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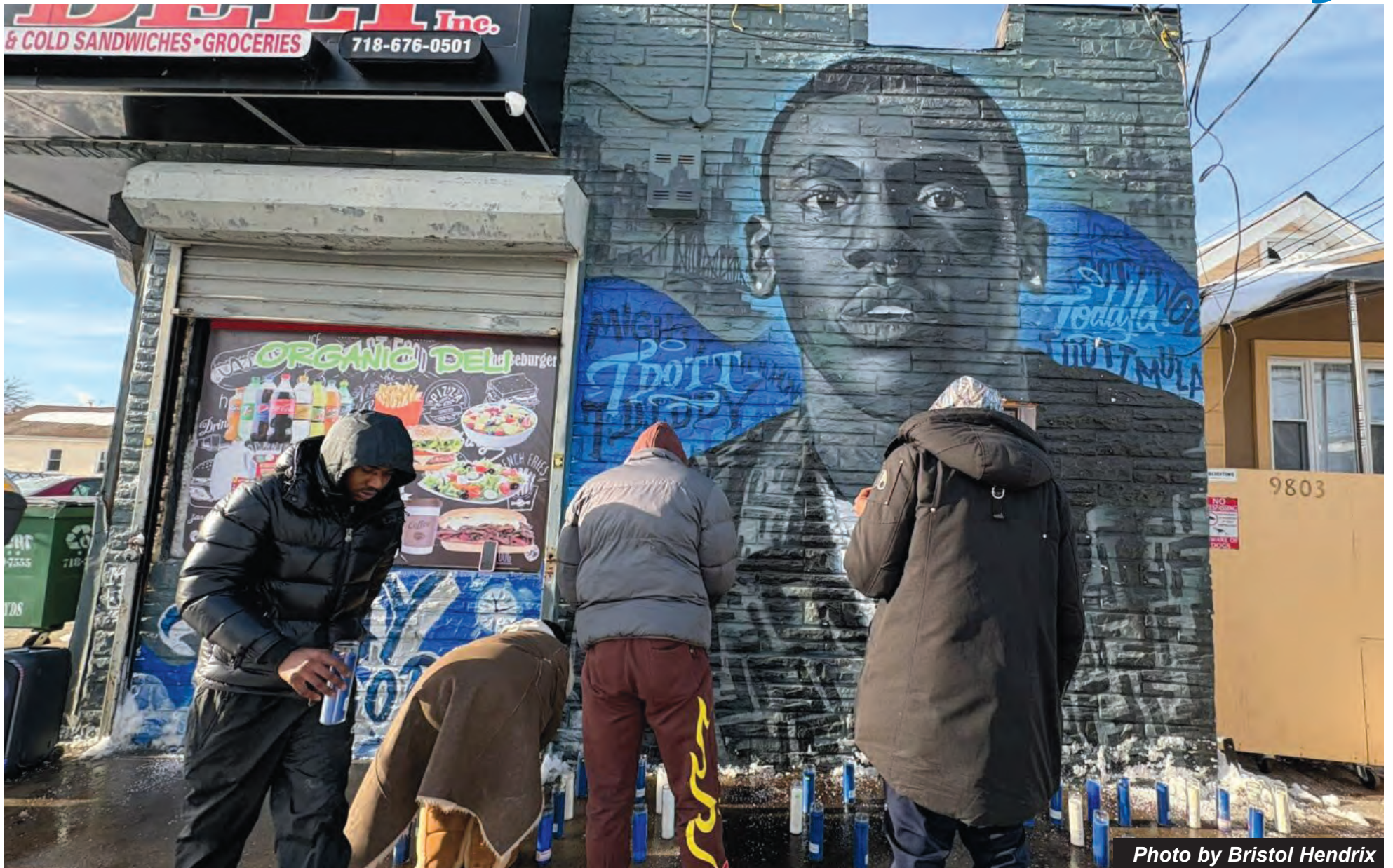


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Ramadan Mubarak Canarsie

By Jibreel Jalloh

As the crescent moon ushers in Ramadan 2026, Muslim families here in Canarsie join millions around the world in a month of fasting, prayer and reflection. From dawn to sunset, we abstain from food and drink — but Ramadan is about far more than hunger. It is about discipline, gratitude and a renewed commitment to our neighbors.

Canarsie is a neighborhood defined by strength and perseverance. From longtime homeowners to small business owners along Flatlands Avenue, from Caribbean and African-American families to growing African and South Asian communities, our diversity is one of our greatest assets. Ramadan reminds us that no matter our background, our shared values — compassion, responsibility and community — are what sustain us.

Fasting teaches empathy. When you experience hunger, you are reminded of those who struggle with food insecurity every day. When you pause from daily routines and distractions, you gain clarity about what truly matters: family, service and integrity. In a city as fast-paced

and often divided as ours, Ramadan encourages restraint over reaction and reflection over noise.

Each evening at sunset, families gather to break their fast together. Mosques open their doors. Food is shared. Charity increases. During Ramadan, giving is not symbolic — it is required. Muslims are obligated to support those in need, ensuring that even the most vulnerable can celebrate with dignity at the end of the month.

This month is also about personal accountability. Ramadan asks each of us to look inward before pointing outward. To improve ourselves before demanding change from others. That lesson resonates far beyond faith. A stronger Canarsie begins with stronger individuals — people willing to act with character even when no one is watching.

Ramadan does not ask everyone to fast. But it does invite everyone to reflect. To check on a neighbor. To support a local business. To mentor a young person. To choose unity over division.

As the sun sets across Canarsie this month, there will be prayer, gratitude and hope. Hope that through reflection



and renewed purpose, we can build not only stronger families, but a stronger neighborhood.

Ramadan Mubarak to all who observe — and may this season of renewal uplift all of Canarsie.

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.

Neighborhood News
Happy Birthday Eileen

Happy Birthday to Eileen Melecio, our classy “Classified Ads” girl! Eileen celebrates her big day on Sunday, February 22nd. We hope you have a wonderful day celebrating with your family!

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Letter To The Editor

Dear People of the Great State of New York:

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

Although I have gathered facts about your state from books and websites, I want to learn about New York from the people who actually live there! I am hoping that you would be willing to share information or items to help me learn more about New York. You might consider sending items such as postcards, pictures, souvenirs or other unique items that show your state's pride. Here are a few questions:

• *Why do you live in your state?*

- *What brought your family there?*
- *What does your state look like?*
- *What do people do for fun?*
- *What types of food do you eat?*
- *What traditional food/recipes does your state have?*

- *What animals live there?*
- *Do you have a state athletic team?*

I will need to gather all of my information by the first week of May. You can mail items to the address below. If you can participate, I will send my note of thanks to your editor after our State Fair. I really appreciate your help!

Sincerely,
Anvitha

Miss Campbell's Class
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Note from my teacher:

We are so grateful for the many items we receive from around the country for our State Fair project! While it is not possible for our third-graders to personally thank each person for their package, we hope you will look for a note from our students in a future publication of this newspaper.

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East Flatbush**Valentine's Day Shooting****By Linda Steinmuller**

A birthday party celebration ended in bloodshed at a lounge in East Flatbush during the early morning hours of Valentine's Day.

An argument at Quilox, located at 9508 Church Avenue, escalated into a shooting around 4:25 a.m. on Saturday, February 14th.

Officers from the 67th Precinct responded to the scene where they found a 30-year-old male shot in the head, official sources said. The victim was taken by EMS to Brookdale Hospital in critical condition.

Police are looking for a man with a beard who was wearing jeans and a gray jacket at the time of the shooting.

There are no arrests, 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.org/ or on X @NYPDTips. All calls are strictly confidential.

*Photo by Baqir Ahmad***Sheepshead Bay****Pedestrian in Critical Condition After Hit-and-Run****By Linda Steinmuller**

A 71-year-old male pedestrian was struck at the intersection of Ocean Avenue and Avenue S around 5:50 p.m. on Thursday, February 12th, and the driver who hit him fled the scene.

An investigation revealed that the pedestrian was walking westbound on Ocean Avenue, within the crosswalk, when the driver of a white SUV, traveling northbound on Ocean Avenue, struck the victim.

The victim was taken to NYU Langone Brooklyn in critical condition, police said.

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*Photo by Baqir Ahmad***Starrett Man Arrested in Connection with Union Square Stabbing****By Linda Steinmuller**

Pursuant to an ongoing investigation regarding a stabbing at the 14 Street-Union Square Station on the "L" line, an arrest was made on Tuesday, February 10th, exactly two months after the incident.

Christopher Betancourt, 25, was arrested and charged with assault within the confines of the 13th Precinct. The suspect lives in an apartment building on Geneva Loop in Starrett City.

Police said Betancourt allegedly approached a 45-year-old male who had exited a northbound "L" train at Union Square in Manhattan around 9:50 a.m. on Wednesday, December 10, 2025. While standing on the platform, the victim was stabbed multiple times in the back with a knife. The suspect fled on a Canarsie-bound (southbound) "L" train.

The victim was taken to Bellevue Hospital in stable condition, according to police.

Brownsville**Firefighters Remove Three Kids From Apartment Fire****By Lloyd Mitchell**

Firefighters quickly contained an apartment fire on the 14th floor of the Van Dyke Houses at 330 Blake Avenue, off of Mother Gaston Blvd., on Monday, February 16th.

Fire Department personnel began receiving multiple calls for the blaze around 11:20 a.m. Members quickly deployed two hose lines to knock down the main body of fire. Firefighters removed three children from an apartment during a search. All three suffered minor injuries.

The fire was placed under control around 12 p.m.

The FDNY Fire Marshal's Office will determine the cause and origin of the fire.

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District 22 Identifies Priorities and Issues Report to School Construction Authority

By Angela G. Nannetti, M.S. Ed.

Members of Community District Education Council 22 (CEC 22) held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 3rd, where the group celebrated two major accomplishments made in January.

Having conducted various school visits, members successfully submitted their final report, making recommendations on the District's priorities to the School Construction Authority (SCA). Having a large number of old school buildings within the District, the group identified a need for updated bathrooms, upgrades to electrical systems to support air conditioning, and improvements to gyms and auditoriums, among others. CEC 22 also celebrated hosting a suc-

cessful Legislative Breakfast, which helped to connect parent and school leaders with elected officials.

Superintendent Julia Bove discussed two upcoming virtual math workshops scheduled in preparation of District 22's annual March Mathness initiative (which begins on Pi Day: March 14th 3/14): Building Math Fact Fluency, on Thursday, February 26th, from 6 to 7 p.m., and Solving Word Problems, on Tuesday, March 3rd, from 6 to 7 p.m.

Meetings are held in person at the District Office, located at 5619 Flatlands Avenue, as well as streamed live via Zoom. The next meeting of CEC 22 will be held on Tuesday, March 3rd, at 6:30 p.m. at the District Office.



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Four Years Later, the 'Glue' Still Holds: Neighborhood Remembers TDott

By Bristol Hendrix



Friends and family gather to remember Tahjay Dobson's life on February 1st.

On a cold February afternoon, the intersection where Tahjay Dobson once worked his first job as a teen became a sanctuary. For the fourth year in a row, his family and community gathered to mark the anniversary of the death of the young man they knew as "TDott." Over time, the gathering has transformed from a simple vigil into a defiant stand against the silence that surrounds his 2022 murder.

For the Dobson family, February 1st is a painful reminder that while time moves forward, justice has stood still.

"He was the glue," Pastor Dobson, Tahjay's father, shared. "He brought people together. He loved his friends. He loved strangers. That was the type of child he was."

Tahjay wasn't just a familiar face in the neighborhood; he was its unofficial caretaker. According to his mother, Ms. Freeman, he was a young man who didn't need to be asked to help. He was the one carrying heavy grocery bags for the elderly and sweeping the sidewalks outside local shops. His roots in the community ran deep — literally steps from where his memorial now stands.

However, beneath the shared stories of TDott's kindness lies a sharpening edge of frustration. His family is no longer just grieving; they are demanding movement from an investigation they feel has gone cold.

"It's been four years with an unsolved murder of my son," his father said, his voice thick with a mix of sorrow and exhaustion. "And I am angry. It's been too long. The police know something, and they're not moving forward with it."

The family clarified that their grievance isn't with the District Attorney's office, with whom they maintain a positive relationship. Instead, they point to a gap in the initial investigation. They believe the pieces of the puzzle are there — specifically individuals who saw what happened — but that fear has acted as a barrier to a solid case.

"We know someone was cooperating, but they were scared to come forward publicly," his father explained.

The vigil reached a poignant moment during the balloon release. Rather than drifting away into the sky, the balloons floated across the street and became ensnared in the branches of a nearby tree, hovering over the crowd. For those standing below, it didn't feel like a coincidence.

"The energy is still here," his father said, when asked if he feels his son. "It's still very present."

As we move into another year without answers, the message from the Dobson family remains clear: They are not going away. They continue to hope that someone's conscience will finally outweigh their fear, ensuring that the boy who brought so much joy to the neighborhood finally receives the justice he is owed.



Mural of TDott at the corner of Avenue L and East 98th Street.

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Bergen Beach Civic Rallies Residents to Join Association and Get Involved

By Robert Pearl



Bergen Beach Civic Association President Michael Trotta kicks off the February meeting.



63rd Precinct Community Affairs officers Ainsley Carter, Detective Thomas Podd and Detective Tricia Navarro-Caraballo.

The Bergen Beach Civic Association (BBCA) held its general meeting on Tuesday, February 10th, at the Hudson River Yacht Club, 2101 Bergen Avenue, drawing residents for a wide-ranging discussion and updates on neighborhood development, public safety and quality of life concerns.

BBCA President Michael Trotta emphasized the organization's push to expand membership and recruit new board members. Residents interested in serving were encouraged to contact Corresponding Secretary Angela Calise and required to attend at least three meetings during the calendar year.

A central topic of the evening was the proposed construction of a 676-seat public high school at 7001 Avenue U, the former "Golden Ox" site. Community Board 18 District Manager Sue Ann Partnow outlined ongoing discussions with the School Construction Authority. While civic leaders stressed they are not opposed to a new school, many raised concerns about the parcel's size, traffic congestion and bus staging in an already heavily-traveled corridor. Alternatives under consideration include a larger site in a more commercial area or a smaller K-5 special needs school.

Sanitation and snow removal efforts were also addressed, with Partnow noting that crews have faced staffing challenges while balancing garbage collection and storm response. Residents voiced additional concerns about speeding, double parking near schools and blocked bus stops, prompting officers from the 63rd Precinct to encourage the use of 311 and participation in the NYPD Citizens Police Academy.

Donald Cranston, chief of staff to Assemblywoman Jaime Williams, provided an update on State Legislation addressing lithium-ion battery energy storage systems. He reported that a bill establishing a 350-foot setback requirement from residential properties has garnered 40 sponsors in the Legislature, with a companion measure carried in the Senate.

Cranston said the proposal aims to balance emerging energy technology with community safety concerns. Noting that the bill was amended to keep these facilities 350 feet away from residential properties, Cranston pointed out, "That's the length of a football field all the way around. We believe that's a reasonable buffer for community safety." In addition, regarding too many unanswered questions about safety and long-term impacts on emerging technology, he declared, "Our children are not test dummies, and we're not test dummies for new technology."

Trotta also updated attendees that the site of the now closed MatchPoint facility, at 2350 East 69th Street, where a trampoline park had been proposed, is now facing delays because the retaining wall/bulkhead separating the property from the bay is rotted and must be replaced. Multiple city agencies have inspected the location, and the repairs could delay the project by up to three years. He stressed that while BBBCA is not opposed to the project, safety must come first if children are to use the facility.

The civic association also reminded residents that annual dues of \$25 support publication of the "Beachcomber," meeting space rentals and legal or planning experts needed to respond to development proposals.

With several projects potentially affecting Bergen Beach, leaders urged neighbors to stay engaged. "Have a seat at the table," Trotta told attendees. "If we want to protect the character of our neighborhood, we have to be involved."

The next meeting of the BBBCA will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10th, at the Hudson River Yacht Club.

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Happy Valentine's Day From the 69th Precinct to Canarsie

By Brenda Cox

On Saturday, February 7th, the Community Affairs Bureau, Brooklyn South and the 69th Precinct Community Council hosted their annual “Older Adults Pre-Valentine’s Dinner” at the Holy Family Ascend auditorium, 9719 Flatlands Avenue, and as usual, they didn’t disappoint and neither did their guests who braved the frigid temperatures and blustery, howling winds to be there.

Guests were welcomed by Community Affairs Officer Nicole Rostant and Community Council members into a hall that was warm and beautifully decorated by the auxiliary officers. The atmosphere was one of camaraderie and shared love, which was amplified by delightful music – “the food of love” – served by the NYPD Jazz Band, DJ Chinee and renowned steelpan player, Earl Brooks Jr.

Auxiliary Officer and Chaplain, Faith Williams, said prayers for the NYPD and everyone present, which was followed by a melodious rendition of CeCe Winans’ “The Goodness of God,” sung by Detective Makiah Brown, who dubbed it “A Love Song to God.”

The party was attended by State Senator Roxanne Persaud, Assemblywoman Monique Chandler-Waterman, Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse, 69th Precinct Executive Officer Captain Deane Powell and a representative from the of-

fice of Assemblywoman Jaime Williams. The senator commended the hosts for a job well done and thanked the guests for coming out. “By you all coming out here, braving the frigid weather, you’re showing us that you’re invested in this community, you’re invested and thankful for what NYPD is doing because they didn’t have to,” she added.

Everyone enjoyed a lavish, delectable dinner, which was topped off with an array of scrumptious desserts that were served with the assistance of the NYPD Explorers. Of course, they later worked it off on the dance floor.

The evening ended with the drawing of several raffles from which winners received attractive prizes as Valentine gifts.



Assemblywoman Monique Chandler-Waterman, Officer Nicole Rostant, State Senator Roxanne Persaud, Chaplain Faith Williams and 69th Precinct Executive Officer Captain Deane Powell



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Councilman Chris Banks is on the Political Rise

By Roger French

On one of the coldest days of winter, Councilman Chris Banks stepped into the reception area of his sprawling East New York office and greeted a family of constituents upon their arrival. Soon, the representative for Council District 42, which also covers Canarsie, Brownsville and East Flatbush, found himself flashing his megawatt smile as he engaged the child in the young mother's stroller. In the moment, Banks seemed more like a favorite uncle than a politician responsible for a constituency of about 170,000.

At 42, Banks is tall, trim and boyish in appearance. But as he settled into a seat at the head of a long table in his conference and media room for an exclusive interview with the *Canarsie Courier*, his voice took on a more seasoned tone. At once, he bore an oratory cadence of Martin Luther King Jr., while exuding a

sense of Stokely Carmichael's collegiate activism as a Howard University student leader.

The civil rights connection made sense: Banks was born in Brooklyn to a father from Texas and a mother from Trinidad. It alluded to the southern and Caribbean roots of King and Carmichael, respectively. Ultimately, Banks' parents divorced when he was a child. Though he credited his Houston-based father, Arlexter, for keeping in touch with him up through his 15-year pursuit of elected office, he lavished much of the praise on his mother, Dayne, who owned a beauty salon. "She raised me and my two older siblings as a single parent for the bulk of my life," he said.

The councilman also attributed his political success to his immigrant upbringing. "My grandparents, when they also came, they lived in an apartment for a couple of years," he said, of Dayne's parents. "Then they purchased a piece of property right on Van Siclen and New Lots."

A two-family home, filled with Banks's grandparents, mother, siblings, and lots of aunts, uncles and cousins, would serve as his first experience in learning how to manage through a community.

A lifelong passion for aiding the underdog is what first fermented Banks' neighborhood activism. "I started off as a tenant organizer and as a local community activist," he said. "I was able to focus on bread-and-butter issues that impacted residents in my district." He cited incidents of police brutality in the early 2000s as a big motivator. "I hate bullies," he said. "And I hate to see people taken advantage of."

Later on, Banks harnessed that drive into a political strategy. "We lost four to five times," he said, regarding the long-serving incumbent, Charles Barron. "But we never gave up. We knew there was a change the community was demanding, and we had to give them time to get there." His resilience ultimately paid off, and, on June 27, 2023, his campaign toppled Barron in the primary. Banks followed that momentum with a dominant win in the General Election in November of that year, which brought him into prominence in the 42nd District. "We grind extremely hard," he said, of his team. "We're always reminded that this can be taken away at any time."

With his recent appointment as Deputy Leader in the New York City Council, Banks has become the highest-



Councilman Chris Banks, new Deputy Leader in the NYC Council, in his District Office.

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ranking council member in the borough of Brooklyn. He also serves as chair of the Public Housing Committee in the NYC Council. As such, the Brooklynite is clearly on the political rise. "I'm able to advocate at a higher level," he said, of his new responsibilities. "And whatever tasks the [council] speaker gives me, that's how the position works," he added.

Michael Lambert, on the communications team, said, by phone, that Banks was indeed "keeping a bit of a busier schedule now that he's deputy leader in the City Council." Lambert was also quick to tout by email a Black History Month celebration in the Council Chambers, City Hall, which Banks would lead with attendees to include City Council Speaker Julie Menin, Deputy Speaker Dr. Nantasha Williams, Majority Whip Kamillah Hanks, and Councilwomen Farah Louis and Rita Joseph, among others.

Unlike many politicians who seem ambitious about scaling up to higher offices in a short space of time, Banks is reserved about announcing such plans. He spoke deliberately on the notion of a future mayoral run. "Every elected official probably has dreams to go higher — and it makes sense," he said. "I tend to approach things step-by-step," he said. "Create a record that folks can then affirm and say, 'I've seen this councilmember working in my community, and this is a guy who should go further,'" he added, suggesting foremost a commitment to serve his district.

In spite of his loaded portfolio, Banks' staff would later contradict him on the mayoral question. While some quickly expressed foresight in seeing him as "governor," others hollered, "senator." After his most senior aide, Vanessa, 66, chimed in with a proclamation of "president!," all the staffers rejoiced in cheerful agreement as if at a spirited Brooklyn church service on a Sunday morning. By then, Banks didn't offer a rebuttal. He simply cracked his toothy smile while shaking his head from side to side.

Presently, Banks has discretionary funds available to support qualified nonprofits in his district. For projects requesting both Borough President funding and Council funding, applications must be submitted by February 19, 2026, by 5 p.m. For cultural organizations that are interested in applying for Capital Funding for 2027, the deadline is March 20, 2026, by 5 p.m. Additional information and application materials may also be accessed through the Department of Cultural Affairs online portal: <https://www.nyc.gov/dcla>.

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-against-

RONAN BAILEY,, ET AL.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Kings on September 4, 2019, wherein U.S. BANK NA is the Plaintiff and RONAN BAILEY, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the KINGS COUNTY COURTHOUSE 360 ADAMS STREET, ROOM 224, BROOKLYN, NY 11201, on 03/19/2026 at 2:30PM, premises known as 774 NEW JERSEY AVE, BROOKLYN, New York 11207; and the following tax map identification, -4299-40.

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LIEN FORECLOSURE** – SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF QUEENS – NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, and THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON as Collateral Agent and Custodian for the NYCTL 1998-2 Trust, Plaintiffs, TANA MEADOWS AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF BOB MEADOWS, et. al., Defendants. Index No. 511262/24. To the above named Defendants –YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action within twenty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service or within thirty days after service is completed if the summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. Plaintiffs designate Kings County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the county in which the property a lien upon which is being foreclosed is situated. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to the Order of the Hon. Derefim B. Neckles, J.S.C., entered on February 3, 2026. The object of this action is to foreclose a tax lien covering the premises located at Block 4415 Lot 1190 on the Tax Map of Kings County and also known as 122-05 Flatlands Avenue, Unit 7, Apt. 3B, Brooklyn, NY 11207.

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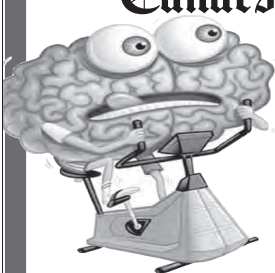
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The IRS expects about 164 million individual tax returns for tax year 2025 to be filed ahead of the Wednesday, April 15th, federal deadline. Taxpayers can find a range of tools and filing options on IRS.gov to help them prepare and file their returns.

"Not only does 2026 commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, but it also coincides with the 40th anniversary of electronic filing," IRS Chief Executive Officer Frank J. Bisignano said. "Just as we did back in 1986, today the IRS encourages taxpayers to speed the processing of their returns by using e-file, instead of paper. And to speed the processing of any refund due, we also encourage the use of direct deposit," he added.

Get help preparing and filing electronically

Filing electronically and choosing direct deposit remains the fastest way to receive a refund.

More than half of taxpayers use a tax professional to prepare and file their tax returns. The IRS encourages taxpayers to review tips for choosing a tax preparer and learn how to avoid unethical "ghost" return preparers.

Most refunds are issued within 21 days

Direct deposit is the fastest way to receive a refund. Additionally, in accordance with Executive order 14247, the IRS began phasing out paper tax refund checks on September 30, 2025, meaning most taxpayers must provide their routing and account numbers to receive refunds directly deposited into their bank accounts.

Taxpayers can track refund status using Where's My Refund?, the IRS2Go app or their IRS Individual Online Account.

While the IRS issues most refunds in fewer than 21 days, some returns require additional review and may take longer.

EITC and ACTC refunds available by March 2nd

The IRS expects most refunds for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC) to be available in bank accounts or on debit cards by March 2nd, for taxpayers who chose direct deposit and have no other issues with their returns. Some taxpayers may receive their refund earlier, depending on their financial institution. Where's My Refund? will provide projected deposit dates for most early EITC/ACTC refund filers by February 21st.

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- Access tax documents online

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- Form 1095-A, Health Insurance Marketplace Statement.
- Form 1099-NEC, Nonemployee Compensation.
- Form 1099-DIV, Dividends and Distributions.
- Form 1099-INT, Interest Income.
- Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Information.

A full list of information return documents is available on IRS.gov.

Information return documents are filed and reported by employers, financial institutions, government agencies and other payers to both the payees and the IRS. These documents provide information that can help taxpayers file their returns. The information is available for tax years 2023, 2024 and 2025 and can be found under the Records and Status tab in the taxpayer's IRS Individual Online Account.

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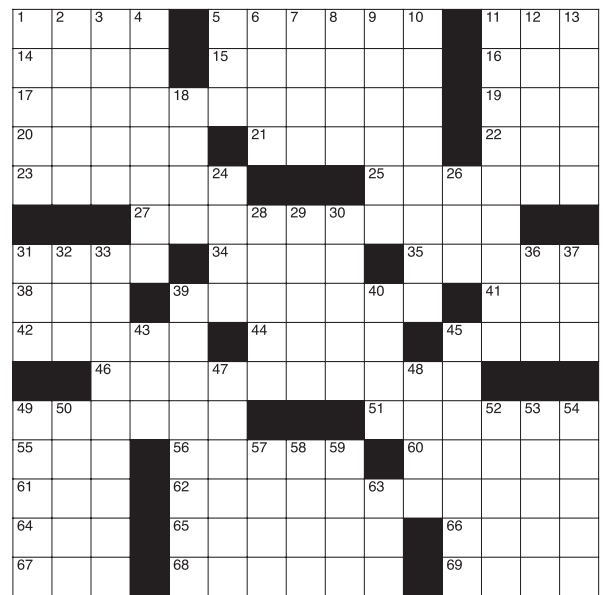
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1	3	9	7	6	8	5	4	2	1
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ANSWER:



CLUES ACROSS

- Cut quickly
- A way to state clearly
- River in NE Scotland
- Expansive
- Lacking social polish
- Amount of time
- Frame
- Automobile
- Toadstools
- High school dances
- Utilize
- Experimented with
- One-sided
- Acquisitive
- Potted plants
- Everyone has one
- Kalahari Desert lake
- Unidentified flying object
- People 65 and over

- Small amount
- Daughter of Acrisius
- Ornamental box
- Government agents
- Uncertain
- A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
- Treeless plains
- One's sense of self-importance
- Consumer advocate
- Type of lounge
- Body part
- Can be persuaded
- Woman (French)
- Ready and willing to be taught
- Arab ruler title
- Unhappy
- Gradually went away
- Able to think clearly

CLUES DOWN

- Brushed
- Small water spirit (Germ.)
- Heroes
- Monetary units
- Some don't want to share theirs
- Free-swimming invertebrate
- Litigates
- Outer
- Parallelograms
- Uneasy feelings
- Cross
- A way to remove
- Pages can be dog—
- Ukrainian city
- A citizen of Denmark
- Month
- Hindu queens
- Group of chemicals
- Rider of Rohan
- Wet dirt

- Southwestern Russia city
- Observed
- Angry
- Drivers' licenses
- Musical composition
- Auction
- They —
- Women
- Be filled with love for
- Thick-soled sock
- Appears
- Old World lizard
- The leading performer
- Protein
- "Gunga Din" script writer
- Art —, around 1920
- Blyton, children's author
- Abnormal breathing
- A place to rest

WORD SCRAMBLE

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Answer: Books

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