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JUDGE LOURDES VENTURA WILL BE SWORN IN TO CIVIL COURT BENCH

Ventura's induction ceremony will take place today at 3:30 p.m. at Queens Borough Hall on 120-55 Queens Boulevard in Kew Gardens.

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CUOMO PUSHES FOR LEGAL WEED AT NYC BAR ASSOCIATION

"Let's legalize the adult use of recreational marijuana once and for all," Cuomo declared during a visit to the New York City Bar Association on Monday.

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QUEENS BOROUGH HALL CONTINUES HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

Queens Borough Hall, located at 120-55 Queens Boulevard in Kew Gardens, will continue to accept donations of new toys, board games and toiletries until Dec. 20. "This is a time to rejoice with our families and give thanks for the blessings in our lives," Queens Borough President Melinda Katz said in a statement. "In the spirit of giving, please consider donating to make sure kids across the borough will share in the joy of this holiday season."

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QUEENS VILLAGE MAN GETS 30 YEARS FOR KILLING CONVENIENCE STORE CLERK

A cold-blooded robber who murdered a Long Island convenience store clerk was sentenced to 30 years in prison for his crimes, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York announced yesterday. Queens Village resident Jermaine Jackson, 25, and another man entered AL Mini Market in Valley Stream — just blocks away from the Queens border — on Dec. 16, 2016 wearing masks and threatening the cashier with a semi-automatic handgun. Read more about the sentencing on page 15.

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REFORMED ROADWAY BECOMES 'BOULEVARD OF DEATH' ONCE MORE

Despite a concerted effort by the city to improve safety conditions on Queens Boulevard, the busy roadway revived its reputation as the "Boulevard of Death" after a driver struck and killed a woman walking Monday morning. Elmhurst resident Yimei Gao, 73, died after a man driving a 2017 Kia SUV westbound near 56th Avenue plowed into her at roughly 6:22 a.m., police said. The unidentified driver, 38, remained on the scene and was not arrested, police said. Gao was pronounced dead at Elmhurst Hospital. Read more on page 7.

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Queens County Clerk and Commissioner of Jurors Audrey Pheffer (right) administers the oath of office to Judge Larry Love (left) during Love's induction to the Queens Supreme Court.

Eagle photo by Andy Katz

Judge Love Sworn-in to Supreme Bench

By David Brand
Queens Daily Eagle

Judge Larry Love was sworn in as a Queens County Supreme Court justice at a special ceremony inside the Queens Civil Courthouse yesterday.

Justice Jeremy Weinstein served as master of ceremonies and Justice Ernest Hart delivered the invocation.

Speakers included U.S. Rep. Joseph Crowley, Judge George Silver, Judge Donna-Marie Golia, state Assemblymember Stacey Pheffer-Amato and several of Love's family members.

Queens County Clerk and Commissioner of Jurors Audrey Pheffer administered the oath of office to Love, who grew up in Forest Hills, where he later opened a law office. Love attended Queens College before earning his law degree from Hofstra.

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First Lady McCray, DOC Expand Program For Detained Mothers and Their Children

By David Brand
Queens Daily Eagle

Since April, the Department of Corrections, the Mayor's Fund and New York City first lady Chirlane McCray have partnered to ensure that more children have an opportunity to engage with their detained or incarcerated moms in a healthy, constructive environment through the pilot program Crafting Family Connections.

Yesterday, McCray met with moms and kids at a Crafting Family Connections event at the Children's Museum of Manhattan and announced the expansion of the program, which enables detained moms who are charged with or convicted of nonviolent offenses and who have records of good behavior to accompany their children to the museum during special hours.

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Chirlane McCray announced the expansion of the Crafting Family Connections program yesterday.

Eagle file photo by Todd Maisel

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Sick Passenger Alert: No. 7 Train Crammed with Creeps And Thieves

By Christina Carrega
Queens Daily Eagle

With the L train shutdown fast approaching and the No. 7 line set to absorb tens of thousands of additional riders, criminal activity remains prevalent aboard Queens' most iconic subway line.

Since September, Queens commuters have reported a rash of encounters with alleged gropers, robbers and creepy flashers according to public notifications — and it could get worse, Community Board 2 member Jeremy Rosenberg told the *Eagle*.

Rosenberg, an attorney, said severe overcrowding on the No. 7 train could cause more crimes against Queens commuters.

"This is another reason why overcrowding is so dangerous," Rosenberg said. "It's giving wiggle room for bad actors to do bad things."

Rosenberg said he has not witnessed groping, but he said he has noticed more men "aggressively flirting" with women on the train.

Despite MTA announcements reminding riders that "a crowded subway is no excuse for unlawful sexual misconduct," various women and girls have reported abusive sexual contact by commuting creeps in recent weeks.

Over the weekend, police released a photograph that a 15-year-old girl took of a man who allegedly "touched her private areas" onboard a southbound No. 7 train near the Woodside-61st Street station.

The Dec. 12 attack prompted the young girl to instinctively use her cell phone to snap a clear picture of the man — who is described as a Hispanic man, in his 30s, measuring 5 feet, 7 inches tall and weighing 180 pounds — before exiting the train eight stops later at the Vernon and Jackson Avenues station, police said.

Four days earlier, a 20-year-old woman was exiting the Roosevelt Avenue station when another straphanger — described as a African-American man, about 25 to 35 years old, measuring 5 feet, 11 inches and weighing 155 pounds — grabbed her buttock and walked away, police said.

This month's No. 7 train sex crimes don't end there.

On Dec. 3, a 27-year-old woman was heading northbound on a No. 7 train were a man exposed his private parts in front of her. The man is described as a Hispanic man with light complexion, brown eyes and short black hair, 30 to 35 years old, measuring 5 feet 3 inches and weighing 150 pounds, police said.

In November, Mawry Lane, the founder of NewYorkCliche.com wrote about her

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PLAN FOR A QUEENS PRO SOCCER TEAM BEGINS TO TAKE SHAPE

The plan to establish a professional soccer team in Queens is starting to take shape and may kick off as soon as 2020, according to sources familiar with the project, soccer writer Chris Kivlehan reported Monday. Kivlehan shared the information about the team — which will be partially funded by a company owned by soccer superstar David Villa — with the *Eagle* and wrote about the developments on his website, Midfield Press. Read more about the team on page 16.

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GOOD SAMARITANS STOP RIDGEWOOD SEX OFFENDER

Ridgewood residents helped stop a 40-year-old sex offender from allegedly kidnapping an 11-year-old girl on Friday. The girl was walking toward her school, I.S. 77, near Centre Street and Seneca Ave, when the man, Reylin Estrada tried to coax her into his car, police said. Estrada then got physical and attempted to shove her in the back seat, police said. Two neighbors heard the commotion and came to the girl's aid. Estrada was arrested and charged with kidnapping.

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UNKNOWN MAN KILLED BY LIRR TRAIN

A man was struck and killed by a Manhattan-bound Long Island Rail Road train in Forest Hills early Sunday, the *New York Post* reported. The unidentified man is believed to be in his 20s and was hit at about 5:15 am, the MTA told the *Post*.

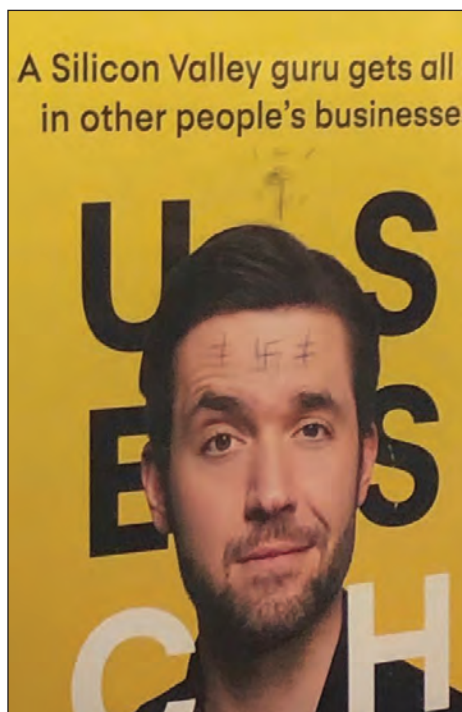


Photo of a defaced advertisement on a No. 7 train on Dec. 17.

Photo courtesy of Isaac L. Gealer



Graphic of alleged subway gropers, robbers and assault suspects.

Eagle photo illustration by Jonathan Sperling; photos via NYPD

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CREW CHARGED FOR GANG ATTACK THAT INJURED JACKSON HEIGHTS MAN

Michael Aragundi and several alleged accomplices are charged with first-degree gang assault for allegedly attacking a man in Jackson Heights. Aragundi and co-defendants appear in

K18 for a hearing.

Prosecutors say that in October 2016, Aragundi and other alleged members of the Latin Kings assaulted a 24-year-old man outside a bar in Jackson Heights. The large group of men allegedly approached the victim and began punching and stabbing him. The attackers allegedly used the victim's cane to beat him.

The victim was transported to a hospital, where he was treated for 11 stab wounds and lacerations as well as possible nerve damage to his arm.

"The defendants are accused of viciously attacking and seriously injuring a young man apparently for no other reason than he was not a member of the Latin Kings gang," said District Attorney Richard A. Brown in a statement. "Gang violence will not be tolerated in Queens County. The defendants' poor choice in pursuing gang membership and the violence that are a part of that lifestyle have led them to be charged with serious felonies that carry the possibility of lengthy prison sentences."

JUSTICE ZARO PRESIDES

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ALLEGED SEX TRAFFICKERS RETURN TO COURT

Terrance Jackman and Zulay Guerrero are charged with sex trafficking for allegedly forcing two women to perform sex work. Jackman and Guerrero appear in K10 for a conference.

In January, Jackman, a Springfield Gardens

resident nicknamed "Staxx" and Guerrero, a St. Albans resident nicknamed "Mocca," were arraigned before Acting Supreme Court Justice Peter Vallone on a nine-count indictment for sex trafficking.

Prosecutors say Jackman and Guerrero forced a 17-year-old girl and a 23-year-old woman to perform sex work from 2013 to 2017. They were arrested as part of an operation by the NYPD/FBI Human Trafficking Task Force. It is the second time that Jackman has been arrested on sex trafficking charges.

Jackman allegedly stabbed one of the victims in 2016. Jackman and Guerrero allegedly photographed one of the victims and posted the photos on backpage.com, a site used to solicit sex workers. In June 2017, the pair of alleged traffickers drove a woman to meet a john. While there, the woman told the man she had been kidnapped and he helped her escape. If convicted, Jackman and Guerrero face up to 25 years in prison.

"The defendants have now been twice accused of holding women against their will, forcing them to engage in prostitution acts by instilling fear in them that they would be physically hurt if they did not do as ordered, and turning over all the money that they earned to them," said Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown in a statement in January. "Although these young women managed to escape their bondage, they will have to live with this horrible experience for the rest of their lives."

JUSTICE VALLONE PRESIDES

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ARRAIGNMENT FOR HOLLIS MAN ACCUSED OF TWO QUEENS MURDERS

Hollis resident Neville Brown is charged with second-degree murder for allegedly killing two people in the span of four weeks in South Richmond Hill. Brown will be arraigned in Queens Supreme Court.

Brown, 37, was allegedly seen on surveillance video last December driving several times past a Cadillac Escalade that was parked on 125th Street off of Atlantic Boulevard. Brown and a hooded man then allegedly parked their car and approached the Escalade from either side, where the hooded man then shot into the vehicle and killed 21-year-old Dali Ramessar.

Video surveillance also allegedly caught Brown and the hooded man on 135th Street near 105th Street in mid-January parking their car so that the hooded man could shoot 19-year-old Omaree Morrison to death as he walked down the street. Brown allegedly told police that he was driving the vehicle during both killings.

"This defendant is alleged to have taken part in the slaying of two men exactly four weeks apart," Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown. "Gun violence in our community is a scourge in our society and must end now."

JUSTICE ALOISE PRESIDES

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Amazon in Brooklyn: Why the Bid Didn't Quite Measure Up

The city, which pitched four sites in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens, included this rendering of Amazon's logo atop One Court Square in Long Island City. Rendering courtesy of the NYC EDC

By Norman Oder
The Bridge

Did Brooklyn ever really have a chance at winning the new Amazon campus?

The Brooklyn Tech Triangle may have many assets, including residential space, creative companies, food and educational institutions, but a comparison of the bids presented to the Seattle-based behemoth looking to house at least 25,000 workers shows that Long Island City, the company's choice, had some distinct advantages.

Not only did Long Island City offer space above a subway station for the first tranche of workers, but that building, at One Court Square, was also closer to a move-in than the two sites proposed in Brooklyn: the Panorama complex (formerly the Watchtower headquarters) at the edge of DUMBO and Fulton Ferry, and Dock 72 at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

One Court Square was presented as cheaper than Panorama and competitive with Dock 72. Also, future office space — Amazon seeks a total of 4 million square feet — would cost less in Long Island City, with more opportunity for contiguous sites.

Still, boosters of the Brooklyn bid pulled out the stops, even mocking up an image with Amazon supplanting the former Watchtower sign on the complex formerly owned by the Jehovah's Witnesses, and in the process of conversion by its new owners, Columbia Heights Associates.

The city-and-state bid to Amazon, released last week by the New York City Economic Development Corp. after a public information request from *Politico*, even modified Milton Glaser's iconic "I ♥ New York" logo by substituting Amazon's smiling-arrow symbol for the heart image. The documents emerged less than two days before the first City Council hearing regarding plans for a new Amazon campus.

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While Brooklyn offered a cost advantage over both Midtown West and Lower Manhattan, the other two city neighborhoods in the package, Long Island City still offered logistical and price advantages. For example, One Court Square, long known for its anchor tenant Citigroup, was said to offer "net illustrative rent" of \$46 per square foot.*

Amazon would get 12 months of free rent on a 20-year lease and, yes, NYC EDC also presented an image of that building topped by the Amazon logo.

In Brooklyn, Dock 72 at the Navy Yard, under construction by Boston Properties/Rudin and scheduled for occupancy next year, was presented as renting for \$43 per square foot. But that 610,000-square-foot space, despite offering an outdoor half basketball court and four outdoor terraces, is far from a subway, relying on shuttles and a future ferry. It too offered 12 months of free rent.

The DUMBO-adjacent Panorama site, 25-30 Columbia Heights, is under conversion and "offers a prominent signage opportunity atop a Brooklyn icon," but also lacks direct subway access. The rent was said to be \$59 per square foot, with six months free on a 20-year lease for the 772,000-square-foot complex.

Real-estate firms that proposed buildings for the first phase of occupancy were said to have executed

term sheets with NYC EDC, thus agreeing to refrain from leasing their space until this year in order to hold it open for a prospective Amazon move-in.

Building out the Campus

Beyond that, for the further buildout, several Long Island City sites — including some (but not all) that Amazon chose — were presented as costing between \$24 and \$49 per square foot, a relatively wide range.

Brooklyn didn't quite measure up. While five potential expansion sites at the Brooklyn Navy Yard were said to cost \$43 per square foot, the total available space (2.6 million square feet) would have been insufficient for Amazon, even combined with Dock 72.

Ditto for the eight potential expansion sites in Dumbo, offering 2.54 million square feet and renting for at least \$54 per square foot. (Note: before Amazon decided to split its purported HQ2 into two sites, including Crystal City, Virginia, the sites contesting for HQ2 were presenting a potential 8 million sq. ft.)

The bid touted the recently expanded NYC Ferry, while promoting the Brooklyn-Queens Connector (BQX) as "a state-of-the-art streetcar with the potential to connect more than 400,000 residents to major job hubs along the Brooklyn and Queens waterfronts" — but, of course, its future remains uncertain.

"Land Use Action Required"

Brooklyn's bids offered many creative proposals for using space either under or planned for development. The eagerness to welcome Amazon meant that a good number of site owners were open to a change in use and thus zoning, typically a deliberative process involving community input and City Council approval, but not in this case. After all, Empire State Development, Gov. Andrew Cuomo's economic-development authority, has been prepared to override city zoning to ease the process, as it plans to do in Queens.

In DUMBO, more than 1 million square feet would have come from converting the 85 Jay complex, a former Jehovah's Witnesses parking lot expected to house residential space, into office use, albeit renting for \$64 per square foot. The document notes "land use action required," indicating the need for that state override.

Downtown Brooklyn, offering much transit and adjacent residential space, offered more than 9 million square feet in 14 buildings, with rents said to be between \$49 and \$59 per square foot. Notably, the bid indicated a willingness to ensure that two planned buildings, 565 Fulton St. and 625 Fulton St., would include office space, with "land use action required."

Moreover, the bid discloses an ambitious plan for construction at, and near, the Pacific Park project, all associated with the address 590 Atlantic Ave. That's currently home to retail outlets P.C. Richard & Son and Modell's, at the intersection of Flatbush and Fourth avenues.

The four prospective towers offered to Amazon

included one site at the northeast flank of Barclays Center, long known as B4 of Atlantic Yards/Pacific Park, which is expected to start construction next year and house 810 apartments. It too would have required "land use action."

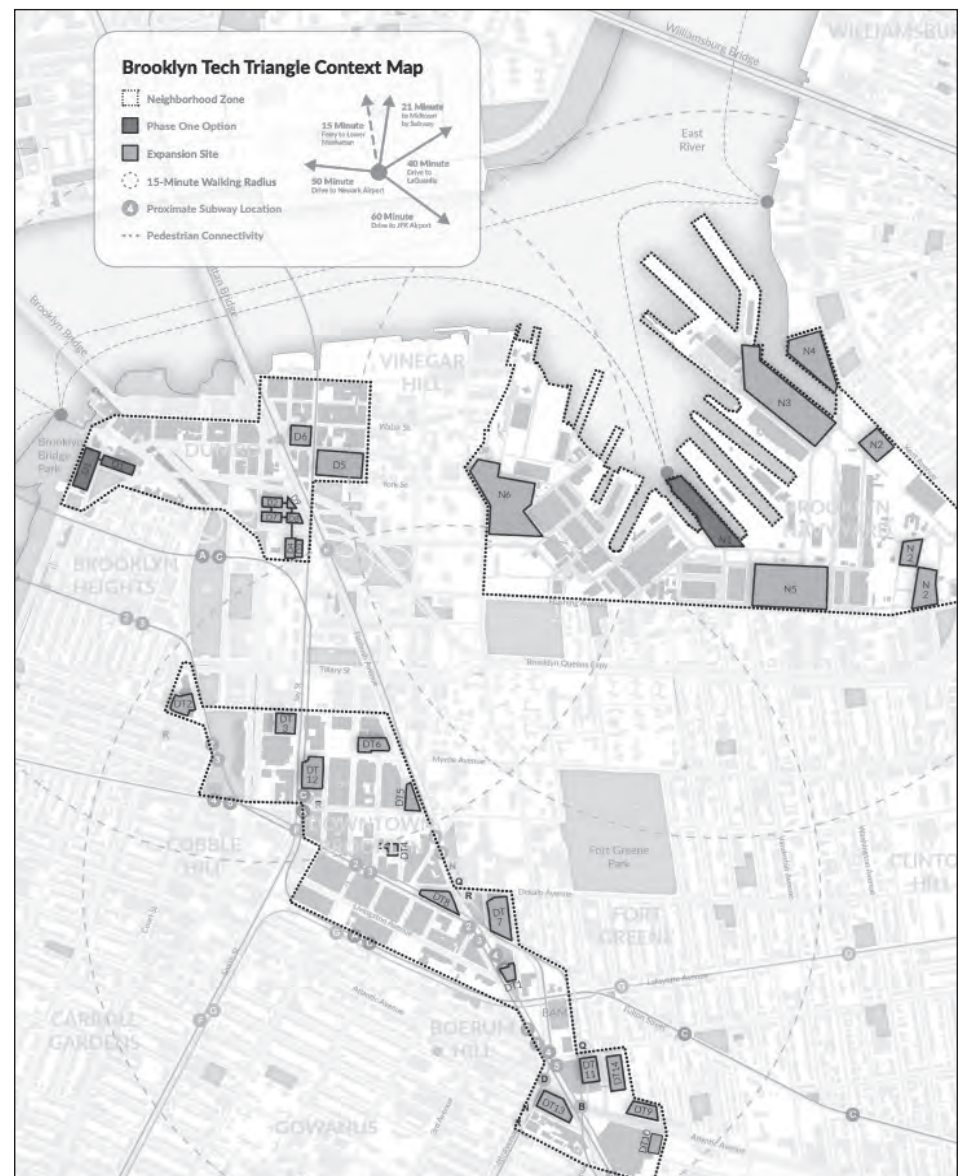
Another would be the 1.14 million-square-foot tower (or towers) planned for the P.C. Richard/Modell's parcel, long known as Site 5 of the Atlantic Terminal Urban Renewal Area. While that site has been approved for office space, the developers aim to augment it by shifting the bulk of the never-built tower approved for the Barclays Center plaza across the street, which also would require "land use action."

Finally, the bid discloses ambitious plans to build towers, apparently already permitted by current zoning, over the Atlantic Center mall. The bid describes two sites, one with 990,000 square feet and the other,

with 1.84 million square feet (which likely means two towers). Such towers were once to be designed by Frank Gehry, the original Atlantic Yards architect.

While Brooklyn's business and civic leaders appeared to put a lot of effort and creativity into the bid, and Brooklyn's tech community touted its abundance of talent, the Long Island City bid tended to offer cheaper and more readily available space for the early and later phases of the project. But in the end, given Brooklyn's current issues with high costs and gentrification, the prospect of having Amazon at arm's length may offer more tempered benefits and challenges.

*(That calculation means effective rent after as-of-right incentives on a per rentable square foot basis in 2017 dollars, assuming 170 gross square feet per employee.)



The city/state bid included a map showing sites available in the Brooklyn Tech Triangle, including Downtown, DUMBO and the Brooklyn Navy Yard, with the Phase 1 buildings in red.

Map courtesy of the NYC EDC

Against Congestion Pricing

From Assemblymember David I. Weprin, Councilmember Barry S. Grodenchik, Councilmember I. Daneek Miller and Corey Bearak, senior policy adviser with Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free:

New York State Assemblymember David I. Weprin joined New York City Councilmembers Barry Grodenchik and I. Daneek Miller, the Queens Civic Congress, Trucking Association of New York, *KeepNYCFree.com* and concerned outer-borough residents at a press conference to express strong opposition to any proposed congestion pricing tax.

Not all locations in New York City are easily accessible by public transportation. Neighborhoods in northern, southern and eastern Queens, along with certain areas of Brooklyn, do not have the same amenities as those in Manhattan with readily accessible subway systems near their homes and businesses. These middle-class communities cannot afford a tax hike in the form of congestion pricing, which will add hundreds of dollars in additional monthly expenses for working-class families and will serve as another tax on New York's middle class.

A congestion pricing tax will also be a major financial burden on New York's small businesses that rely on the free bridges to keep costs down. Added tolling will not only reduce the competitive ability of these businesses but will also lead to added costs for New York's consumers.

Finally, New York City's FHV and taxi drivers, whom are already facing a crisis with the added costs of surcharges and other market pressures including the devaluation of taxicab medallions, will be subject to an even larger crisis with new taxes.

New York cannot burden these outer-borough working and middle-class New Yorkers, already struggling with rising costs of living, with a new tax in the form of congestion pricing.

The state must explore alternative streams of funding including the restoration of a commuter tax, an increase in the gas cap and the use of revenue from marijuana legalization for transportation funding; as well as measures to decrease congestion inclusive of incentives for nighttime deliveries and an extension of the cap on app based for hire vehicles.

By Assemblymember David I. Weprin

A congestion tax would be disastrous for Queens, Brooklyn and Long Island residents. It could cost a commuter hundreds in additional expenses each month. It would raise the cost of doing business with the cost of congestion taxing being passed onto businesses. It would raise the cost of consumer goods, with business passing along extra costs to consumers. It would limit the competitive ability of these local small businesses; and it would impose a monetary barrier to Manhattan for outer borough residents, who often travel to the city to visit a doctor, watch a show or enjoy a night out in Manhattan. New York cannot burden the backs of these other borough working- and middle-class residents, already struggling with the rising costs of living with a new congestion tax. We must find alternative funding streams including the restoration of a commuter tax, an increase in the gas cap, ads the use of revenue from marijuana legalization for transportation funding.

By Councilmember Barry S. Grodenchik

Many in the outer boroughs already lack accessible and efficient transportation options, and these New Yorkers will be hit hardest by this financial burden. Not only are seniors going to pay a higher price to see their specialists, but these costs will be passed on to the consumer and to small businesses. According to multiple studies, the effect of congestion pricing would be negligible, with findings indicating a speed increase of just 1-2 miles per hour. There are alternatives we can explore that do not involve disproportionately impacting the communities and residents who will bear the brunt of this toll.

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Left to right: Assemblymember David Weprin speaks against a congestion pricing tax with Corey Bearak of *KeepNYCFree.com*, Councilmember Barry Grodenchik, Queens Civic Congress President Kevin Forrestal and Bob Friedrich of Glen Oaks Village Co-Op.

Photos courtesy of Assemblymember Weprin's office



Left to right: Councilmember Barry Grodenchik, Corey Bearak of *KeepNYCFree.com*, Queens Civic Congress President Kevin Forrestal, Assemblymember David Weprin, Harbachan Singh of the Queens Civic Congress, Arthur Miller of the Trucking Association of New York, Councilmember I. Daneek Miller, Zach Miller and Bob Friedrich of Glen Oaks Village Co-Op join to express opposition to congestion pricing.

By Councilmember I. Daneek Miller

Most observers now agree that a congestion pricing scheme would not generate enough money to compensate for the MTA's projected \$1 billion revenue shortfall, and no dedicated funding stream will ever be safe from the state's abusive practice of diversion without a lockbox to secure any new streams of revenue. My community shouldn't be forced to pay a regressive and burdensome tax when it doesn't have a multitude of accessible transit options like those in Manhattan, especially when programs such as the reduced-fare LIRR Atlantic Ticket offer viable alternatives that actually benefit outer borough residents. Transportation is the great equalizer between communities, but there is no equity to be gained from congestion pricing.

By Corey Bearak, senior policy adviser with Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free

Congestion pricing, really a regressive congestion tax, represents an ideological-driven attempt at social engineering by elites who prefer to limit access by New York City's middle-class and working families to Midtown and Downtown Manhattan. It makes better sense to replace this regressive scheme and its limited and unsustainable revenues with sound measures identified by Keep NYC Free, including charging market rate for street closures (\$600 million), registration fees (\$300 million) and non-resident income tax (\$2 billion). These would better serve the public and transit interests.



Our World In Pictures

MADAGASCAR — Island Prepares for Elections: In this photo taken yesterday, a young girl attends presidential candidate Andry Rajoelina's election rally in Antananarivo. Madagascar goes to the polls tomorrow for a runoff presidential election that features two former heads of state and their long and prickly past.

AP Photo/Themba Hadebe



GUATEMALA — Grandmother Mourns: Elvira Choc, 59, Jakelin Amei Rosmery Caal's grandmother, rests her head on her hand in front of her house in Raxruha on Saturday. The 7-year old girl died in a Texas hospital, two days after being taken into custody by border patrol agents in a remote stretch of New Mexico desert.

AP Photo/Oliver de Ros

Mom in Toddler Tussle Video Says She Went into Defense Mode

The Associated Press

A mother who had her toddler yanked from her arms by New York police in a widely seen video said in an interview published Sunday that she went into “defense mode.”

“In my head, I told myself they’re not going to let me leave,” Jazmine Headley told *The New York Times*. “I was so afraid. I was combative with my thoughts.”

The video captured the chaotic scene that unfolded Dec. 7 as officers tried to remove Headley from a crowded Brooklyn social services office, where she had sat on the floor for two hours because of a lack of chairs.

Police were called when she refused a security guard’s order to leave. Headley told the *Times* she was sitting on the floor with her back against the wall and talking to her son, who was in a stroller. She said she refused, pointing out trash and recycling bins against the wall on the other side of her son’s stroller.

“I just remember being talked to very viciously,” she said. “It was more or less: ‘You’re going to do what I say, and that’s it.’”

Headley said her memory of the incident is blurry. She said she picked up her son and tried to leave after one of the officers said they didn’t want to arrest her. Police said one of the guards then grabbed the 23-year-old mother’s arm and they fell to the ground.

Headley said she again tried to go but a police officer told her it was too late.

“I should’ve left, and I didn’t because if I would’ve left, my son would not have the things that he needs,” Headley said.

The two security guards have been placed on modified duty. The guard’s union president, Gregory Floyd, said they tried to reason with Headley for 40 minutes before police arrived. He said one of the guards was bitten during the tussle.

The two police officers remain on active duty.



In this Dec. 12 photo, Jazmine Headley (center) joins attorney Brian Neary and her mother Jacqueline Jenkins outside a courthouse in Trenton, N.J., after she accepted a deal to enter a pretrial intervention program related to credit card theft charges she faced.

AP Photo/Mike Catalini, File

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2ND DEPARTMENT / Public Legal Notices

DIVORCE NOTICE

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING DOCKET NO. PL18D0847DR COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT. ANDY LAFONTANT VS. ULRICK LAFONTANT. PLYMOUTH PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT 52 OBERY STREET, SUITE 1130, PLYMOUTH, MA 02360. TO THE DEFENDANT: THE PLAINTIFF HAS FILED A COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE REQUESTING THAT THE COURT GRANT A DIVORCE FOR IRRETRIEVABLE BREAKDOWN. ALLOW PLAINTIFF TO RESUME THE FORMER NAME OF ANDY REBECCA. THE COMPLAINT IS ON FILE AT THE COURT. AN AUTOMATIC RESTRAINING ORDER HAS BEEN ENTERED IN THIS MATTER PREVENTING YOU FROM TAKING ANY ACTION WHICH WOULD NEGATIVELY IMPACT THE CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS OF EITHER PARTY. SEE SUPPLEMENTAL PROBATE COURT RULE 411. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED TO SERVE UPON: ANDY LAFONTANT, 14 SUMNER STREET WEST BROCKTON, MA 02301 YOUR ANSWER, IF ANY, ON OR BEFORE 1/17/2019. IF YOU FAIL TO DO SO, THE COURT WILL PROCEED TO THE HEARING AND ADJUDICATION OF THIS ACTION. YOU ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO FILE A COPY OF YOUR ANSWER, IF ANY, IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF THIS COURT. WITNESS, HON. EDWARD G BOYLE, FIRST JUSTICE OF THIS COURT. DATE: DECEMBER 7, 2018 MATTHEW J. McDONOUGH, REGISTER OF PROBATE.

#165963

N.Y. PAWNBROKERS INC.

CASPERT MANAGEMENT CO., INC. (DCA #0869125) LOCATED AT 333 SYLVAN AVE ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS N.J. 07632 AS AGENTS FOR N.Y. PAWNBROKERS INC (DCA # 803727) 301 EAST 149TH ST. BRONX, N.Y. 100451, N.Y. PAWNBROKERS I INC (DCA#9072023) 177 RIVINGTON N.Y. N.Y. 10002, N.Y. PAWNBROKERS II INC (DCA#1125229) 303 EAST 149TH ST. BRONX, N.Y. 10451. SALES ON 12/27/2018 AT 6 A.M. AT 105 ATTORNEY ST NY, NY 10002. INCLUDES ALL UNREDEEMED PLEDGES AND HOLD-OVERS OF PREVIOUS SALES. FOR N.Y. PAWNBROKERS INC.= FROM #403876 OF 6/1/18 TO #405549 OF 6/30/18 JEWELRY AND NON JEWELRY ITEMS. FOR N.Y. PAWNBROKERS

I INC.= FROM #349893 OF 6/1/18 TO #350740 OF 6/30/18 JEWELRY AND NON JEWELRY ITEMS.

#165587

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, DORINE BENNETT VS. KEIOSHA DARRELL WILLIAMS, ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: SOLOMON ROSENGARTEN, 1704 AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11230. PURSUANT TO AN ORDER DATED APRIL 26, 2018, DIRECTING A PARTITION AND SALE OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY, I, THE UNDERSIGNED REFEREE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER AT THE KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, ROOM 224, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NY ON JANUARY 10, 2019 AT 2:30 P.M. PREMISES IN BROOKLYN, N.Y. AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, IN THE COUNTY OF KINGS, STATE OF NEW YORK; BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE EASTERLY SIDE OF ARGYLE ROAD DISTANT 165 FEET 5 3/4 INCHES SOUTHERLY FROM THE CORNER FORMED BY THE INTERSECTION OF THE SAID EASTERLY SIDE OF ARGYLE ROAD WITH THE SOUTHERLY SIDE OF DITMAS AVENUE; RUNNING THENCE EASTERLY PARALLEL WITH ARGYLE ROAD, 100 FEET; THENCE SOUTHERLY PARALLEL WITH ARGYLE ROAD, 40 FEET THENCE WESTERLY AGAIN AT RIGHT ANGLES TO ARGYLE ROAD, 100 FEET TO THE EASTERLY SIDE OF ARGYLE ROAD AFORESAID; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE SAID EASTERLY SIDE OF ARGYLE ROAD, 40 FEET TO THE POINT OR PLACE OF BEGINNING. PREMISES KNOWN AS 551 ARGYLE ROAD, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK. ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK, BLOCK 5199 AND LOT 54. SOLD SUBJECT TO ALL OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS CONTAINED IN THE TERMS OF SALE. INDEX NO. 53775/2015 JOSEPH R. VASILE, ESQ. REFEREE.

#165568

Judge Love Sworn-in To Supreme Bench

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Throughout his life and career in Queens, Love has felt a sense a community, he told the *Eagle* in an October interview.

“As big as Queens is, on certain levels it still seems like a small town or community,” Love told the *Eagle*. “You see a lot of familiar faces, especially with the attorneys involved on either side of cases and the court personnel.”

As a Supreme Court

justice, Love will continue to deliver fair justice in his new role, he said.

“I’d like to think that people at this point, no matter their background, feel they’re getting a fair shake and understanding the process and getting opportunities to have their cases heard on the merits,” he said. “One of the nice things about Queens is there’s a comfort level that when you go into court you’re going to get your case heard fairly.”



Judge Larry Love was sworn in as a Supreme Court justice on Monday. Photo courtesy of Queens Civil Court



Judge Larry Love receives his robe during his induction to the Queens County Supreme Court on Monday afternoon. *Eagle* photo by Andy Katz

Revamped Roadway Becomes ‘Boulevard of Death’ Once More



In May 2017, Mayor Bill de Blasio visited Queens Boulevard to announce that there had been zero pedestrian deaths on the roadway in two years. Photo via nyc.gov

**TO SUBMIT
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By David Brand
Queens Daily Eagle

Despite a concerted effort by the city to improve safety conditions on Queens Boulevard, the busy roadway became the “Boulevard of Death” again on Monday after a driver struck and killed a woman.

Elmhurst resident Yimei Gao, 73, died after a man driving a 2017 Kia SUV westbound near 56th Avenue plowed into her at roughly 6:22 a.m., police said.

The unidentified driver, 38, remained on the scene and

was not arrested, police said. Gao was pronounced dead at Elmhurst Hospital.

“A tragic loss of life on Queens Boulevard this morning,” de Blasio said in a Twitter statement. “Vision Zero has achieved a lot, but there is so much work ahead to keep people safe on our streets. 2019 will bring more enforcement, more street redesigns and more education.”

For years, Queens Boulevard was known as the “Boulevard of Death” because of the high rate of traffic

deaths. Since 1990, at least 186 people — including 138 pedestrians — were killed along Queens Boulevard, The New York Times reported last year. In 1997 alone, 18 pedestrians were killed.

In 2014, the city embarked on a large-scale project to revamp the roadway, starting with a 2.5 mile stretch through Woodside and Elmhurst.

The Department of Transportation added more crosswalks and expanded medians to Queens Boulevard.

In May 2017, de Blasio visited Queens Boulevard to

mark more than two years without a pedestrian death and to announce the next phase of the Vision Zero plan on a 1.3-mile stretch between Eliot Avenue and Yellowstone Boulevard.

“Queens Boulevard offers the best and most dramatic proof that our efforts at Vision Zero are working,” de Blasio said. “What was once a ‘Boulevard of Death’ is no longer -- as pedestrians, cyclists and motorists all have become accustomed to enjoying a more vital, welcoming and safe street.



Our World In Pictures

MADAGASCAR — Vendors Wait for Customers: Banana street vendors sell their wares in Antananarivo yesterday.

AP Photo/Themba Hadebe



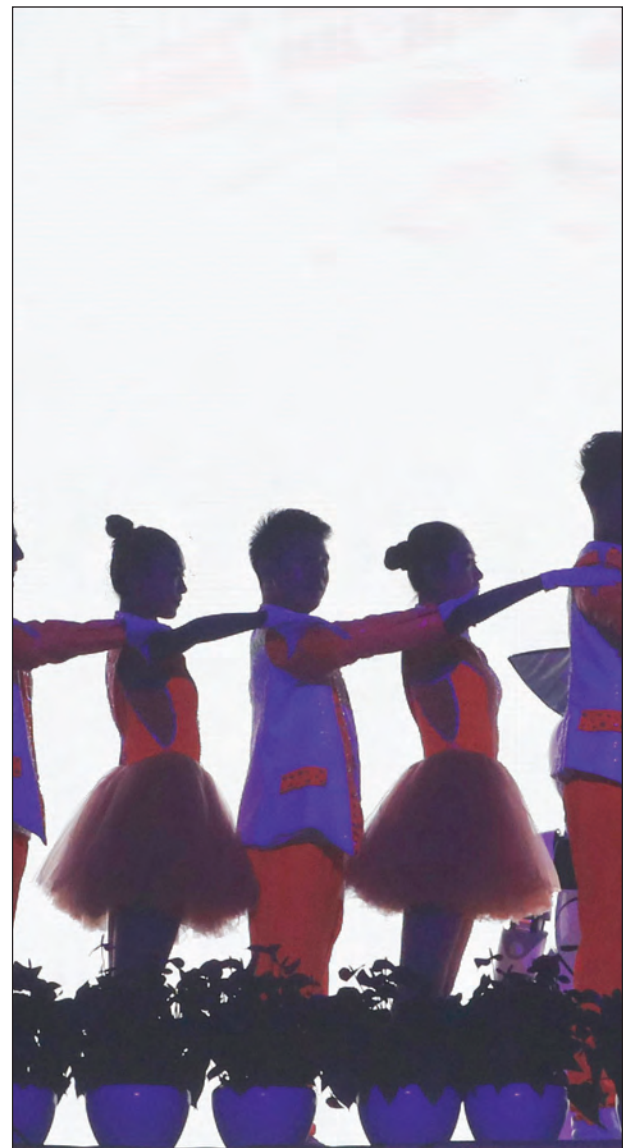
KASHMIR — Police Officers Patrol During Protest: Indian policemen guard as a Kashmiri boy walks past during a clash with Kashmiri protesters attempting to march to an Indian military base in Srinagar yesterday. Armed soldiers and police fanned out across much of Kashmir to enforce a security lockdown for a second straight day to stop anti-India protests and foil a call by separatists for a public march toward India's main military garrison in the disputed region.

AP Photo/Mukhtar Khan



ITALY — Opening the World Cup: In this Sunday photo, Italian Airforce Freccie Tricolori aerobatic team perform before the start of second run of the men's World Cup Giant Slalom in Alta Badia.

AP Photo/Marco Trovati



CHINA — Dancers Perform: Chinese dancers perform during the closing ceremonies of the 14th FINA World Swimming Championships in Hangzhou on Sunday.

AP Photo/Ng Han\ Guan



Our World In Pictures

THAILAND — Crowning the New Miss Universe: Contestants congratulate Miss Universe Catriona Gray (center) of the Philippines during the final round of 67th Miss Universe competition in Bangkok yesterday.

AP Photo/Gemunu Amarasinghe



FRANCE — Police Brace for More Protests: Activists dressed like Marianne, the symbol of the French Republic, face riot police officers during a yellow vests protest Saturday in Paris. A strong police presence deployed in Paris for planned demonstrations by the “yellow vest” protesters, with authorities repeating calls for calm after protests in previous weekends turned violent.

AP Photo/Kamil Zihnioglu



NEW YORK — Boxers Fight it Out: Mexico’s Canelo Alvarez (right) punches England’s Rocky Fielding during the second round of a WBA super middleweight championship boxing match on Saturday. Alvarez stopped Fielding in the third round.

AP Photo/Frank Franklin II



SRI LANKA — Prime Minister Is Reappointed: Sri Lanka’s reinstated Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe (center) is surrounded by his loyal lawmakers and supporters as he speaks after assuming duties in Colombo on Sunday. The nation’s president has reappointed Wickremesinghe as prime minister, nearly two months after firing him and setting off weeks of political stalemate.

AP Photo/Eranga Jayawardena

Brooklyn Author's Novel Is the Most In-Demand Book At NYC Libraries

By Raanan Geberer
BQ Daily Eagle

Brooklyn novelist Jennifer Egan's "Manhattan Beach," a historical tale set in the Brooklyn Navy Yard, Brooklyn College and the book's namesake upscale waterfront neighborhood itself, has topped the list of checked-out adult titles at New York City's libraries this year.

The book was already chosen by city residents for the 2018 "One Book, One New York" program, according to the *Wall Street Journal*. In addition, Scribner, the novel's publisher, gave 1,500 free copies to the city's three library systems — New York Public Library, Brooklyn Public Library and Queens Library.

In an interview with the *Journal*, Egan said she was grateful for the honor, "especially for this book because I was so dependent on the library for my research."

Other books on the list include Michael Wolff's "Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House," one of many books on President Donald Trump to come out this year; J.D. Vance's memoir, "Hillbilly Elegy;" and, in the case of Queens, Kaplan Publishing's review book for the TASC high school equivalency test.



Jennifer Egan, seen at left during this year's Brooklyn Book Festival, is the author of "Manhattan Beach." The novelist at right is Tayari Jones, who wrote "An American Marriage." *Eagle file photo by Lore Croghan*

With a Limited On-Screen Presence, Autistic Characters Have Emerged in Another Medium: Fan Fiction

By Jonathan Alexander
The Conversation

In one Harry Potter fan fiction story, Hermione Granger anxiously awaits the results from a recent test.

It isn't her performance on an exam in a potions course that she's concerned about. Instead, the higher-ups at Hogwarts had ordered she undergo some psychological tests. They had noticed how quickly she talked, along with her nervous ticks.

Hermione eventually sees the results: "I stared at my parents, blinking my eyes. I knew the results would be here today, but I didn't think the outcome would be like this. Asperger, the paper said."

In this piece of fan fiction, Hermione Granger has been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder.

As scholars of fan fiction and young adult literature, we started noticing how some fan fiction authors were incorporating autism into their stories — sometimes through new characters and other times by rewriting existing ones.

Since then we've been collecting and analyzing fan fictions in which young writers have created characters with autism.

These amateur writers seem to be eager to create the kinds of characters they aren't regularly seeing in the media. The Harry Potter universe, in particular, has emerged as a popular setting.

The Importance of Autistic Characters

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately one in 59 children is diagnosed with autism, a word that covers a spectrum of conditions that psychologists refer to as autism spectrum disorder.

How autism manifests can vary greatly from person to person. Some experience significant disability, while others experience milder forms of cognitive difference and social discomfort.

But one thing is clear: Diagnoses have in-

creased in the past 20 years, with the National Autism Association identifying autism as the "fastest growing development disorder."

At the same time — outside of a couple of notable examples, like Dustin Hoffman's character in "Rain Man" and Julia from "Sesame Street" — there continues to be a dearth of autistic characters in books, television shows and films.

Yet these media portrayals are extremely important: Accurate portrayals of autism can help people understand the complexities of this condition. Nonexistent depictions — not to mention misleading ones — foster misinformation and bias.

In 2015, Sonya Freeman Loftis, an assistant professor of English at Morehouse College, published "Imagining Autism: Fiction and Stereotypes on the Spectrum," one of the few academic studies to take up the representation of autism in fiction.

Loftis critiques stereotypical depictions of autism in a range of fictional narratives, such as the character of Lennie in Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men," a figure whose disability is linked to sexual violence.

But she also points out that positive representations of autism spectrum disorder can actually highlight some of the strengths that those with autism possess: attention to detail, high levels of concentration, forthrightness, dedication and strong memory skills.

Activists and scholars like Loftis have argued that people diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder should be more justly and accurately understood as "neurodiverse": If neurological faculties exist on a continuum, theirs could simply be thought of as "different" from the statistical norm.

Young Writers Take the Lead

If major studios and publishing companies express little interest in telling stories about people with autism, who can fill the void?

Fan fictions and other forms of do-it-yourself

media-making are an outlet for people to explore issues that are often missing from mass market and popular entertainment.

Some of the most famous examples from fan fiction take place in the Star Trek universe, particularly those that imagine a gay relationship between Captain Kirk and Mr. Spock. In doing so, fans were able to integrate queer plots and themes into Gene Roddenberry's science fiction universe at a time when few gay relationships were appearing on TV.

Given the paucity of mass media representation of autism, we wondered if young people might be using fan fiction to explore this complex topic.

Beginning in 2016 — and working with University of California, Irvine graduate student Vicky Chen — we started analyzing the writings that have appeared on a hugely popular fan fiction clearinghouse.

After selecting for categories such as "neurodiverse" and "differabilities," we noticed that a number of stories set in the Harry Potter universe seemed to have autistic or neurodiverse characters. We collected and coded these stories, and are set to publish our findings in a forthcoming essay in the *Journal of Literacy Research*.

Most of the stories were written by young people who have siblings, relatives or friends with autism spectrum disorder. We concluded that, while some of these characters occasionally slip into stereotypes, most of them affirm the ability of people with autism spectrum disorder to confront bigotry and speak about their own conditions.

By extension, the stories promote an understanding of autism as something that isn't scary or horrific.

In one story, for instance, the writer creates a new character, Albus Potter, the son of Harry Potter, who is autistic and newly enrolled in Hogwarts. In the story, Albus initially has difficulty forming relationships. But he ultimately finds

friends in houses as diverse as Gryffindor and Slytherin.

His overprotective mother tries to shield him from ridicule by students and even some biased faculty. But she's challenged by others, including her husband, who suggests that "Albus can do a great many things that people have said he couldn't."

The 'Magic' of Autism

Why the Harry Potter universe?

We reasoned that many of these young writers are still in school and likely huge fans of Harry Potter, so the choice of Hogwarts as a common setting isn't surprising.

But many of the young authors also linked autism to a kind of "magic" or ability that could be understood at Hogwarts as special — even advantageous — in ways that "muggles," or normal people, wouldn't see. In all of the stories we analyzed, everyone with autism also has magical abilities.

In other cases, autism isn't depicted as an impairment or a challenge to overcome. Instead, it simply appears as a "difference" — a portrayal that's aligned with the goals of those who argue that autism should be thought of as a form of neurodiversity, not as an illness or disability.

Perhaps most significantly, this research points to the ways in which young people can craft complex representations of autism that the media shies away from.

We can't say when positive representations of autism will move from fandom to the mainstream.

But until then, these young writers are quietly doing the work to help dispel stereotypes and generate understanding — perhaps even appreciation.

The Conversation is an independent and non-profit source of news, analysis and commentary from academic experts.

2ND DEPARTMENT / New Business Formations

11201 DAUGHTERS OF DEBORAH LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: DAUGHTERS OF DEBORAH LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 08/21/2018. NY OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. THE POST OFFICE ADDRESS TO WHICH THE SSNY SHALL MAIL A COPY OF ANY PROCESS AGAINST THE LLC SERVED UPON HIM/HER IS SIMMONA YOUNG 33 BOND STREET PH01 BROOKLYN, NY, 11201. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

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11203 GOG CLEANING SERVICES LLC

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11210 TAKE CHARGE NEGOTIATIONS, LLC

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#165441

11211 BEN ROSENBLUM STUDIO ARCHITECTURE PLLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (PLLC). NAME: BEN ROSENBLUM STUDIO ARCHITECTURE PLLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 9/21/2018. NY OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE PLLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. THE POST OFFICE ADDRESS TO WHICH THE SSNY SHALL MAIL A COPY OF ANY PROCESS AGAINST THE PLLC SERVED UPON HIM/HER IS THE LLC 59 POWERS STREET, UNIT 1 BROOKLYN, NY 11211. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF PLLC: FOR THE PROFESSION OF ARCHITECTURE.

#165563

11213 942 NEW YORK AVENUE NGHG, LLC

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11215 RETIREMENT PLAN CONSULTING LLC

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FINBACK BROOKLYN LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: FINBACK BROOKLYN LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 9/10/2018. NY OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. THE POST OFFICE ADDRESS TO WHICH THE SSNY SHALL MAIL A COPY OF ANY PROCESS AGAINST THE LLC SERVED UPON HIM/HER IS BASIL LEE, 493 18TH STREET #3 BROOKLYN, NY, 11215. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

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11217 SOUL FULL WORKS LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: SOUL FULL WORKS LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 8/29/2018. NY OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. THE POST OFFICE ADDRESS TO WHICH THE SSNY SHALL MAIL A COPY OF ANY PROCESS AGAINST THE LLC SERVED UPON HIM/HER IS SOUL FULL WORKS LLC, 585 WARREN ST. #2 BROOKLYN, NY, 11217. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

#165853

11219 JFES FUNDING LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: JFES FUNDING LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 08/20/2018. NY OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. THE POST OFFICE ADDRESS TO WHICH THE SSNY SHALL MAIL A COPY OF ANY PROCESS AGAINST THE LLC SERVED UPON HIM/HER IS JFES FUNDING LLC 1367 47TH ST BROOKLYN, NY, 11219. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

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11225 EMPRESS CHATEAU LLC

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11226 QSOF GLOBAL LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: QSOF GLOBAL LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 07/19/2018. NY OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. THE POST OFFICE ADDRESS TO WHICH THE SSNY SHALL MAIL A COPY OF ANY PROCESS AGAINST THE LLC SERVED UPON HIM/HER IS TIESHA HOOD 726 OCEAN AVENUE, APT. 34 BROOKLYN, NY, 11226. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

#165152

11228 PROLOG, LLC

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF PROLOG, LLC, A FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY FILED WITH SECY. OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 7/17/2018. LLC ORGANIZED IN DE ON MARCH 14, 2018. NY OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS COUNTY. SSNY DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL COPY OF PROCESS TO: C/O UNITED STATES CORPORATION AGENTS, INC., 7014 13TH AVENUE, SUITE 202 BROOKLYN, NY, 11228. OFFICE ADDRESS IN JURISDICTION OF ORGANIZATION: 300 DELAWARE AVE SUITE 210-A, WILMINGTON, DE, 19801. COPY OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION ON FILE WITH SECY. OF STATE OF DE, DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS JOHN G. TOWNSEND BLDG. 401 FEDERAL STREET, - SUITE 4 DOVER DE 19901. PURPOSE OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

#165369

11231 CRUST MEDIA LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: CRUST MEDIA LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 11/23/2018. NY OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. THE POST OFFICE ADDRESS TO WHICH THE SSNY SHALL MAIL A COPY OF ANY PROCESS AGAINST THE LLC SERVED UPON HIM/HER IS JEFFREY CLOSE 431 CLINTON ST APT 2 BROOKLYN, NY, 11231. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

#165834

11232 ALCHEMY NUTRITION AND WELLNESS, LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: ALCHEMY NUTRITION AND WELLNESS, LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 7/16/2018. NY OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. THE POST OFFICE ADDRESS TO WHICH THE SSNY SHALL MAIL A COPY OF ANY PROCESS AGAINST THE LLC SERVED UPON HIM/HER IS JESSICA FOX, 159 25TH STREET BROOKLYN, NY, 11232. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

#165708

11233 CBD MAMA BOX LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: CBD MAMA BOX LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 11/20/2018. NY OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. THE POST OFFICE ADDRESS TO WHICH THE SSNY SHALL MAIL A COPY OF ANY PROCESS AGAINST THE LLC SERVED UPON HIM/HER IS CBD MAMA BOX LLC, 415 HALSEY STREET #1 BROOKLYN, NY, 11233. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

#165688

11237 GERALUZ LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: GERALUZ LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 09/05/2018. NY OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. THE POST OFFICE ADDRESS TO WHICH THE SSNY SHALL MAIL A COPY OF ANY PROCESS AGAINST THE LLC SERVED UPON HIM/HER IS GERALUZ LLC 1609 DEKALB AVE. 2D BROOKLYN, NY, 11237. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

#164996

BOOST MANAGEMENT LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: BOOST MANAGEMENT LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 11/27/2018. NY OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. THE POST OFFICE ADDRESS TO WHICH THE SSNY SHALL MAIL A COPY OF ANY PROCESS AGAINST THE LLC SERVED UPON HIM/HER IS BOOST MANAGEMENT LLC 116 ST. NICHOLAS AVENUE BROOKLYN, NY, 11237. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

#165705

11238 PHILOSOPHER ENTERTAINMENT LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: PHILOSOPHER ENTERTAINMENT LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 6/25/2018. NY OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. THE POST OFFICE ADDRESS TO WHICH THE SSNY SHALL MAIL A COPY OF ANY PROCESS AGAINST THE LLC SERVED UPON HIM/HER IS PHILOSOPHER ENTERTAINMENT LLC, 595 FRANKLIN AVE. APARTMENT 3L BROOKLYN, NY, 11238. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

#165010

ELEPHANT IDEAS LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: ELEPHANT IDEAS LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 9/5/2018. NY OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. THE POST OFFICE ADDRESS TO WHICH THE SSNY SHALL MAIL A COPY OF ANY PROCESS AGAINST THE LLC SERVED UPON HIM/HER IS ELEPHANT IDEAS LLC, 400 LINCOLN PLACE, APT. 3D, BROOKLYN, NY, 11238. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

#164968

11249 ISO VENTURES LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: ISO VENTURES LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 10/22/2018. NY OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. THE POST OFFICE ADDRESS TO WHICH THE SSNY SHALL MAIL A COPY OF ANY PROCESS AGAINST THE LLC SERVED UPON HIM/HER IS ISO VENTURES LLC, 1 NORTH 4TH PLACE 25A BROOKLYN, NY, 11249. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

#165371

MYBESTJUDY LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: MYBESTJUDY LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 10/18/2018. NY OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. THE POST OFFICE ADDRESS TO WHICH THE SSNY SHALL MAIL A COPY OF ANY PROCESS AGAINST THE LLC SERVED UPON HIM/HER IS MYBESTJUDY LLC, 111 KENT AVE., APT. 1G, BROOKLYN, NY, 11249. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

#165667

838 PROPERTY LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF 838 PROPERTY LLC ARTICLE OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE (SSNY) ON 06/18/2018. OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS COUNTY. SSNY DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL COPY OF PROCESS TO: 834 57TH STREET BSMT, BROOKLYN, NY 11220. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL ACTIVITY.

#164539

MODAFOURTH LLC

MODAFOURTH LLC, ARTS. OF ORG. FILED WITH THE SSNY ON 11/02/2018. OFFICE LOC: KINGS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST THE LLC MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO: THE LLC, 32 COURT STREET, PENTHOUSE, BROOKLYN, NY 11201. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

#165012

THE BLUE ARROW LLC

THE BLUE ARROW LLC ART. OF ORG. FILED SEC. OF STATE OF NY 10/23/2018. OFF. LOC. : KINGS CO. SSNY DESIGNATED AS AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. SSNY TO MAIL COPY OF PROCESS TO THE LLC, 246 DEKALB AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11205. PURPOSE : ANY LAWFUL ACT OR ACTIVITY.

#165017

DIAMOND GLOBAL ENTERPRISES LLC

DIAMOND GLOBAL ENTERPRISES LLC. ARTS. OF ORG. FILED WITH THE SSNY ON 08/24/18. OFFICE: KINGS COUNTY. SSNY DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL COPY OF PROCESS TO THE LLC, 211 41ST STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11232. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

#165020

1236 HALSEY LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF 1236 HALSEY LLC, ART. OF ORG. FILED WITH THE SSNY ON 10/18/2018. OFFICE LOCATED IN KINGS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS. SSNY SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO 1236 HALSEY LLC, 1202 HALSEY STREET BROOKLYN NY 11207. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

#165019

ANALAIGH DOCHAS LLC

ANALAIGH DOCHAS LLC WITH SSNY ON 11/06/18. OFFICE: KINGS. SSNY DESG AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: 442 STERLING PLACE #18, BROOKLYN, NY, 11238. ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

#165038

CRITICAL CARE MEDIA, LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF CRITICAL CARE MEDIA, LLC ARTS. OF ORG. FILED WITH SECY. OF STATE OF NY (SSNY) ON 10/18/18. OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS COUNTY. SSNY DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO KYOUNG PARK, 645 E. 26TH ST., APT. 4K, BROOKLYN, NY 11210. PURPOSE: INCUBATE, DEVELOP AND PRODUCE NEW ARTS AND MEDIA FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE BY UNDERREPRESENTED VOICES IN THE MAINSTREAM.

#165039

GLOW CONFIDENTLY LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF GLOW CONFIDENTLY LLC ARTS. OF ORG. FILED WITH SECY. OF STATE OF NY (SSNY) ON 11/02/18. OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS COUNTY. SSNY DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO ALSTON & BIRD LLP C/O MATTHEW W. MAMAK, ESQ., 90 PARK AVE., NY, NY 10016. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL ACTIVITY.

#165041

BASE BUILDER LLC

NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF BASE BUILDER LLC APPL. FOR AUTH. FILED WITH SECY. OF STATE OF NY (SSNY) ON 11/02/18. OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS COUNTY. LLC FORMED IN MINNESOTA (MN) ON 03/14/14. PRINC. OFFICE OF LLC: ONE METROTECH CENTER N., 11TH FL., BROOKLYN, NY 11201. SSNY DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO C/O CORPORATION SERVICE CO., 80 STATE ST., ALBANY, NY 12207-2543. MN ADDR. OF LLC: 3126 OAKLAND AVE. S, MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55407. CERT. OF FORM. FILED WITH SECY. OF STATE, 60 EMPIRE DR., STE. 100, ST. PAUL, MN 55103. PURPOSE: PROVIDES FIELD CANVAS RESOURCES TO NON-PROFIT GROUPS.

#165043

LUXURY ON AIR LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION: LUXURY ON AIR LLC. ARTS. OF ORG. FILED WITH NY SECY. OF STATE (SSNY) ON 01/08/2016. OFFICE: KINGS COUNTY. SSNY DESIGN. AGENT OF LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED AND SHALL MAIL COPY TO: 126 HEWES STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11211. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL ACTIVITY.

#165036

SIGNATURE ALLURE LHCSA, LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION: SIGNATURE ALLURE LHCSA, LLC. ARTS. OF ORG. FILED WITH NY SECY. OF STATE (SSNY) ON 11/01/2018. OFFICE: KINGS COUNTY. SSNY DESIGN. AGENT OF LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED AND SHALL MAIL COPY TO: 631 FOSTER AVE, BROOKLYN, NY 11236. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL ACTIVITY.

#165035

SIGNATURE ALLURE HOLDINGS, LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION: SIGNATURE ALLURE HOLDINGS, LLC. ARTS. OF ORG. FILED WITH NY SECY. OF STATE (SSNY) ON 09/17/2018. OFFICE: KINGS COUNTY. SSNY DESIGN. AGENT OF LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED AND SHALL MAIL COPY TO: 631 FOSTER AVE, BROOKLYN, NY 11230. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL ACTIVITY.

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Now and Then: Montague Street

Sleepy Burglar or Drunkard?

(As reported in the Brooklyn Eagle in the winter of 1894.)

"Previous to retiring last night Dr. J.D. Rushmore of 129 Montague St. locked a stranger in his cellar. Of course the doctor knew nothing of the intruder's presence, and he slept peacefully all night in consequence. So did the other members of the family and the servants. The cook was careless enough to leave her pocketbook containing quite a large sum of money on the kitchen table before she retired.

"At 6:30 o'clock this morning the kitchen maid went down into the cellar with an empty coal bucket for a fresh supply of coal for the kitchen range. She was advancing to the bin when she encountered the stranger, who, disturbed by her intrusion, sat up on the cellar floor, blinking in the dim light and occasionally rubbing his eyes in wonder.

"The girl did not wait to question him. She ran upstairs screaming loud enough to awaken the entire household. Dr. Rushmore was startled, questioned the girl and was told that there was a burglar in the cellar. He boldly went downstairs to investigate and found the man still there. He had made no effort to escape in the meanwhile and seemed very much surprised and much more alarmed than the doctor. The physician rang for an American district telegraph policeman, and in the interim between the summons and the officer's arrival had a quiet talk with the man downstairs. The intruder said he really had no idea of stealing anything and declared that he could not account for his presence in the doctor's house.

"If I know myself," he said in a wondering way, "I'm William Silliman of Flatlands. I was drunk last night and in town. I don't know how I got in here, but it seems to me that I came through a side door somewhere. I don't remember anything distinctly until I saw your girl with the coal scuttle."

"When the district policeman arrived Dr. Rushmore handed Silliman over to him as a burglar and then made an investigation, which convinced him that the man was not really a thief. The cook's pocketbook lay on the table unmolested. That showed, to begin with, that Silliman had not been prowling around the house. Then he learned that the side door on Henry Street, leading to the doctor's cellar, had been open until a late hour last night. It was evident that Silliman had wandered in there unconscious and had fallen asleep where he was found.

"When the prisoner was arraigned before Justice Walsh this morning he pleaded not guilty and said he was sorry that he disturbed the doctor. He asked the magistrate to send down for any member of the plumbing firm Garvey Bros. on Court Street, who would certify his honesty and general responsibility. Mr. Garvey, who was summoned, recognized Silliman as a man who had worked for him and said he would trust him with millions. Dr. Rushmore was satisfied that Silliman meant no harm and the prisoner, who is 47 years old, was discharged."



This 1915 photo shows the large brick house that used to sit at 129 Montague St. at the corner of Henry Street. For a few decades in the late 19th Century it was the home of Dr. John D. Rushmore, who once had the unpleasant experience of finding an intruder in his home. Later the building would serve in civil and administrative capacities, as the office of the Brooklyn Juvenile Guidance Center and the local draft board during World War II.

NYC Never the Same After Robert Moses



Robert Moses' greatest Brooklyn project was the promenade/BQE, shown here under construction in 1948.

Wikipedia / NYC Parks Archive

Robert Moses was born on Dec. 18, 1888, in New Haven, Connecticut, the son of wealthy German Jews. He graduated from Yale College in 1909, attended Oxford University, and earned a Ph.D. from Columbia University. Governor Alfred E. Smith appointed him in 1924 as president of the state parks council and the Long Island State Park Commission. In that position he is credited with building 9,700 acres of parks on Long Island, including the resort area at Jones Beach, the Northern State Parkway and the Southern Parkway. Mayor Fiorello H. La Guardia appointed him parks commissioner of New York City in 1934. (Moses ran

for governor in 1934 but lost). Moses proved a powerful force in the city government and his accomplishments included refurbishing the Central Park Zoo, building 255 playgrounds, 11 outdoor swimming pools, Orchard Beach Park, Jacob Riis Park, and parkways such as the Interborough and the Laurelton.

Moses headed the authorities that built the Triborough Bridge and Marine Parkway Bridge. Under his command, a circumferential highway network extending from the Henry Hudson Bridge in Manhattan to the Belt Parkway around Brooklyn which was completed in 1940. His plans included building a suspension bridge between the Battery and Brooklyn in 1939, which resulted in the closing down of the New York Aquarium in Battery Park. That attempt failed, but he managed to gain control of a combined Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority and of the Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel.

Moses was appointed by La Guardia to the city's planning commission and his planned post WW II projects included highways, parks, hospitals and housing.

In early 1946, Mayor William O'Dwyer named Moses the city's construction coordinator. Under this authority, he built the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway, as well as highway loops, parking garages and a civic center in downtown Brooklyn. Under his tireless drive and power Moses accomplished many city projects but in some cases it meant sweeping away the romantic decorative old and replacing with sterile plain new. If he had his way, small-scale neighborhood life and historic preservation would all but disappear from the city. Such plans as running automobiles through Washington Square and expressways through Brooklyn Heights did not endear him to a segment of New York population. Moses wasn't particularly popular with Brooklyn baseball fans when he fought so hard and insistently that chosen sites for a stadium to replace Ebbetts were not to be used for such purpose. Moses ultimately resigned as parks commissioner and from the Committee on Slum Clearance. Governor Nelson Rockefeller forced him from his state appointments in 1962, and in 1968 he left his last stronghold, the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority.

He did relieve congestion in Downtown Brooklyn and altogether in his 40 years as a master builder of the city, he had built 13 vehicular spans and gave the city 416 miles of superhighways — more than Los Angeles.

Moses lived at 1 Gracie Terrace in Manhattan from 1939 until his death on July 29, 1981.

Birthdays — December 18

Christina Aguilera, singer, born in Staten Island, N.Y.

Ossie Davis, actor (*Raisin in the Sun*, *Grumpy Old Men*, *Evening Shade*) born in Cogdell, Ga. Davis passed in 2005.

Katie Holmes, actress (*Dawson's Creek*), born in Toledo, Ohio.

Ray Liotta, actor, (*Unforgettable*, *Goodfellas*, *Field of Dreams*, *Something Wild*), born in Newark, N.J.

Leonard Maltin, movie critic, author (*Maltin's TV Movies Video Guide*), born in New York, N.Y.

Charles Oakley, basketball player, born in Cleveland, Ohio.

Brad Pitt, actor (*Interview With the Vampire*, *A River Runs Through It*), born in Shawnee, Okla.

Keith Richards, musician, singer (with The Rolling Stones; *Happy*), born in Dartford, England.

Steven Spielberg, filmmaker (*E.T. The Extra Terrestrial*, *Indiana Jones* movies, *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, *Jurassic Park*, *The Color Purple*, won Oscar for *Schindler's List*), born in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Kiefer Sutherland, actor (*Flatliners*, *A Few Good Men*), born in Los Angeles, Calif.



Ray Liotta

Wikipedia / gdcgraphics



Keith Richards

Wikipedia / Machocarioca

Sick Passenger Alert: No. 7 Train Crammed with Creeps And Thieves

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experience getting groped on a crowded No. 7 train.

"I didn't know what to do and I'm not proud of how I reacted. But it's what happens when we're caught off guard, when we're thrust into survival mode by some piece of shit. I got off the subway 2 minutes later and felt gross the rest of the morning. It could have been a lot worse," Lane wrote.

Pickpockets, aggressive robberies and violent assaults

are also occurring along the No.7 line throughout Queens and Manhattan.

On Nov. 26, during a heated argument a 40-year-old man was punched in the face and head by another straphanger who fled the train at 90th Street station, police said.

A 71-year-old woman realized that her wallet was missing on Nov. 23 when she arrived at the 40th Street/Queens Boulevard station in Sunnyside. An hour after

reporting her wallet stolen, the alleged robber — described as a light-skinned male, with a beard — went on a \$284 shopping spree at Zara and Uniqlo, police said.

On Oct. 29, a 38-year-old man was robbed at gunpoint and the two suspects — a Hispanic man and woman in their 30s — made off with his wallet and cell phone before pushing the victim off the train at the 40th Street/Lowery Street station.

Four teenage girls are

wanted for swiping an iPhone from a 21-year-old woman's bag on Nov. 7 and beating up the victim on the mezzanine of the 42nd Street/Times Square station.

On Sept. 23, as the No. 7 train approached the Main Street station, two men got into an argument with one brandishing a knife and threatening the 23-year-old victim, police said.

While not all alleged crimes are reported to MTA employees or the NYPD, some straphangers are taking to

social media to report possible crime.

On Monday, commuter Isaac L. Gealer alerted the MTA via Twitter that an advertisement featuring a photo of Internet entrepreneur and Reddit co-founder Alexis Ohanian was defaced with swastikas on a Manhattan-bound No. 7 train.

"With subway performance down the drain, that just means increased time spent in the cars. I'd rather not have to stare at hate symbols during my already uncomfortable

commute," Gealer told the *Eagle*.

An employee running the MTA's Twitter account responded to Gealer's notification.

"Our teams take reports like these extremely seriously. We typically isolate the car and then clean the car when it reaches its terminal," the MTA wrote on Twitter in response to the alert. "If we're unable to clean it, we'll discharge the train and send it to a subway yard for cleaning."



The Court Square subway station was crammed with commuters last week.



Photos courtesy of Jeremy Rosenberg

First Lady McCray, DOC Expand Program For Detained Mothers and Kids

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"I am proud to announce that the City's innovative Crafting Family Connections program will continue through 2020," McCray said. "Over the next two years, even more justice-involved families will be able to spend quality time together at the Children's Museum of Manhattan. Our hope is that this program, along with a host of other reforms the Department of Correction

is leading, will help spur greater change — not just in New York City but across the nation."

Across the United States, mothers make up nearly 80 percent of the female prison population and most are single moms, the Vera Institute of Justice reports. Overall, women inmates account for the fastest-growing prison population in the United States.

When a mother is jailed

for a crime, no one is affected more than her children. A child's separation from a parent can have a devastating impact on his or her emotional development.

"No justice system worth the name indulges in counterproductive cruelty, and needlessly isolating children from their mothers is exactly that," said Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer. "This program is a step toward more humane justice



Chirlane McCray accompanied detained mothers and their children at the Children's Museum of Manhattan.
Image via City Hall



The son of a woman currently incarcerated at Rikers Island participates in activities at the Children's Museum of Manhattan on April 30.

Photo by Ed Reed/Mayoral Photography Office

and correctional systems that do less harm to those who are incarcerated, their families, and their communities."

The Crafting Family Connections program is part of a \$6 million investment in initiatives designed to break the cycle of incarceration for women in New York City. Women currently make up 6 percent of the population detained on Rikers Island, the DOC reports.

The other new programs

include efforts to foster family connections, improve behavioral health services and

develop a network of re-entry services, the city said in a statement.



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Feminism Brings Us Closer to the Ideals of the Declaration of Human Rights

By Chaumtoli Huq and
Morgan Moone
Special to the Eagle

The preamble to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) begins with the “recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world.” From this language, we derive the bedrock principle of human rights that rights are inherent to us as persons and cannot be denied. Yet, time and time again, women’s rights are not considered inalienable or inherent to our dignity and are legislated away. An inclusive, global feminist movement is necessary to bring us closer to this principle.

We are still fighting against the arcane notion that women need a reason to exercise autonomy over their bodies; that we must say that a pregnancy was a result of rape or incest indoctrinates the idea that women are not humans worthy of dignity until their physical bodies have been violated. The idea that we must defend our bodily decisions, whether it is about our birth control, our gender identity or its outwardly expression, our decision to work and demand a living wage, to seek adequate medical care and reasonably priced medicines, or to simply demand an end to street harassment, perpetuates the idea that we are not equal members in society.

Many times the denial of our inherent dignity is more subtle. Attacks manifest as disbelief, questioning or denial of our humanity. This year has demonstrated that women’s voices are unheard, like Ashley Loring Heavyrunner who vanished from Montana’s Blackfeet Reservation June 2017, and whose family waited nine months before the FBI investigated. This year has demonstrated that, even when voices are heard, they’re questioned, like Dr. Blasey Ford. It has demonstrated that our bodies are not valued, made excruciatingly clear by



Growing Thunder is a student at the University of Montana and the founder of Save Our Sisters: MMIW Awareness, a group created to raise awareness of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women of the U.S. and Canada.

Photo via Law At The Margins

Cyntoia Brown who is being forced to serve at least 51 years in prison after killing the man who bought and kept her as a sex slave.

The UDHR’s declaration of inalienable rights is not gendered; it does not dictate more rights for cisgender folks or men, or pronounce that women must earn their bodily autonomy. The UDHR includes equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family. No exclusions, no exceptions. The fact that, in reality, some bodies are viewed as more believable in allegations of sexual assault, that some bodies experience less police surveillance, that some bodies are seen as disposable or not worthy is an issue that showcases the compartments that women’s bodies are placed into in order to dehumanize, divide and silence. External conditions are forced upon certain women as justification for removing rights that have been deemed inalienable.

The United States’ Consistent Failure to Protect Women’s Rights

In a previous article, we discussed how the Supreme Court’s decision in *Becerra* jeopardizes Women’s Health. We wrote:

The ability of a woman to receive full, factual and easily attainable information about her reproductive rights is critical in not only receiving proper care, it is paramount to fully participating in social, economic and political life.

The Supreme Court’s decision blatantly defies human rights laws. The consequences of restricting these rights is so significant, the United Nations included lack of access to abortion in their 2013 report on torture and inhuman treatment, noting that denial of abortion care is gender-based abuse.

The organization Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) recognizes that women who have historically been marginalized based on their race, ethnicity or economic status face the most barriers in access to information and, as a result, access to sexual and reproductive health.

Access to information ensures that women can make free, autonomous decisions about not only their bodies, but about their lives and the future of their families.

Recently, Trump sought to eliminate the word “gender” from U.N. human rights documents, and replace it with “woman,” thereby making precarious the lives of gender non-conforming and trans-women.

Cisgender feminists’ failure to include transgender women in #MeToo narratives and fights perpetuates the dominant narrative that white cisgender and straight women are “more likely to be believed, validated, supported and made worthier victims when disclosing abuse and oppression.”

When trans people speak out against their attackers, they face hostility or inappropriate assumptions about gender, bodies and violence.

Indigenous women have spoken up against oppression and violence against them from both outside of their communities and within. The lack of reporting or police response to missing indigenous women is deafening.

When researchers asked 71 U.S. cities for numbers of missing or murdered Native American women, they received silence or incomplete data from 60 percent. Indigenous women disappear “from life, from media and from the data,” perpetuating the systems that allow society to deem these women disposable. Sen. Heitkamp, recently replaced by Rep. Kevin Cramer, applauded a new effort to track missing and unidentified persons, Savanna’s Bill, which just passed the U.S. Senate and would require the U.S. Department of Justice to consult with Native tribes while developing national law enforcement and justice guidelines.

Security and integrity of our persons and livelihood is critical in achieving economic equality and an adequate standard of living. When our physical bodies are threatened, our economic and financial bodies suffer. Understanding that economic justice is inherently and undeniably linked to gender is critical when addressing social and economic policies designed to promote development and success for the masses. Without addressing the precarious position of women, the economy will not thrive. Without addressing the need for bodily autonomy, the efforts put in place to achieve living wages, social security and collective bargaining will be hollow.

Universal Failure to Protect Women’s Rights

Outside of the United States, women’s rights are continually denied. Access to education is routinely infringed upon either from external forces such as war, or as a result of stigma or lack of hygiene products for menstruating individuals; child marriage, FGM and marital rape occur at staggering rates; and gender equality initiatives have seen unprecedented pushback. United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) highlights that gender-based violence against women and girls is one of the most prevalent human rights violations in the world and estimates that one in three women will experience physical or sexual abuse in her lifetime.

In “Remembering Women in Rohingya Genocide,” Shahana Hanif writes:

“For women and girls, who make up over 60% of the Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, escaping military violence also means escaping the trauma of sexual violence and rape at the hands of the army. Women’s bodies as a genocidal weapon requires a deeper investigation to understand the gendered implications of war and ethnic cleansings. Inflicting violence that leads to degradation and shame on women’s bodies, further deeming them disposable, has directly aided the ethnic cleansing of the Rohingya.”

These methods of genocidal, cultural cleansing have shown up time and time again: systematic rape is “often used as a weapon of war in ‘ethnic cleansing,’” with reports of GBV in Cambodia, Cyprus, Haiti, Uganda and beyond. Multiple reports have described Uighur women being forced to marry Han Chinese, a method of cultural cleansing.

United Nations Population Fund Palestine has documented the gender based violence against Palestinian women. According to Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) 2011 Violence Survey, an average of 37 percent of women are victims of GBV in Palestine; in the Gaza Strip, this percentage increases to 51 percent. Women in Palestine face multiple layers of violence and discrimination. This high rate of violence is attributed in part to occupation. Palestinian women, whose movement is already restricted by Israeli occupation, face additional hardships in seeking refuge from abusive husbands, boyfriends or partners. The humanitarian crisis compounds GBV and exacerbates discrepancies in educational, medical and economic access and opportunities.

Human Rights are Feminist

There is a growing demand and necessity to reframe our struggles in the broader, macro level framework of human rights. Early history of Universal Declaration of Human Rights reveals that non-Western women from newly independent countries such as India, Pakistan and the Dominican Republic were instrumental in its drafting and insisting that rights be predicated on human rights. Thus, feminist goals were in fact embedded in the conception of human rights, even though we have not been able to achieve women’s rights in practice.

“Women’s rights are human rights” started well before Hillary Clinton’s speech in 1995. The Center for Women’s Global Leadership (CWLG) was deeply involved in the buildup towards the Vienna Conference on Human Rights in 1993. CWGL, after the first 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence Campaign, called on the United Nations to place women’s human rights on the agenda for the Vienna conference. This was the first concerted effort to place women’s rights back within the larger foundation of human rights.

It is not enough for us to rest on the words of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. We must demand accountability and radical restructuring of how women, femmes and gender non-conforming individuals move in a world dominated by patriarchy and, not just inequality, but active disenfranchisement. We must understand our natural rights as humans are inherent, we have capacity to reason, and we demand justice. The only way we can hold human rights to its ideals is through a global, inclusive unapologetic feminist movement. Let us remember that failing to take a feminist agenda in pursuing human rights fails to change the power structures that continuously oppress women.

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Queens Village Man Gets 30 Years For Killing Convenience Store Clerk



Jermaine Jackson killed a clerk while robbing AL Mini Market in Valley Stream, Long Island. Jackson was sentenced to 30 years in prison Monday.

Photo via Google Maps

By Jonathan Sperling
Queens Daily Eagle

A cold-blooded robber who murdered a Long Island convenience store clerk was sentenced to 30 years in prison for his crimes, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York announced yesterday.

Queens Village resident Jermaine Jackson, 25, and another man entered AL Mini Market in Valley Stream — just blocks away from the Queens border — on Dec. 16, 2016 wearing masks and threatening the cashier with a semi-automatic handgun. While Jackson held the store's employees at gunpoint, his co-conspirator went about taking money from the cash register.

Store employee Edwin Lopez grabbed a bottle in an attempt to resist the two robbers but was shot once by Jackson. When Jackson tried leaving the store, Lopez gave

chase, at which point Jackson shot him several more times, killing him. The two robbers fled the store empty-handed.

Lopez left behind a wife and teenage daughter.

"Jackson senselessly murdered a hard-working man who was just trying to support his wife and teenage daughter. While this sentence cannot return Mr. Lopez to his family and community, it will ensure that others will be protected from Jackson for decades to come and it will make other criminals think twice before taking a life," said U.S. Attorney Richard P. Donoghue. "It is my hope that today's sentence brings some measure of closure for the Lopez family."

U.S. District Judge Sandra J. Feuerstein handed down the 365-month sentence, followed by five years' supervised release. Jackson pled guilty to the murder in December 2017.

"The actions of Mr. Jackson brought an unknowable grief to the Lopez family that will be felt for years to come," stated ATF Special Agent-in-Charge Ashan Benedict. "Today's sentence provides some semblance of closure to a family that never deserved to be touched by this senseless violence. May Mr. Jackson spend every minute of his sentence pondering his grievous actions and the toll they took on an innocent family. I would like to thank our partners in the NCPD and NYPD that stand shoulder to shoulder with ATF in the fight against violent criminals like Mr. Jackson."



Mets pitcher Noah Syndergaard is the namesake of Syndergaard, a horse who won at Aqueduct Saturday.

Photo by Arthur Pardavila III

Mets-Inspired Ponies Win at Aqueduct

The Associated Press

Things are looking up for the New York Mets — at least at the local horse racing track.

Two thoroughbreds with names riffing on the baseball team were winners Saturday at Aqueduct Racetrack in South Ozone Park.

Letzgometz won the fourth race, covering six

furlongs in 1:13.

Syndergaard, who shares a name with Mets starting pitcher Noah Syndergaard, won the seventh race, covering the same distance in 1:11.

It was Letzgometz's first win in two races and Syndergaard's third win in 10 starts. Both horses are based

in New York.

Noah Syndergaard finished the 2018 season with 13 wins and 4 losses and a 3.03 earned-run average.

The right-hander, nicknamed "Thor" for his flowing blonde hair, has attracted trade interest in the offseason with the Yankees rumored as a potential destination earlier this month.

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Plan for a Queens Pro Soccer Team Takes Shape

By David Brand
Queens Daily Eagle

The plan to establish a professional soccer team in Queens is starting to take shape and may kick off as soon as 2020, according to sources familiar with the project, soccer writer Chris Kivlehan reported Monday.

start date targeted according to our sources supports that.”

The *Eagle* first reported on the new team in October, days after Councilmember Francisco Moya and Queens Borough President Melinda Katz posed for a photo with Villa at Borough Hall. A tidbit released by Katz’ press team after that meeting suggested

among die-hard soccer fans who had never heard of a proposed “Queensboro Football Club” playing in the United Soccer League, a 33-team professional league that is considered the second-tier of the American soccer pyramid after Major League Soccer.

The proposed club name was first reported by the



Soccer legend David Villa, who plays forward for NYCFC, met with Councilmember Francisco Moya and Queens Borough President Melinda Katz. According to the borough president’s office, the three discussed the future of soccer, including a “proposal to build a 10,000- to 25,000-seat soccer stadium in the Willets Point redevelopment area that would serve as home for the Queensboro Football Club, a proposed new team that would play in the United Soccer League, a second division professional league.

Photo courtesy of Borough Hall

Kivlehan shared the information about the team — which will be partially funded by a company owned by soccer superstar David Villa — with the *Eagle* and wrote about the developments on his website, Midfield Press.

“The David Villa-backed USL Queens project is looking at getting off the ground in 2020, according to sources with knowledge of the group’s plans,” Kivlehan wrote. “The project, spearheaded by David Villa’s DV7 Academy, is focused on getting a soccer specific stadium built in Queens.

Earlier this month, Villa left Major League Soccer’s New York City Football Club, which plays at Yankee Stadium, to join a professional team in Japan. Villa’s departure from NYCFC may free him up to take on higher profile role in the new club’s development.

He has a reported net worth of \$50 million.

“[Queens FC] is not believed to be affiliated with his former club and could in fact be competing with it in some ways,” Kivlehan said. “Some have speculated the project could be announced in the near future, and the 2020

that Queens would get a professional soccer team.

A caption crafted by the press office and sent to media outlets for publication said that Moya, Katz and Villa met to “discuss the future of ‘The Beautiful Game’ in ‘The World’s Borough.’”

“One option that was discussed is a proposal to build a 10,000 to 25,000-seat soccer stadium in the Willets Point redevelopment area that would serve as home for the Queensboro Football Club, a proposed new team that would play in the United Soccer League, a second division professional league,” the statement said.

The proposal for a soccer-specific stadium in Willets Point is nothing new. Katz and Moya even formed a taskforce to study Willets Point stadium proposals in 2017 and Katz reiterated her support earlier this year.

“I have not made it a secret that I support a stadium there,” Katz told *Crain’s* in February. “I think it would be a great thing for the constituents of the borough of Queens.”

But the press statement generated significant attention



David Villa celebrates after scoring a goal for Spanish club Atletico Madrid. Villa now plays for New York City Football Club and met with Councilmember Francisco Moya and Borough President Melinda Katz to talk about a proposed professional soccer team called Queensboro Football Club.

Photo by Carlos Delgado

website SoccerInNYC.com (full disclosure: the site is operated by *Eagle* managing editor David Brand).

Kivlehan said he saw the statement about the proposed Queensboro Football Club on SoccerInNYC.com and dug deeper into the proposal. On Sept. 25, Kivlehan had already reported on rumors of a potential USL team coming to Queens after seeing the photo of Moya, Katz and Villa posted on Katz’ twitter page.

“I had followed up on a rumor I heard last month that Villa’s academy was working to bring a USL team to Queens but was told by a DV7 rep that it wasn’t an active project,” Kivlehan wrote on Twitter on Sept. 25.

In October, Kivlehan searched the domain name QueensboroFC.com and found that it is registered to Bizzy Signals Entertainment, a company owned by producer and TV consultant Michael Cohen, who has produced major soccer coverage for several networks for decades.

“For over 20 years Michael has dedicated himself to enhancing the business and broadcast presentation of soccer on television,” the Bizzy Signals Entertainment website says. “He is a consultant for FOX Sports

and its new FIFA World Cup division, which produced the highest rated soccer show in US viewing history with the 2015 Women’s World Cup.”

Cohen did not respond to multiple voicemails left by the *Eagle* at the number listed on the Bizzy Signals Entertainment website over the past few months.

Discussions about the team seem to be an open secret among the Queens soccer and political community.

In October, a member of the New York Cosmos, which is based in Brooklyn and competes in the National Premier Soccer League, told the *Eagle* he has heard a lot of rumors about the team kicking off in the next couple years. A member of Community Board 7, which includes much of Flushing, also told the *Eagle* he had heard rumblings about the new team — though he had no specifics about a stadium deal.

As of press time, Moya did not respond to request for comment. DV7 has not responded to the *Eagle’s* requests for comment.

That same month, Kivlehan shared more about what he had heard about the soccer club proposal in a post on the NYCFC subreddit.

“I made contact with a

person at DV7 soccer who confirmed to me that it was something they looked at but said it was not currently an active project,” Kivlehan wrote. “This chat was in early Sept. Clearly with Villa, Katz and Moya meeting it indeed appears to be active. I heard stadium was more like 10k. I can’t see them building more than 15k for anything but NYCFC.”

Kivlehan, however, said “a trusted source” had told him about the stadium project and “then a second one who would be in a position to be aware” told him that Villa was involved.

“This guy’s info lines up fairly well with mine but I can’t speak to his additional detail,” Kivlehan said on Reddit. “I also believe the Long Island Rough Riders desire to become NYCFC’s USL D3 affiliate so the pro soccer market in NYC could get a few more players soon.”

Villa’s involvement would not be without precedent. David Beckham leads an ownership group establishing a new MLS club Inter Miami FC and former Chelsea striker and Ivory Coast captain Didier Drogba purchased a stake in USL club Phoenix Rising FC in 2017.

Hevesi Hails NYPD Response To Two Vicious Attacks

By David Brand
Queens Daily Eagle

Following two recent attacks inside his district, state Assemblymember Andrew Hevesi is hailing the NYPD for identifying and arresting the alleged assailants.

In late November, a teenage yeshiva student was walking along 108th Street when he was attacked by dozens of people. The police made two arrests related to the attack but have not deemed it a hate crime.

“I want to thank the NYPD, specifically the 112th Police Precinct and the NYPD Hate Crimes Task Force, for all of their efforts related to the gang violence that occurred on Thursday, November 29, 2018 on 108th street in Rego Park,” Hevesi said. “In that case, the NYPD and Queens District Attorney have determined that the incident does not meet the

legal standards of a hate crime, however, all four perpetrators have been arrested and are being charged with a Gang Assault, a class B Felony in New York State.”

Hevesi also praised the precinct for arresting the man charged with punching a woman and causing her fracture her spine during an anti-gay attack on an E train traveling through Forest Hills.

“Additionally, I would like to thank the detectives and officers of the 112th police precinct, the NYPD the Hate Crimes Task Force, NYPD Transit Bureau District 20, EMS and Queens District Attorney’s office for assisting the victim and the arrest of a suspect who allegedly used hateful slurs during a violent assault on board a westbound E train in Forest Hills,” Hevesi.

“These two incidents serve to remind us that



Assemblymember Andrew Hevesi praised the 112th Precinct for arresting suspects in two violent attacks last month.

Photo courtesy of Andrew Hevesi’s office

acts of violence, regardless of motivation, will not be tolerated in our communities and that we are all privileged to be served and protected

by the finest and most professional police force anywhere in the world, the NYPD,” he continued.