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Protecting Seniors This Tax Season

By Jibreel Jalloh

The income tax filing season is officially open, and returns are due April 15, 2026. For many seniors in Canarsie — especially those living on fixed incomes from Social Security, pensions or retirement savings — this time of year brings important financial decisions. Unfortunately, it also brings increased risks. Tax season has become prime time for scams, and older adults are often the primary targets.

Each year between January and April, fraud attempts spike. Scammers pose as IRS or New York State Tax Department employees, calling to demand immediate payment for supposed back taxes. They use threats — arrest, deportation of a family member or seizure of property — to create panic. They insist on unusual payment methods like gift cards, prepaid debit cards, wire transfers or even cryptocurrency. Let's be clear: legitimate government agencies will never demand payment this way, threaten you over the phone, or refuse to let you verify their identity using an official number from their website.

Phishing scams are also common. Seniors may receive emails or text messages that look official, asking them to click a link to "verify" personal

information or claim a refund. These messages often contain small spelling errors or web addresses that look similar to official sites but are slightly off. Clicking those links can expose personal information or infect a device with malware. When in doubt, never click. Instead, go directly to the official New York State Department of Taxation and Finance website by typing the address into your browser yourself.

Debt collection scam letters are another tactic. These letters threaten immediate action and demand payment through hard-to-trace methods. If you receive one, do not panic or pay right away. Call the New York State Tax Department directly at 518-457-0578 during business hours to verify whether the claim is legitimate.

For seniors on fixed incomes, every dollar matters. A single scam can wipe out months of careful budgeting, and there's no easy way to replace that loss. That's why prevention is critical. Never wire money to someone who contacts you unexpectedly. Slow down when pressured. Call a trusted family member before making financial decisions. And report suspicious activity to state or federal authorities — doing so helps protect others in our community.



Canarsie's seniors built this neighborhood through decades of hard work. Tax season should be about filing returns, not facing financial predators. By staying informed and looking out for one another, we can ensure that our elders remain protected, respected and financially secure.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR - VOL. 106, NO. 10

SAT. MARCH 7TH

Fountain Shoreline Cleanup Shirley Chisholm State Park – Fountain Water Access Area 950 Fountain Avenue 1 to 3 p.m.

TUES. MARCH 10TH

Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse: Notice of Property Value Workshop Community Office 5827 Flatlands Avenue 5 to 7:30 p.m.

SAT. MARCH 7TH

Maintaining Marine Parks' Forever Wild Natural Areas Salt Marsh Nature Center 3301 Avenue U 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

TUES. MARCH 10TH

Mill Basin Civic Association Meeting Thomas Jefferson Democratic Club 5809 Avenue T 6:30 p.m.

SUN. MARCH 8TH

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Flatbush

Man Stabbed on Nostrand



By Linda Steinmuller

A 26-year-old man was stabbed while walking down the street on Tuesday, February 24th, within the confines of the 70th Precinct.

Police said the victim was walking in front of 2233 Nostrand Avenue, near Brooklyn College, around 11:45 p.m., when an unknown person stabbed him in the neck with a knife and then fled the location.

The victim was taken by EMS to Kings County Hospital in stable condition, according to police.

There are no arrests, and an investigation is ongoing.

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

Photos by Baqir Ahmad

Elderly Man Punched Multiple Times Near Bayview Houses



By Linda Steinmuller

The NYPD is looking for a man who assaulted an 80-year-old man and asking the public's help in tracking down the suspect.

The assault occurred around 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 19th, in the vicinity of 2066 Rockaway Parkway, near Skidmore Avenue and the Bayview Houses. Police said an unidentified individual approached his victim from behind and punched the elderly man multiple times in the face. The suspect then fled the location on foot, traveling northbound on Rockaway Parkway.

EMS took the victim to Brookdale Hospital in stable condition.

The sought individual is described as a black male who was last seen wearing a black and gray jacket and black pants.

Anyone with information regarding this incident 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.

Bus Driver Attacked on B42 Bus



By Linda Steinmuller

The NYPD is asking for the public's assistance in identifying an individual responsible for assaulting an MTA bus driver in Canarsie on Valentine's Day.

Police said a 53-year-old bus driver was operating the B42 bus in the area of Rockaway Parkway and Flatlands Avenue around 5:50 p.m. on Saturday, February 14th, when an unidentified male got into a verbal dispute with the driver. The male punched the bus driver in the face and then exited the bus and fled on foot, northbound on Rockaway Parkway.

EMS responded to the scene and took the bus driver to Brookdale Hospital in stable condition.

The NYPD has released a photo of the suspect, who was last seen wearing a green jacket, gray hooded sweatshirt, gray sweatpants and black sneakers at the time of the attack.

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

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Bishop Brennan Celebrates Mass at OLM

By Angela G. Nannetti



Bishop Brennan thanks Father Rigaud and parishioners for their warm welcome to the Canarsie church on February 20th.

Parishioners filled the pews of Our Lady of Miracles Roman Catholic Church (OLM), located at 757 East 86th Street, early Friday morning, February 20th, to take part in the 2026 Lenten Pilgrimage to the Cross.

Together, OLM Pastor, Reverend Father Lucon Rigaud, and His Excellency, Bishop Robert J. Brennan, concelebrated the Mass in English and French/Creole. In his homily, the kindly bishop discussed the role that each of the three pillars of Lent – prayer, fasting and works of mercy – play in helping Catholics prepare for Easter. While he acknowledged that the greatest emphasis is often placed upon sacrifice, like giving up chocolate for 40 days or abstaining from meat on Fridays, the bishop explained that the real meaning of the season is lost without love, God's love for his children, their love for Him and one of the best ways to show one another love – through the doing of good works. His warmth and good nature were greatly felt by parishioners, who said they felt blessed and inspired by the bishop's presence at their parish.

The Mass was followed by the recitation of the Rosary, silent Eucharistic Adoration and breakfast served in the Father Simonetti Parish Center, next door. Afterward, parishioners were invited back to the church for the Angelus prayer, noon Mass, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Confession and the Stations of the Cross at the close of the evening.



Bishop Brennan swings the thurible during the Eucharistic Adoration.



Bishop Robert J. Brennan celebrating the 8:30 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Miracles Church

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Assemblywoman Jaime Williams Hosts Small Business Resource Fair in Canarsie

By Assemblywoman Jaime Williams

On Friday, February 20th, Assemblywoman Jaime Williams sponsored a Small Business Resource Fair alongside Assemblywoman Monique Chandler-Waterman and State Senator Roxanne Persaud, in partnership with the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce; the Canarsie Merchants Association; Visit Canarsie, Inc.; CCDI; and the Caribbean-American Chamber of Commerce.

Held at TriniJam Restaurant, 9501 Flatlands Avenue, the event brought together local business owners for an important conversation about the future of Canarsie's commercial district. Attendees had the opportunity to share their concerns, learn about funding opportunities and available resources, and connect with organizations dedicated to supporting small business growth and revitalization.



Throughout the event, representatives from the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce highlighted a wide range of programs designed to help small businesses succeed. These included funding opportunities, educational workshops, and strategic initiatives already underway to strengthen Canarsie's business community and attract more customers to the neighborhood. The Chamber emphasized its commitment to providing business owners with the tools and support needed to navigate challenges and grow in an increasingly competitive environment.

59th Assembly District Small Business Resource Data via Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce (2020-2026)

- Total # of Small Businesses Reached - 399
- Total # of Businesses Engaged - 281
- Total # of Full Program Participants - 118
- Total # of MWBE - 110
- Total # of Returning Businesses - 23

Top Five Industries in the 59th Assembly District

- Beauty
- Restaurants/Coffee Shops
- Shopping Retail
- Business/Professional Services
- Food & Beverage (Non-restaurant)

Top Five Business Needs Across the 59th Assembly District

- Financing - 46%
- Technology - 34%
- Business Strategy - 9%
- Marketing Strategy - 6%
- Human Resources - 5%

The Canarsie Merchants Association who is also supported by the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce also outlined several of its ongoing efforts to support local businesses and improve the community. These initiatives include neighborhood cleanups, food giveaways and direct merchant support programs aimed at strengthening the commercial corridor and improving the quality of life for residents and business owners alike.

Similarly, the Caribbean-American Chamber of Commerce encouraged business owners to take advantage of its services, inviting them to connect with the organization for guidance, advocacy and access to valuable resources. Visit Canarsie, Inc. shared strategies to increase foot traffic and customer engagement, including expanding participation in its successful "Open Streets" initiative, which created new opportunities for businesses to connect with residents and showcase their offerings.

The discussion also included an honest and productive dialogue about the challenges facing Canarsie's business community. Assemblywoman Williams expressed her appreciation to those who attended and participated in the conversation, stressing the importance of greater engagement from all local business owners.

Williams also highlighted the funding she has secured to support the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce's work in Canarsie, ensuring that business owners have access to strategic guidance, technological support, financial resources and promotional opportunities.

The event concluded with a shared commitment to continue the conversation and build on the momentum. By bringing stakeholders together and fostering collaboration, Assemblywoman Williams and her partners are taking meaningful steps to support local businesses and revitalize Canarsie's commercial corridor for the benefit of the entire community.

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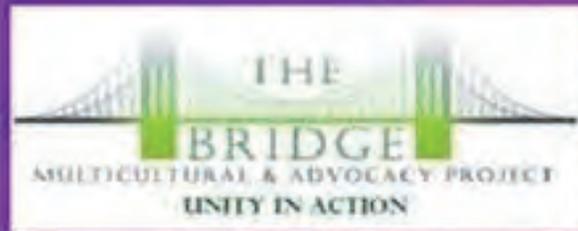
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Salt Marsh Nature Center

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Bergen Beach Pickleball Group Holds Reunion in Rockaway

By Linda Steinmuller

Frigid temps and howling winds couldn't stop a group of passionate pickleball players from braving the bitter cold for a pickleball reunion on Saturday night, February 7th, at Rockaway Beach Pickleball, located at 97-25 Beach Channel Drive in Rockaway, Queens.

The night brought together old friends, many who have not seen each other since the fall, as the group generally plays outdoors twice a week in Bergen Beach during the warmer months.

About 30 players, excited to reunite

with their pickleball buddies, took over Rockaway Beach Pickleball for three hours, renting out all five of their courts.

For those who worked up an appetite playing America's fastest-growing sport, the event also included plenty of refreshments and food, including chicken wings, pizza, spinach rolls, garlic knots, etc.

Memories of hot summer nights warmed even the coldest of nights.

Pickleball players are looking forward to the next reunion – or warmer days to play outdoors!



Bergen Beach pickleball players pose for a photo in front of the Rockaway Beach Pickleball mural.

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Alan Brody — Living in a House of Toys

By Roger French

Upon entering Alan Brody's Brooklyn apartment, one is immediately struck by a variety of toys flanking both sides of the narrow hallway. To say the place is cramped with toys would be an understatement. A further venture into the home revealed toys everywhere: on each foreseeable wall, lined along the flooring, atop cabinets, on the kitchen table, living room sofa — and even spilling out of stacked boxes. They all totaled 9,000!

Brody, 59, shares this two-bedroom Canarsie residence with Lisa, his wife of 30 years, and their two dogs, Pebbles and Benji. At first sight, the environment is reminiscent of someone harboring an underground toy museum that's privy only to his fellow enthusiasts. There's even a quirky beat, a feeling that one has just slipped into an attraction at Coney Island — or had even dropped into an episode of the old TV show, *The Munsters*, with Lisa's long hair and studious eyes behind eye-glasses helping to evoke a modern-day spirit of the character, Lily Munster.

But Brody is quick to point out, "It's not a museum," adding, "I'm an antique toy collector. I'm also an administrator on Facebook. I started different groups about 16 years ago to educate other collectors about antique toys." The collection spanned "the 1800s up to the 1970s," he added.

Though his lifelong passion for collecting is evident, Brody underscored each description of a toy with education, unpacking each component with a factoid as if he'd built the toy himself. For example, the collector pointed out a wooden, minstrel toy on a shelf in the living room that was known as a jig toy. Such were popular in the U.S. in the 18th and 19th centuries and often portrayed a Black person with very dark skin and large ruby-red lips, who was loose-limbed and could be manipulated with wooden rods to dance a jig on a board.

In another instance, Brody held up a clock in which a White woman, who appeared wealthy, was in bliss while a Black boy, depicted with tar-black skin and oversized lips, looked elated to be shining the woman's shoes. "They made him look like a primate," he said, perturbed. Brody then contrasted that past with how those types of images wouldn't be acceptable today.

While many Black intellectuals throughout generations have sought to remove the negative minstrel imagery of African-Americans from classrooms, advertising and public spaces, Brody has an adverse view of the issue. "It's important to remember the past," he said, adding, "That way, we could go back and correct what was wrong so that it doesn't happen again."

There's a bit of irony that exudes from Brody. As someone who was born in a tony borough and raised in a modern 1970s era, he spoke as if he could relate to every generation that his antique collection represented — especially as it pertained to the more rampant years of bigotry and injustice against African-Americans — pre- and postwar.

The toy collector stated: "When I was living here, growing up, it was predominantly White, but I had a lot of Black friends. I had friends from all different cultures, so I grew up in a melting pot here," regarding his Canarsie neighborhood. "They didn't have toys like that when I was younger because I don't go back that far," he said, adding, "A lot of those things weren't manufactured no more, so I didn't grow up with that hate in me. I knew it was wrong even when I was a kid."

Even as a grown adult, Brody often expressed a childlike excitement when discussing toys. He pointed out an Army tank he got from eBay, which he swore was haunted, and related incidents of the tank rolling by itself, which also had strange sounds coming from the it.

As if he were a toy doctor, Brody gave a diagnosis for the haunted tank and toys with similar backstories. "A lot of these toys had original owners," he said. "Some were very attached to the toy but might've had to give it up," he added, suggesting the owners' spirits were embedded in some of the toys he bought.

When Brody finally came across a wooden "Micky," a rare series of the toy, from the Performa Toy Company of Middletown, PA, and struggled to recall its issue date, Lisa quickly interjected with "August 17, 1926," from rote while petting Pebbles at the kitchen table. "And I'm eight years older than him," she added. The scene was a testament to how much Mrs. Brody was an active part of her husband's antique collection after decades of marriage.

Through toys, Brody sees a means to enlighten. "What made toys great was that kids had to bring their imagination to the toy," he said. "Today, kids are not interested in toys; they're too busy with electronics. Teens are into women and girls."

Although he eschewed computer games' ability to zap the attention of the young, Brody is quite deft at creating content online. "I'm also doing digital artwork. Taking old toys and placing them into backdrops to actually bring them to life," he said. "I came up with a little motto, too: 'Brody's Toy Art, Bringing Toys to Life.'"

By his own accounting, the Brooklynite put the value of his toy collection at more than \$500,000. Yet money hardly seemed to be what has driven his amassing of it. "I'm a diehard collector. I don't sell toys, I only collect for the interest of the hobby," he said. "And I'm pretty much known all over the world," he added, in teenage exuberance.

Aspirations of a toy museum in Brooklyn is still part of Brody's plans. But perhaps because he's accepted that he's getting older, and of a generation that's increasingly diminishing in fan base for toys, he has begun preparations for an e-book.

A faint sadness betrayed Brody's smile as he pondered what a future might hold for collectors like himself. Within the brief pause, in which his eyes moistened as he scanned the living room festooned with toys before settling in the direction of a Monopoly board, he exhaled. "Maybe I'll leave it to my wife or my brother."

Suddenly, a moment of hopefulness overcame the toy collector in which he seemed certain. "Toys will never end. There'll always be toys!," he said, his warm, broad smile signaling that the future of toys may be different but that they will still be there.



Alan Brody in his Canarsie home filled with toys. He said he has 9,000 in his collection.

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A Mentor With a Unique 'Attitude' – Remembering Neil S. Friedman

By Dara Mormile



With newsrooms all over the country collapsing, changing formats and laying off dedicated writers, it seems hard to inspire young reporters to pursue their love of journalism. When I graduated Brooklyn College (CUNY) in 2004 and started my career as a cub reporter for the *Canarsie Courier*, Associate Editor Neil "Don't Forget the S" Friedman, motivated me to stay committed to community news no matter what the future of our industry had in store.

Sadly, I learned on social media that he passed away on February 12, 2026. In shock, I realized that not only did I lose a mentor but I also lost a dear friend. After both of our departures from the *Courier*, we remained in contact and supported each other's writing endeavors. I worked with Neil until around 2011, and he was much more than a reporter for the oldest independent newspaper in Brooklyn.

He loved to schmooze with politicians who visited our office, and he always exchanged sarcastic banter with civic leaders. And no one can forget his quick-witted weekly column, "This Week's Attitude."

His liberal editorials unleashed dozens of puns/jokes and insightful opinions. They also revealed some lesser-known personal attributes – like the fact that he was left-handed, loved Bruce Springsteen (he mentioned in one column that his first Springsteen concert was in 1973) and, impressively, he rocked out with The Rolling Stones as Assistant Tour Publicist from 1989-1990. He would constantly share how humble and professional he tried to be – only asking Mick Jagger for a photo and autograph at the very end of the prestigious tour. Brooklyn-born and raised, Neil was also a U.S. Army Veteran – proud of his service – and used his column to share worldly travel experiences.

Everyone at the *Courier* was into baseball back in the day – and you'd hear Neil come in any given morning, booming, "How about them Yankees!" and he would get into deep analysis about the game with our editor, the late Charles Rogers. He also loved talking sports with our reporters and photographers, getting into heated athletic debates.

Crazy enough, I had the liberty and honor of proof-reading "This Week's Attitude" right before deadline.

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This was a daunting task!

He was somewhat of a perfectionist and just when I thought the editorial was good to publish, he'd change another line or word. Even though it irked me (and the late business manager, Catherine Rosa, who also proofread the paper), he demonstrated how important detail was.

When I was working on elaborate stories about controversial construction, park projects and school/civic meetings, he would always make sure my grammar was on point. He'd help me double-check facts, financial figures and the correct spelling of names – catching my errors at the last minute. I often disagreed with how he edited my articles and headlines, but we always met halfway, communicated with respect and collaborated surprisingly well.

After a few years, we became more like family than co-workers. Not many people know this, but I nicknamed him "Neilman" – a combination of his first and last name, and he would call me "Morm" – short for my last name. It was a quaint and silly gag we kept going all these years.

He had a generous heart in many ways. When my home was flooded from Superstorm Sandy, he gladly kept some of my appliances and belongings in his Sheepshead Bay apartment until I moved back. Whenever my birthday came around, he knew the perfect books to gift me that would enlighten my intellect. Even when our respective stints at the *Courier* ended, he continued supporting my growth – joining my father's Esophageal Cancer Awareness events, donating annually to the cause and even volunteering. We also sent each other greeting cards in the mail, sharing our love for Seinfeld quotes and the celebration of Festivus! I always felt he had a great sense of humor that many didn't get a chance to appreciate.

Neil's health took a turn in early 2021 when he had to have triple bypass surgery. Eager to be a part of his recovery, I visited him and helped him food shop on Nostrand Avenue. It was an interesting and humbling experience to laugh about our *Courier* days -- and also find out how much he liked different kinds of fresh fruit (but they had to be on sale!).

As we reminisced, he said, "Your writing is getting better and better, Morm – keep it up." I was sure that I made him proud whenever he read a new article I had

published on different platforms. Sure, Neil and I had creative differences, but there was a mutual respect for each other's opinions and experiences.

What impressed me about Neil as he aged was that his writing spirit never wavered. He continued to publish columns as a hobby – about politics, sports and simply anything that annoyed him – as monthly blogs. I was all-in when he asked me to proofread a few in my leisure (this time without a tight deadline!).

His mind remained sharp and he prided himself on completing several crossword puzzles and word jumbles a week. He was also a regular contributor to the Daily News – his name popping up all over their Letters to the Editor section with brief and snappy commentary about what's going on in the world.

To my surprise, one day I sent him a Facebook message – as I did every month – and he didn't respond. Usually keen to get back to me within an hour, I had

a feeling something was wrong and checked his page for recent activity. It was an upsetting moment to read one of his friend's posts – that he passed away peacefully the week before after suffering more health complications.

My heart sinks acknowledging that I didn't get to talk to him one last time and that the last surviving mentor of my youth in the journalism industry is gone.

I still feel joy reading our correspondence, going through over 20 years of photos and I'm thankful that I always saw the good in him. He was an amazing friend and teacher, no matter where our journeys took us.

Rest in peace Neil and keep "This Week's Attitude" alive!

You can check out his archived blogs at <https://nfriedman2511.blogspot.com/>

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Marine Park

Wuffy the Dog Tells the Tale of His Dinosaur Dig

By Kari Lleras



Helen Rogosin, Assemblywoman Jaime Williams, MPA Volunteer Coordinator Carri Knorr and MPA Executive Director Scott Middleton pose with Wuffy the Dog. *Photo Credit: Christina Phillips*

Wuffy the loveable dog and his magic lintball stopped by the Carmine Carro Community Center, located at 3000 Fillmore Avenue, on Saturday afternoon, February 21st, to share the details of his adventurous dinosaur dig with children of all ages. This was Wuffy's second visit to the center in Marine Park.

Helen Rogosin, retired teacher, children's author, illustrator and creative mind behind the Wuffy book series, entertained Wuffy and dinosaur enthusiasts with her expressive tone and intrigued the audience by asking hard-hitting questions like, "What can a magic lintball do?" and "Who likes dinosaurs?"

Rogosin's brother and a puppy that their father brought home to them inspired her to write and illustrate Wuffy and the Magic Lintball. Since then, Wuffy has become a reading adventure series, along with a plush Wuffy to match a reader's favorite book.

Clips of Wuffy and the Dinosaur Dig played while Rogosin used her teacher-like questioning to engage young minds and enlist discussion among the group. She explained the details of the exciting endeavors that the little archaeologists would get to explore at the different stations, including a prehistoric dig where children got to use a mallet and chisel to uncover fossils, a station where they could make crayon rubbings of ancient shells, leaves and footprints, and one where creative minds could make fossil replicas with Play-Doh.

Assemblywoman Jaime Williams and representatives enjoyed the read-aloud and were spotted getting their pictures taken with Wuffy and Rogosin. Marine Park Alliance hosted this free book event for children and the young at heart. Raising Cane's gave gift certificates for a free meal to every child that attended.



Dinosaur enthusiast appreciating her fossil replica.

TAX TIME

IRS Launches New Web Page to Streamline Tax Fraud and Scam Reporting

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) announced on February 26th the launch of a new web page that allows taxpayers to confidentially report suspected tax fraud, scams, evasion or other tax-related illegal activities, as well as internal-facing improvements that will enhance how referrals are used to stop illegal activity.

“Improvements to the IRS fraud reporting system make reporting suspected wrongdoing easier and simpler and will address historic challenges that had prevented the IRS from making maximum use of the referrals it receives,” IRS Chief Executive Officer Frank J. Bisignano said. “By reporting suspected tax fraud or scams, taxpayers play an important role in uncovering fraud and supporting the integrity of the nation’s tax system.”

The new web page consolidates multiple IRS fraud reporting options into a single, centralized location,

making it easier for taxpayers to report suspicious activity. The web page can be found by selecting the new “Report Fraud” button on the IRS.gov homepage or at IRS.gov/SubmitATip. Taxpayers are encouraged to report suspected tax-related wrongdoing as soon as possible to help the IRS address fraud and noncompliance.

The new web page is only an initial improvement to the IRS’s fraud reporting process. Over the longer term, the IRS plans to streamline fraud reporting by reducing forms, automating processes and using modern case management software.

These changes will address historic challenges the IRS has faced in using referrals. Creating fewer work streams, simplifying how taxpayers submit referrals and making processing of claims more efficient will improve how IRS uses referrals in years to come.

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Treasury, IRS Issue Guidance on Special Depreciation Allowance for Qualified Production Property

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Notice 2026-16 announces that Treasury and the IRS will issue proposed regulations on a new provision of the law allowing taxpayers to elect to take a depreciation deduction up to 100% of the unadjusted depreciable basis of any qualified production property placed in service during a taxable year. Qualified production property is, generally, nonresidential real property used by a taxpayer as an integral part of a qualified production activity. A qualified production activity is a manufacturing, chemical production, agricultural production or refining activity that results in the substantial transformation of the property comprising a qualified product. In addition to other

requirements, the special depreciation allowance only applies to qualified production property placed in service after July 4, 2025, and before January 1, 2031.

The notice provides interim guidance regarding the following: definitions of qualified production property and qualified production activity, how to determine the special depreciation allowance for qualified production property, and how and when an election to treat property as qualified production property is made. The notice also explains how the depreciation recapture rules apply to property that ceases to meet the requirements to be qualified production property.

Taxpayers may rely on the guidance provided in Notice 2026-16 until proposed regulations are issued.

Treasury and the IRS also request comments on the interim guidance, including specific issues on which additional guidance is needed. Comments should be submitted within 60 days of the issuance of the notice.

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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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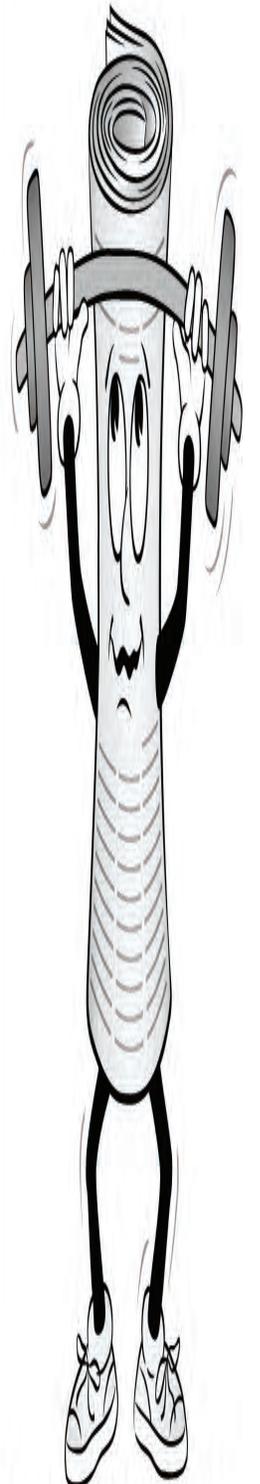
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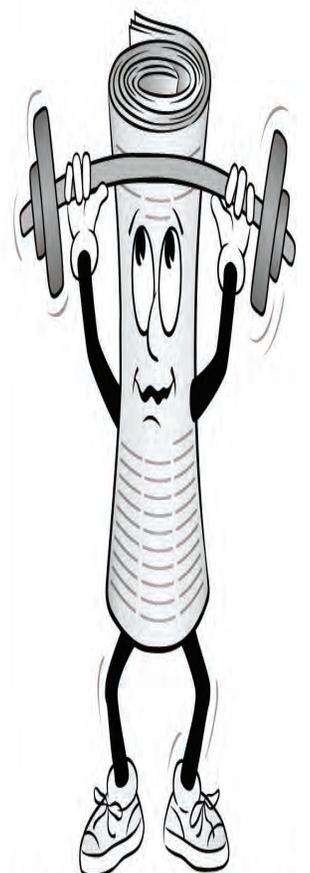
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