

Another man, 43, drowned in the boiler room of an apartment building in Washington Heights.

Photo by Bagir Ahmad



East Flatbush

Tree Uprooted During Deadly Storm



By Linda Steinmuller

Very heavy wind and record-breaking rain hit NYC on Thursday, October 30th, causing flooding, interruptions to subway lines (including the "L" train) and even death to two New Yorkers.

This tree toppled onto a car in East Flatbush - on East 38th Street, near Farragut Road – due to powerful winds around 3:30 p.m. Fortunately, the car was unoccupied, and no pedestrians were harmed when the tree was uprooted.

Over two inches of rain fell in Brooklyn over a brief period of time, causing chaos and destruction across the borough.

Photo by Baqir Ahmad

Flatlands

One Minor Injury in Two Alarm Fire at Private Residence

By Lloyd Mitchell

Firefighters contained a two alarm fire at 1645 Troy Avenue, a two-story, brick attached building off of Avenue H, on Saturday, November 1st.

Members of Engine Company 255 and Tower Ladder 157 were met with heavy smoke and fire emitting from the basement around 3 p.m. The fire extended to the first and second floors of the home, and one resident suffered minor injuries.

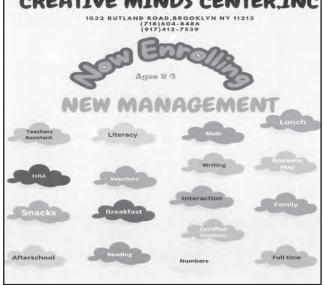
Over 100 firefighters utilized four hose lines to knock down the main body of fire. Searches throughout the residence were negative. The fire was placed under control around 3:50 p.m.

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Bergen Beach

Students at P.S. 312 Walk in Support of Breast Cancer Awareness



Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse and Team Captain Cory Goodman stand with Student Council as they hold cards that say, "I Walk For..."



By Brenda Cox

On Monday, October 27th, P.S. 312 Bergen Beach, located at 7103 Avenue T, hosted a Breast Cancer Walk to raise awareness about the dreadful disease, as well as raise funds to assist in the ongoing fight against it.

Staff and students were joined by some parents for a few laps around the playing field. The event was clearly a fun but serious exercise, especially for the Student Council, who thrust themselves into setting up pop-up shops to peddle their merchandise.

They sold pink silicone bracelets in addition to some beaded ones that they handmade; gave tattoos with etchings that included pink ribbons and messages such as "fight cancer;" offered face and hand-painting; provided a table covered with cards that stated, "I Walk For...," on which people filled in the names of loved ones who had either survived or already succumbed to the disease.

"Breast cancer has affected too many people I love," Cory Goodman, the team captain for the event, stated. "That's why I've joined Making Strides Against Breast Cancer to honor survivors and thrivers, remember those we've lost and offer up support to anyone in our community who has been affected by it."

Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse, a registered nurse of over 30 years who now chairs the City Council's Committee on Hospitals, attended the Breast Cancer Walk and expressed her admiration for Principal Sungmin Yoo, Goodman and the entire P.S. 312 family, particularly the students. "It was so heartwarming to see the young students at P.S. 312 walking together to raise awareness for breast cancer," she told the *Canarsie Courier*. "Their compassion and energy should remind us that the fight against cancer is about community, supporting one another, spreading love and encouraging early detection."

Goodman said the funds raised would be donated to Making Strides Against Breast Cancer "to sustain critical research and provide services for people trying to cope with their breast cancer experience."



P.S. 312 Student Council sell pink bracelets to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer.



Students get their hands painted.



Staff, students and parents make strides at P.S. 312 cancer walk.

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By Brian Moreno

Marine Park shined bright, as the Marine Park Alliance (MPA) launched its fifth annual Festival of Lights series, where residents gathered to observe Diwali at the Carmine Carro Community Center, 3000 Fillmore Avenue, on Saturday, October 19th.

The MPA's Festival of Lights is a series of observances of various holidays that are celebrated throughout the world that have a focus on the significance of light, including Hanukkah, the Winter Solstice and Kwanzaa, among others.

The event was organized by the MPA with support by Assemblywoman Jaime Williams and State Senator Roxanne Persaud, who were in attendance. Ravi Doobay, a pandit of the Maha Lakshmi Mandir's clergy, curated the ceremony. There were also dance sequences from special guests Sloka Iyengar, Navishti Doobay and Hemakshee Doobay.

Diwali is observed over a five-day period. Dhanteras is the first day of the holiday, which was on October 18th, with Diwali being the "peak" of the holiday on the 20th, and it concludes on the 22nd, Bhai Dooj. The days follow as Dhanteras, Kali Chaudas, Diwali, Govardhan Puja and Bhai Dooj. Several faiths of the Southwest Asian communities celebrate the holiday, such as Hindus, Jains, Sikhs and Buddhists.

Diwali is derived from the Sanskrit word Deepavali, meaning "row of lights" and the holiday symbolizes light's triumph over darkness, essentially good over evil. Observers light diyas (clay lamps) outside their homes and, if possible, set them afloat on bodies of water, on the night of the new moon, to receive blessings from the goddess of prosperity, Lakshmi. Homes are also decorated with rangoli, a traditional Indian art form, designed by using rice flour, colored sand and flower petals, as another way to receive blessings from Lakshmi.

Dances were once again a highlight as Iyengar did two performances. The first dance was sung in Sanskrit and was for the deity Ganesha, specifically for his being a remover of obstacles, while the second song was in Tamil and was for the goddess Parvati, also known as Meenakshi and her various forms.

The Doobay sisters performed "Ashta Lakshmi Stotram," a song of womanly victory and prosperity.

Although musical aspects such as dance were a highlight in this year's celebration, an important aspect was the focus on women. Doobay showcased Hinduism and India's cultural feminist aspect.

He noted how women are treated with utmost respect in families and how India has produced highly revered queens and even a prime minister.

"Celebrating the Diwali in Marine Park brings perspective on a celebration of light itself, because as Marine Park continues to celebrate the festival of light, our Hindu perspective sheds, or brings clarity, and how women are very important to the Hindu society and they represent the best of our society," Doobay said.

Some residents were recognized for their contributions to the community, such as Shamila Pantaleon, with Sammy and Natalie Bical; the former received a citation from the New York Assembly and Senate for her frequent donations, such as Thanksgiving and giveaways, among other charitable acts.

"MPA is thrilled to kick off our fifth annual Festival of Light Series, starting with Diwali and continuing through the end of the year with Santa in the Park, Hanukkah, Kwanza, Winter Solstice," MPA Executive Director Scott Middleton said. "We invite everyone from near and far to come and join these events, and, of course, you can find more information that Marine Park.org/events."

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Your Home, Your Rules: Why Canarsie Homeowners and Businesses Must Stand Up for Their Rights

By Tony Lindsay

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Our neighborhood has always been built on hard work, homeownership and community pride. For generations, families and small business owners alike have poured their lives into this community. But that foundation is being threatened — not by crime or neglect, but by City Hall policies that treat small homeowners and neighborhood entrepreneurs as expendable instead of essential.

Local Law 18, sold as a crackdown on "illegal rentals," has become one of the most punitive and discriminatory housing policies our community has ever faced. While the hotel lobby celebrates, thousands of homeowners across District 46 are struggling to pay rising mortgages, property taxes and utility bills — especially those on fixed incomes or juggling multiple jobs to stay afloat.

It's not corporate landlords being punished. It's the elderly homeowner renting a guest unit on the first floor to cover medical costs or the young couple using modest Airbnb income to pay tuition. These are families living in their own homes — not running hotels.

A Target on Canarsie

District 46 has seen one of the highest foreclosurefiling rates in New York City. By stripping homeowners of income options that once kept them above water, the city is squeezing the very residents who anchor this community — and with them, the small businesses that depend on local spending.

When guests visit, they eat at the restaurants along Flatlands Avenue, shop on Avenue L and stop at the small stores and salons that line Rockaway Parkway. Every dollar circulates through the local economy, helping to keep jobs, storefronts and family-run businesses alive. When homeowners lose that income, business owners lose customers.

Harassment and Punitive Fines

Enforcement under Local Law 18 has become a form of targeted harassment. More than 70 percent of cases involve one- and two-family homeowners, a large number of them Black and Hispanic. These are families living in their own homes, not commercial operators.

Many have been hit with or threatened with fines from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for simply sharing a room. Residents report OSE agents showing up unannounced, acting like police and intimidating homeowners into letting them in. This heavy-handed approach is unnecessary, unfair and erodes trust in city government.

A Recipe for Displacement

This pattern fuels gentrification and displacement of Black and Brown middle-class and working-poor homeowners already struggling to remain in the city. As longtime residents are forced out, local shops that have served this community for decades lose the very neighbors who keep their doors open.

Intro 948-A: A Common-Sense Fix

That's why Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse's bill, Intro 948-A, is so important.

To be clear, the bad actors are already gone. Local Law 18 succeeded in shutting down illegal "Airbnb arbitrage" operators who hoarded apartments and ran de facto hotels. That part worked. But now, the same law is punishing small homeowners — people living in one- and two-family houses legally classified as private dwellings — who simply want to share their homes.

Intro 948-A corrects that mistake. It protects owner-occupied homes, restores fairness and allows residents to share space without fear of harassment or crippling fines. This isn't about turning neighborhoods into hotels — it's about preserving homeowner rights and community survival.

Why This Matters

Even if you don't host, your neighbor probably does

— maybe a retired MTA worker, a single parent or even a hotel worker, like a housekeeper or front desk attendant, trying to make ends meet. The irony is that the same Hotel Trades Council leading the charge against short-term rentals isn't paying many of its own members enough to survive — let alone afford their mortgages. And now, those very workers are being denied the same opportunity to host in their own homes to stay afloat.

The issue isn't just about short-term rentals; it's about the right of every homeowner to control their own property and the right of every small business to thrive in a community that stays intact.

When City Hall takes that right away in one area, it sets a dangerous precedent. Today it's hosting; tomorrow it could be how many relatives you can live with. Intro 948-A gives homeowners and small business owners the breathing room to remain independent and self-sufficient.

A Call to Action

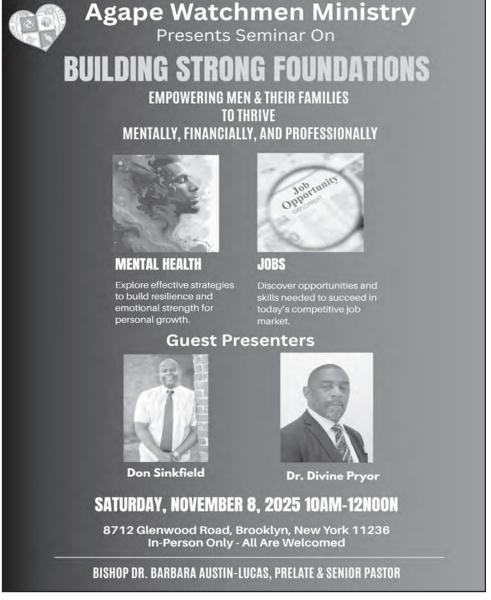
Councilwoman Narcisse has taken a bold stand for her constituents, but she can't do it alone. Homeowners and business owners across District 46 must rally behind her bill and make their voices heard.

If you host short-term rentals — on Airbnb, Booking. com or privately — or if your business depends on local traffic, now is the time to show up, speak up and stand together. Attend the upcoming hearing and ensure your voice is part of the record.

Your home is your sanctuary. Your storefront is your livelihood. You built them both — and the city has no business telling you how to sustain them. This fight is about privacy, autonomy and the basic dignity of ownership.

If we don't defend our rights, no one else will. It's time for City Hall to stop criminalizing survival and start partnering with the people who've built — and continue to sustain — this city.







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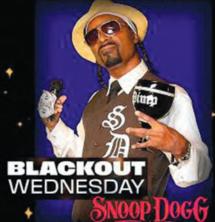
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Nineteen Individuals from SD 19 Honored by State Senator Roxanne Persaud

By Brenda Cox

During the annual Senate District 19 (SD 19) "Power 19 Awards," which was held at the Paerdegat Yacht Club, 1330 Paerdegat Avenue North, on October 20th, State Senator Roxanne Persaud recognized 19 extraordinary individuals for their invaluable contributions to their communities.

The honorees -- Anthony Almonor, Zaria Brown-McKenzie, Tiffanie Cummings, Steven DeStephano, Ciani Espada, Tiffany Eury, Michelle Gall, Subah Habib, Vinod Harripaul, Rabbi Avrohom Hecht, Jonathan Jewnath, Dr. Arabelle LaCroix Pembroke, Jacqueline McKinnon, Alejandro Royer, Thomas T. Scuderi, Petal Hamid Smith, Keisha

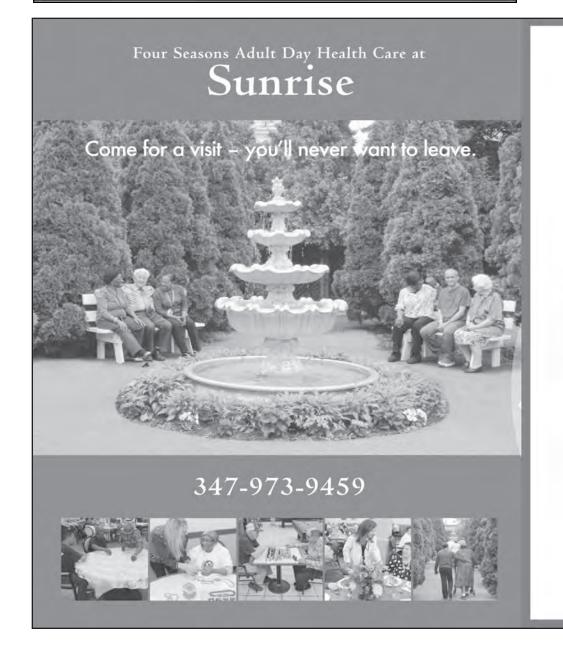
Sydney, Terrell Wallace and Carmen Webber -- were nominated by other constituents and represented a wide cross section of SD 19.

"You're all worthy, because someone beside myself saw that you are and should be acknowledged for what you do in the community," Persaud stated as she saluted each honoree – educator, clergy member, student, school crossing guard, entrepreneur, school custodian, volunteer and veteran — and thanked them for their service.

The "Power 19 Awards" have been held for the past 10 years and celebrate SD 19 constituents "who have made significant contributions to the district's growth through public service,



SD 19 Power 19 honorees.





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socio-economic development, advocacy, academic excellence or community empowerment," Persaud stated. "Each honoree represents the very best of Brooklyn -- leaders who embody compassion, resilience and dedication to the greater good."

One such leader, Rabbi Avrohom Hecht, has been a pillar of society for several decades. As executive director of the Jewish Community Council of Canarsie, the rabbi "leads programs and services that support over 5,000 individuals across southeastern Brooklyn." He is also "a strong citywide advocate for food insecurity and increased support for vulnerable populations."

Another pillar in Canarsie is Community Outreach Coordinator Keisha Sydney. Through her work with Sesame Flyers international, Sydney plays a vital role in fostering youth development and organizing community events. She demonstrates the same passion and talent at P.S. 276 Louis Marshall School, where she works in a supporting capacity with staff and students.

Carmen Webber, a senior community director for TRIAD, told the *Canarsie Courier*, "The ceremony was such an incredible impact for the entire community." Webber, who is renowned for the "You Matter" campaign throughout District 18, even wore a jacket with the phrase emblazoned on the back. "I truly appreciate Senator Persaud's entire team who made the night incredibly im-

pactful," she stated.

Canarsie High graduate, now a Medgar Evers College freshman studying Criminal Justice, Tiffanie Cummings, said she was "super excited" to receive the award. Cummings, a fixture at the Canarsie Library (especially during Teen Takeover events) before it closed for renovations, also volunteered as time permitted, at Persaud's office, during her lunch breaks.

Persaud congratulated the 19 honorees for their selfless service, always going above and beyond without even a second thought. At the conclusion of the award ceremony, the honorees and their guests were served a sumptuous dinner.



Carmen Webber, Keisha Sydney, Petal Hamid Smith and Sandy Miller-Council.

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I.S. 68 Spreads Anti-Drug Awareness **Message During Red Ribbon Week**

By Brenda Cox

"Tobacco, Alcohol and Drug Free I.S. 68" was the message delivered by a group of students at I.S. 68 Isaac Bildersee, located at 956 East 82nd street, during their October 23rd commemoration of Red Ribbon Week.

Dressed in white t-shirts with the message displayed boldly across the front, students, led by their counselor, Elaine Scott, a substance abuse prevention and intervention specialist (SAPIS), went from classroom to classroom, spoke out against illegal drug use and also performed skits that demonstrated the damaging effects of using narcotics. The dramatizations depicted the collateral damage of a single drug abuser. It showed how his or her actions affected not only the user, but also family, friends and sometimes even the entire community.

One act portrayed three young sib-

lings whose parents were drug addicts and weren't around to raise them and offer any proper guidance or support. At an early age, two of the siblings followed in their parents' footsteps, but one managed to avoid the trap and eventually grew up to become a successful physician. The messages of not being a follower as well as the benefits of making good choices were reinforced.

The skit also showed how drug dealers often prey on young students' vulnerability to lure them into their lifestyle by convincing them that no one else -- not even their families or friends -- loves or cares about them. Once hooked, it's downhill. They begin to use more and more and, as a result, plunge deeper and deeper into addiction and other destructive behavior. Ultimately, some overdose and die.

The main purpose of Red Ribbon Week, which is celebrated in the United



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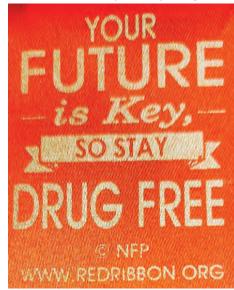
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States during the last week of October observance at I.S. 68, Scott distributed (October 23-31), is to educate others about such dangers of drug abuse. It aims to encourage individuals to make healthy lifestyle choices and also provides an opportunity for anti-drug-use messages to be reinforced. In counseling the students, Scott displayed a kit which contained various drug paraphernalia, such as syringes and pipes, so that students would know what they look like, their purpose and the grave danger they pose.

Red Ribbon Week honors the life and work of undercover Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, who was murdered by drug traffickers in 1985. After his death, his friends began wearing red ribbons to demonstrate their commitment to a drug-free life, but also to commemorate Camarena's sacrifice. During the

red ribbons inscribed with the slogan, "Your Future is Key so Stay Drug Free."



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Elaine Scott, SAPIS counselor, speaks to students about drug abuse.

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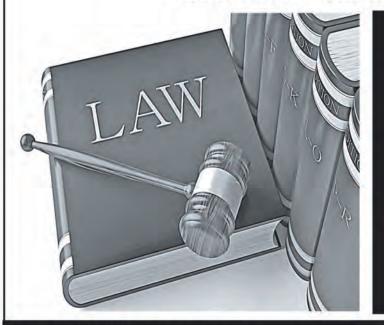


Community, including elected officials and clergy, rally around the grieving Bacchus family.

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By Brenda Cox

On Saturday, October 11th, a coalition of elected officials and community leaders gathered with family and friends on the corner of Ralph Avenue and Clarendon Road for "A Community Healing" event, in response to the police-involved fatal shooting of 28-year-old Royston Bacchus on October 5th.

The incident, which was reported in the October 9th issue of the Canarsie Courier (see "Man Killed in Police-Involved Shooting After Refusing to Drop Gun"), has sparked outrage among the young father's grieving family and others in the community, causing some elected officials to demand a thorough, expedited investigation into the incident and for the officer's body-worn camera footage to be released.

"We need answers to questions," Councilman Chris Banks insisted. "A life was taken. A life that no one here has the power to give back. This can't end here, and it's not going to end here. Release the footage, NYPD!"

Assemblywoman Monique Chandler-Waterman agreed and added, "I am proud to have known Royston Bacchus." The assemblywoman called on those present to "Say his name." She added, "It is important when a life is taken, no matter the circumstances, to say his name."

Pastor Louis Straker Jr., chairman of the board of the 67th Precinct Clergy Council, otherwise known as The GodSquad, offered prayers for the grieving family, particularly Bacchus' 5-year-old daughter, as well as for the community. "Father, we come to you today with heavy hearts," he stated. "We're here because a life was taken from our community. We look to you to touch this family and give them the strength to endure the path ahead without him. Touch his daughter who would have to grow up without him."

Straker said The GodSquad had met with the family and are trying to support them as much as possible but noted, "Nothing could replace



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a life." He stated that when their members who were out in the community that Sunday morning heard the news, they weren't even aware, at the time, of how closely connected some of them were to the victim. In fact, Eric Waterman, who was among those who rushed to the scene, said, "I almost passed out in the street when I heard it was Royston."

Standing next to a life-size poster of the victim and his daughter, Waterman spoke fondly of Bacchus whom he said he had the pleasure of teaching and coaching for four years at Tilden Educational Campus. "It was a blessed opportunity," he stated. "So, today, what we want to do is make sure we uplift the life of Royston Bacchus Jr. We want to make sure that our community is coming together, in a healing space, around this unfortunate incident that has taken his life."

State Senator Roxanne Persaud applauded the community for showing up for the family. "It is great to see a community come together, not in anger but in love and fellowship; a community that understands that in order for us to enact change, we must do it in a positive way. We come together and we fight as one."

Persaud emphasized that it was important for Bacchus' story to be told in a positive way and asked those present to ensure his legacy lives on. "We are here to make sure that everyone realizes that his life had a positive impact on this community."

A plethora of representatives from State and City agencies, including Community Board 17, NYS Office of Children and Family Safety, NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services, NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board, NYS Office of Victim Services, Institute for Community Living – Behavioral Health, Mental Health, and community groups which included East Flatbush Village (Crisis Management), Project Echo, E.N.O.U.G.H., D.R.U.M., The GodSquad and Justice Committee – whose member Sammy Feliz came all the way from Washington Heights, raised their voices in support.



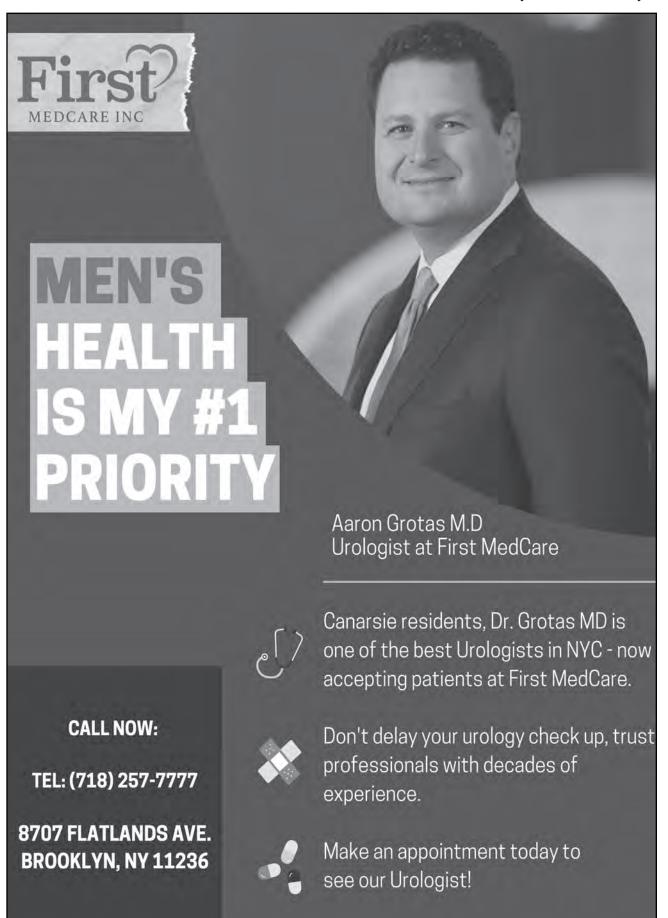
the grief and the fear that reverberates across the community whenever a young person's life is taken under these circumstances," Waterman stated. "We are here to acknowledge that this incident reopens wounds. I am here because a community needs healing." He charged everyone to continue to uplift the family however they can.

With tears streaming down her face, Bacchus' mother, Shellon, thanked everyone "for showing up for my son." She requested prayers for her family and asked everyone to carry love in their hearts because "It's not easy to love and not be loved back."

Reverend Dr. Charles Galbreath of Alliance Tabernacle Church said a closing prayer for peace and healing, ending with "God, even in the midst of our grief, we give You thanks for Your promise to heal the brokenhearted."



Justice Committee's Sammy Feliz offers words of comfort to the Bacchus family and the community.





LEGAL NOTICES



KINGS COUNTY NOTICE OF SUMMONS

KINGS - INDEX NO.: 520890/2024- SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS. Plaintiff designates KINGS COUNTY as the place of trial based upon the location of the premises herein described having tax map Block 8213, Lot 34, BROOKLYN, NY, County of KINGS - CITIMORTGAGE, INC., PLAINTIFF, -against- LISA SIMMONDS HOLLEY, INDIVIDUALLY AND HEIR AT LAW TO THE ESTATE OF UNIA JOHNSON-WHITFIELD, if living, and if he be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or generally or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs-at-law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through, or under them and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs-at-law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff, Any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or generally or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs-at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of UNIA JOHNSON-WHITFIELD, deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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DEFENDANTS. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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Dated: Syosset, New York, October 7, 2025. Roach & Lin, P.C., attorney for Plaintiff, 6851 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 185, Syosset, NY 11791. Tel: 516-938-3100. To the above-named defendants: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Menachem M Mirocznik, a Justice of the Supreme Court, State of New York, dated September 18, 2025 and entered October 6, 2025 and filed with the KINGS County Clerk together with the supporting papers thereon. This is an action to foreclose a mortgage held by Plaintiff on the premises known as Block 8213, Lot 34, BROOKLYN, NY, County of KINGS as described in the complaint on file and commonly known as 923 EAST 105TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11236.

KINGS COUNTY (BROOKLYN) NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of formation of Embrace Architecture, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/24/2025. Office location: Kings County (Brooklyn). SSNY designated as an agent of Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Nicole Petitpierre: 170 Tillary Street #502 Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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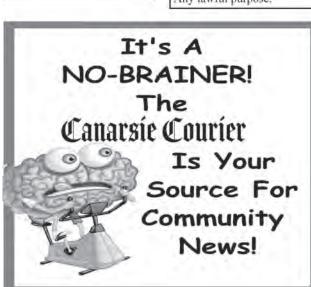
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Notice and Summons in a Civil Action

United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, Civil Action No. 25-ev-3240 (OEM)(JAM), Allstate Insurance Company, et al. Plaintiffs, v. GVA Group Inc. et. al, Defendants. To: Aleksandr Ageyev., 1133 E 35th Street, Apt 4D, Brooklyn, NY 11210.

Within 21 days after service of this summons upon you by publication in this newspaper (not counting the day you received it), you are hereby summoned to serve an answer upon Plaintiffs to the Complaint or file a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on Plaintiffs' attorneys, whose name and address are: Lee Pinzow, Esq., Manning & Kass, Ellrod, Ramirez, Trester LLP, 100 Wall Street, Suite 700, New York, NY 10005. If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You must also file your answer or motion with the court.

Nature of the Action and Relief Sought: The lawsuit alleges, among other things, violations of the United States Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act ("RICO"), 18 U.S.C.A. § 1961 et seq. and New York State common law, resulting from your participation in a scheme to defraud in which you, through GVA Group Inc., submitted and/or participated in the submission of fraudulent insurance claims for durable medical equipment and/or orthotic devices to Plaintiffs for reimbursement under the New York No-fault Law. As a result of your alleged participation in the fraud alleged in the Complaint, the lawsuit seeks damages in excess of \$53,000.00, which may be trebled as a result of the violation of the RICO statute, and a declaration that Plaintiffs have no obligation to pay Defendants' No-fault claims.

The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Honorable Joseph A. Marutollo, dated September 26, 2025, as amended on October 6, 2025, in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York.

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Notice of formation of New Productions Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/14/2025. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Oumar Kante: 27 Prescott Place 1406, Brooklyn, NY, 11233.

KINGS COUNTY SUMMONS

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST and THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON as Collateral Agent and Custodian, Plaintiffs, -against- JEROME ERLIN AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES ERLIN AND BERTHA ERLIN, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES ERLIN, if living, and if any be dead, their heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors, and successors in interest, and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendants who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the amended complaint herein, ELYSE JACOBSON, MARC LAFFIE, as the Heirs and Distributees of the Estate of Rosaline Laffie and Bertha Erlin as the Heirs and Distributees of the Estate of Charles Erlin, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF BERTHA ERLIN AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES ERLIN, if living, and if any be dead, their heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors, and successors in interest, and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendants who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the amended complaint herein, CITY OF NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION & FINANCE, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, "John Doe No. 3" through "John Doe No. 100" inclusive, the names of the last 100 defendants being unknown to plaintiff, it being intended to designate fee owners, tenants or occupants of the tax lien premises and/or persons or parties having or claiming an interest in or a lien upon the subject property, it the aforesaid individual defendants are living, and if any or all of said individual defendants be dead, their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, committees, devisees, legatees, and the assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest of them, and generally all persons having or claiming under, by, through, or against the said defendants named as a class, of any right, title, or interest in or lien upon the premises described in the complaint herein, Defendants. Index No. 527110/2024 Date of Filing: 10/10/2025 Plaintiff designates Kings County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon County in which premises are situated. Tax Lien Foreclosure Block: 7983; Lot: 119 a/k/a 659 East 78 Street Brooklyn, New York

To the above named Defendants: You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff's Attorney(s) within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. Notice of Nature of Action and Relief Sought

The Object of the above entitled action is to foreclose the following Tax Liens: A Tax Lien in the original Tax Lien Principal Balance of \$6,350.10 as described in a Tax Lien Certificate dated August 14, 2008 and recorded in the Office of the City Register for the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, on September 15, 2008 in City Register File Number ("CRFN") 2008000365705, which was assigned by Tax Lien Certificate Assignment dated June 30, 2011 and recorded in the Office of the City Register for the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, on November 30, 2011 in CRFN 2011000416913 (the "2008 Tax Lien". A Tax Lien in the original Tax Lien Principal Balance of \$7,112.07 as described in a Tax Lien Certificate dated August 11, 2010 and recorded in the Office of the City Register for the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, on September 1, 2010 in City Register File Number ("CRFN" 2010000296177, which was assigned by Tax Lien Certificate Assignment dated June 29, 2012 and recorded in the Office of the City Register for the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, on July 23, 2012 in CRFN 2012000290435 (the "2010 Tax Lien". A Tax Lien in the original Tax Lien Principal Balance of \$8,233.85 as described in a Tax Lien Certificate dated August 16, 2012 and recorded in the Office of the City Register for the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, on August 28, 2012 in City Register File Number ("CRFN" 2012000341197, which was assigned by Tax Lien Certificate Assignment dated May 31, 2015 and recorded in the Office of the City Register for the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, on June 18, 2015 in CRFN 2015000207874 (the "2012 Tax Lien". A Tax Lien in the original Tax Lien Principal Balance of \$8,760.02 as described in a Tax Lien Certificate dated August 13, 2014 and recorded in the Office of the City Register for the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, on August 20, 2014 in City Register File Number ("CRFN" 2014000278034, which was assigned by Tax Lien Certificate Assignment dated April 30, 2016 and recorded in the Office of the City Register for the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, on May 11, 2016 in CRFN 2016000162671 (the "2014 Tax Lien"), upon premises described as follows: ADDRESS: 659 East 78 Street, Brooklyn, New York BLOCK: 7983 LOT: 119 COUNTY: Kings The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Tax Liens described above. Plaintiff designates Kings County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the county where the Property being foreclosed upon is located. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the Plaintiff who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you may lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and complaint and protect your property. Sending a payment to the Plaintiff will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, Dated: New York, New York

October 10, 2025 THE LAW OFFICE OF THOMAS P. MALONE, PLLC By: Thomas P. Malone, Esq. Attorneys for Plaintiff, 100 Park Avenue – 16 th FL, New York, New York 10017

Ph: (212) 867-0500 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Court dated July 22, 2025 and filed along with the supporting papers in the Kings County Clerk's Office.

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Scams are Driving Grand Larceny Numbers Up

By Linda Steinmuller

A moment of silence was held at the October 28th meeting of the 69th Precinct Community Council for Lieutenant Richard Peters, an Auxiliary Officer who recently passed away. Funeral services will be held starting at 11 a.m. on Friday, November 7th, at Guarino Funeral Home.

Deputy Inspector Dion Hinds, commanding officer of the 69th Precinct, said that the auxiliary plays an important role in the precinct, especially during school dismissals. "He [Peters] was a very, very special individual," Hinds told a packed room at St. Alban's Church, located at 9408 Farragut Road.

The commanding officer introduced his new executive officer, Captain Deane Powell. Born in Jamaica, Powell says he understands the Caribbean culture and is here to work with the community. He has been with

the NYPD, on patrol, for 20 years. He also served in the Marine Corps for four years.

Hinds gave his 28-day crime report, stating that crime is up by 13% in the precinct.

This is due to 20 felony assaults, but Hinds said that 17 of those crimes are "close to arrest." The other three remain open and involve a recent shooting on East 96th Street and Glenwood Road and a shooting at Seaview Plaza on October 4th. In both cases, the Detective Squad has some potential suspects. The last case is a domestic violence assault, which is also being worked on.

Scams, including phone calls from Con Edison and the IRS telling customers they owe money, have caused an increase in grand larcenies, and it's not just elderly people who are falling for these scams and losing thousands of dollars.

"It's happening to people as young as 35 and as old as 70," Hinds informed attendees. Agencies will never call or text you, asking for money. Phony Con Ed employees are also knocking on doors, wearing Con Ed badges, to collect money. "If that happens, you need to call Con Ed immediately. They will not come to your home to collect money," Hinds advised.

Also, large amounts of money are being deposited into individuals' bank accounts, immediately followed by another individual texting them, stating that they need the money sent back. The victims comply and have lost large sums of money in the process.

Hinds warned that people should be aware of these scams, stating, "If it doesn't sound right, it is probably not true."

Grand larceny auto is another issue in the precinct.

Hinds suggested that car owners invest in old-fashioned clubs, and place them on the car's steering wheel, to protect their vehicles. He said thieves probably don't have the tools to remove them, and it takes longer to steal the car.

Criminals are making duplicates of car keys and programming them, which allows them to open the car door. Targets are Honda Accords, Lexus and Toyota Camrys. "Camrys are very easy to steal and can be done in 10 seconds," Hinds said.

He suggested purchasing a Faraday box, which is a sleeve that you can put your key in, making it difficult to pick up any signals from the key.

Thieves are also stealing emblems from newer Honda Accords because the emblem has a sensor on it, and it's very expensive to replace -- about \$2,000.

The commanding officer asked residents to share home camera surveillance, which the NYPD can use to determine the time of the vehicle theft. That way, he can deploy his officers to crime-prone areas.

A new trend in grand larcenies is stolen airbags, Hinds reported. "About two months ago, we took a rash of airbag thefts – about 34 in one night." Several models of Hondas are being targeted.

Overall crime in other categories is down, and Hinds was happy to report that there haven't been any incidents at I.S. 68 Bildersee, and South Shore or Canarsie High, at school dismissal time. Last year at this time, there were a lot of problems, but Hinds said that additional personnel have helped the situation.

Hinds presented September Cop of the Month awards to Officers Matthew Crawford and Hector Wildmarc for removing an illegal firearm during the West Indian Day Parade on Labor Day. He said both officers were deployed to the 71st Precinct to patrol the parade.

When they heard multiple shots fired in the vicinity of 1057 Nostrand Avenue, they apprehended an individual, trying to flee the scene, and removed a loaded gun from his pants pocket. Further investigation revealed that the perpetrator had fired his gun multiple times, striking two individuals. He was charged with possession of a loaded firearm and attempted murder.

"Due to the officers' thorough investigation, keen thinking and proper investigative work, an illegal firearm was removed from a dangerous subject. Let's give these gentlemen a round of applause," Hinds said.

The next meeting of the 69th Precinct Community Council will be held at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 25th, at St. Alban's Church.



Cops of the Month, Hector Wildmarc and Matthew Crawford, with Council members, NYPD, elected officials and their representatives.



Senator Persaud Hosts Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Event

By Kari Lleras

The message that was shared and reiterated throughout the Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Event hosted by State Senator Roxanne Persaud on Saturday, October 25th, was to talk about it, share knowledge and have conversations about all types of abuse because talking is healing and it can break the vicious cycle.

There were a lot of attendees wearing purple at the event and the tables in the gymnasium of I.S. 211 John Wilson, at 1001 East 100th Street, were adorned in purple tablecloths and decorations.

Representatives from the Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez's office and Brooklyn Midwood Lions Club were ready and willing to answer the toughest questions. Tables filled with information, advice and suggestions on how to find strength, safety, and solace, and help taking the next steps toward healing and empowerment were also available.

Persaud was the first speaker and explained how important this event is to Canarsie and how she would continue to spread awareness about domestic violence of all kinds. She implored everyone to have conversations about abuse (especially with teens) and to reach out to the available resources. "Domestic violence affects most households in some way or the other," Persaud said. "People might not say; people might not realize the signs of domestic violence, but it is there."

Dr. Cheryl Barker, former school administrator and senior pastor at Consuming Fire Ministries, addressed the crowd about breaking the cycle of abuse. She expressed the need for safe, supportive and respectful environments for victims so they can learn to heal. She also emphasized the importance of remembering the "silent witnesses" — the children. "Children who grow up around violence learn about power and relationships in distorted ways," Barker said. "So, they need just as much support, care and guidance because they are part of this."

Featured speakers -- Dr. Audrey Dupree Sealey, PHD, FNP, RN, LNC, and Consuelo Pinales -- sat on each side of Persaud at the head table as they engaged in candid conversations about their experiences and knowledge of domestic violence.

Sealey, a nurse and a member of a trauma team at the Brookdale University Hospital Medical Center, reported that young women come in, often and repeatedly, after being assaulted by their partners and deny the reasoning to their clumsiness, their mistakes. The pregnant woman is becoming the most frequent patient population due to her vulnerability. Women in that position are desperate for help and can go to an anonymous haven. She warned that it was likely that, even after having the safe haven as a way out, she'll return to the abuser, but what is important is to "not blame the victim but work with them and let them know they are worth something," Sealey said.

Pinales, survivor therapist, knew exactly what domestic violence looked like when she attended a workshop and walked into a room of survivors that looked exactly like her and that gave her the drive and motivation to become a social worker and in turn a therapist. She was also encouraged to do better with her siblings and break the cycle of abuse. "Talking about it is healing; we don't think about that, but it is," Pinales said. She continues to work with and teach young adults to embrace the available resources and the realization that the change starts with them.

The I.S. 211 Cheer Team and the NYPD Explorers performed dance performances, and they participated in role-playing several different scenarios of domestic violence. Shihan Jacqueline Drayton, also known as sensei Jackie, taught the audience several easy moves and smart techniques that will save anyone in an unwanted attack.

It's okay to talk to someone about what's happening in your life. It could be any resource (a friend, a clerk at your local market, a member of a community center). Talking is healing.

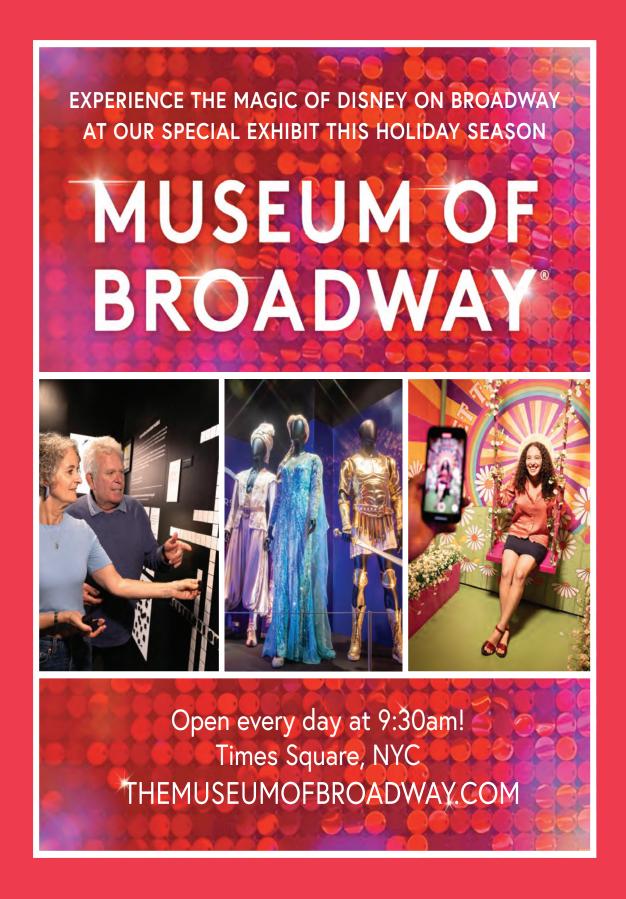
The afternoon was informative and motivational, and everyone left with an arsenal of resources to help break the cycle of domestic violence.



State Senator Roxanne Persaud hosts Annual Domestic Violence Awareness event on October 25th.



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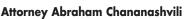
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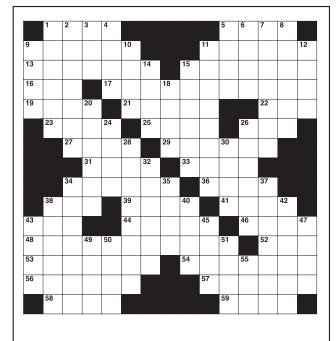
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- 11. Loved Romeo
- 13. Sticky situation
- 15. Pelvic areas
- 16. An informal debt instrument
- 17. Cannot be repaired surgically 19. A device attached to a workbench
- 21. Related on the mother's side
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- 26. A disappointing effort27. Steal goods during a riot
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- 39. One's duty
- 41. Where golfers begin
- 43. Make a mistake
- 44. Semitic sun god
- 46. Ancient Greek City
 48. Having had the head cut off
- 52. A place to stay
- 53. Unwise
- 54. Most unnatural
- 56. Dennis is a notable one
- 57. Ointments
- 58 Students' exam
- 59. Leaked blood

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Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to breathing

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Solve the code to discover words related to lungs.

Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 20 = L)

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Clue: Having to do with the lungs

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Clue: Breathing organs

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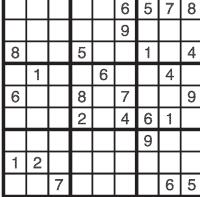
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Answer: Emma Stone

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- 1. Brave
- 2. Act of awakening
- 3. Jest at 4. Sandwich store
- 5. Chapter of the Koran
- 6. Dismounted
- 7. Small vehicle
- 8. Irked
- 9. One who earns by disreputable dealings
- 10. Monetary unit of Samoa
- 11. Long, mournful lamentation
- 12. Weight unit
- 14. Alone, single
- 15. Decreases
- 18. Indicates beside
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- 26. College students' ultimate goal
- 28. Amino acid
- 30. Nasal mucus
- 32. US government entity
- 34. Swinish
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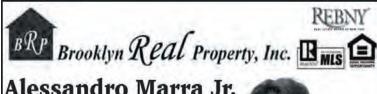
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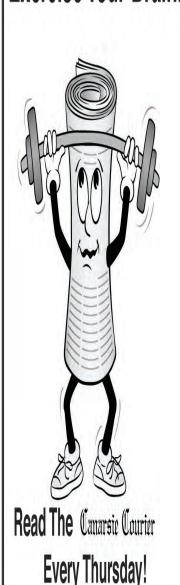
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