

## QUEENS TODAY

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**A MAN WAS STABBED AFTER A FIGHT** over beer spilled out of the Rego Park bodega where it began, ABC reports. The dispute began around 12:30 a.m. and the victim, who is described as a male in his 20s or 30s, was stabbed in the chest and later pronounced dead. "We were going to the bodega on the corner and we saw him on the ground so everything stopped. We called 911 and assessed him and tried to help him," one eyewitness told ABC. "I put my hands on his chest and tried to stop the bleeding, tried to check for a pulse." Police say no charges were immediately filed, but an employee of the bodega was being questioned. The United Bodegas of America released a statement, asking the public to avoid a rush to judgment: "This is tragic, this is what we were trying to avoid, someone losing their life. We ask the public and the media not to jump to conclusions until NYPD detectives have pieced the puzzle. We are hoping NYPD video tapes will tell the real story of what happened," said Fernando Mateo spokesman for the UBA.

**GUY RIVERA WAS ARRAIGNED TUESDAY** on an indictment charging him with first-degree murder in the fatal shooting of NYPD Detective Jonathan Diller and first-degree attempted murder for attempting to fire at an NYPD sergeant in Far Rockaway on March 25. Rivera, along with co-defendant Lindy Jones, was also indicted on weapon charges. Rivera, 34, whose last known address was in Woodside, faces up to life in prison without the possibility of parole if convicted. He remains in Department of Correction custody and will return to court on July 22. Jones, 41, of Rockaway Beach Boulevard in Edgemere, was arraigned April 16 on charges of criminal possession of a weapon in the second and third degrees. "Detective Diller was shot and killed while trying to rid our streets of illegal weapons, a lawless act that was an affront to a civilized society," said DA Melinda Katz. "His tragic death is a painful reminder that we must never let up in our quest to get these guns and those who use them off of our streets."

**QUEENS ASSEMBLYMEMBER STACEY** Pheffer Amato joined the New Hamilton Beach Civic Association and the Jamaica Bay-Rockaway Park Conservancy at a cleanup at Hamilton Beach Park. Volunteers removed over 1,400 pounds of litter, trash and debris from the park, making a noticeable difference, the lawmakers said. "I am so appreciative of the volunteers who came to make our park and shorelines safe and clean," Pheffer Amato said. "While these cleanups are vital, we must step up our game to teach people you cannot use Hamilton Beach Park, or any park, as a dumping ground."



## Four billion dollars and four years late

### City contract shows Queens jail is over budget and very behind schedule

Construction of the parking garage and community facility expected to be attached to the Queens borough-based jail in Kew Gardens. The city unveiled a \$4 billion construction contract for jail this week that would run through 2031, four years after the 2027 deadline to close Rikers Island.

Eagle file photo by Jacob Kaye

**By Jacob Kaye**  
Queens Daily Eagle

Queens' borough-based jail set to be built in Kew Gardens will cost taxpayers at least \$4 billion and could be completed four years after the city's legally-mandated deadline to close Rikers Island, city records show.

According to a proposed contract between the city and Long Island-based construction company Leon D. Dematteis Construction Corp., the borough-based jail in Queens – one of four set to be built around the city – is potentially running at least four years behind schedule, and may not be completed until 2031.

The city's Department of Citywide Administrative Services is set to have a public hearing

on the proposed contract, which is scheduled to run for 2,692 consecutive calendar days, on Thursday, May 16. It's likely to be finalized after the hearing.

The Queens jail and the jails also set for Brooklyn, the Bronx and Manhattan are supposed to serve as humane alternatives to the city's current jail complex on Rikers Island, which city law requires to be shuttered by August 2027, and where over two dozen people have died since Mayor Eric Adams took office.

However, the proposed contract for the Queens jail – as well as a similar proposed contract for the Bronx jail also released this week – is only the latest indication that the city is barreling toward Rikers' closure deadline without

a plan to house the city's detainees once that deadline comes.

Criminal justice advocates blasted Mayor Eric Adams' administration for the proposed contracts released on Monday. Advocates have long accused the mayor of taking little to no action on the plan to close Rikers and the related borough-based jail program, both of which passed under his predecessor.

"This administration has consistently undermined its legal and moral obligation to close Rikers and complete construction of the borough-based jail system by the mandated deadline of 2027," Darren Mack, the co-director of Freedom Agenda, said in a statement.

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## Legislators try again on parole reform

Advocates and elected officials renewed calls to pass parole reform bills in Albany on Tuesday.

Release aging People in Prison Campaign/Twitter

**By Ryan Schwach**  
Queens Daily Eagle

A major parole reform bill made its way through a State Senate committee on Monday, getting a second chance at life after lagging in Albany's chambers last year.

The Fair and Timely Parole Act, a bill that would reform the state's parole laws, is being pushed again by advocates and lawmakers, despite its failure to come to a vote before the full Senate last year.

The bill, which has been introduced nearly every year since 2017, would alter parole reviews and require the parole board to consider a more holistic view of who a person has become while incarcerated, rather than focusing primarily on the crime they were convicted of. It would make it so detainees before the board would have a presumption of parole unless they posed serious safety concerns. The bill intends to help cut back the number of elderly people inside the state's prison system.

The bill made it through the Senate Crime Victims, Crime, and Correction Committee with a 5-2 vote on Monday and is heading to

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# Fair and Timely Parole approved by committee in another attempt to pass parole reform

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the Senate Finance Committee. Its Assembly equivalent currently sits in the Codes committee.

However, it's current position in the legislative processes is the same spot it ultimately sputtered in during last year's session. The roads are already so identical that the Senate Crime Victims, Crime, and Correction Committee voted the exact same way last year, with the same five legislators in approval and the same two in opposition.

Despite that, advocates and the bill's main sponsors – both of whom represent portions of Queens – remain optimistic that the bill will be passed this year.

"This is a very important step, we of course need to do much more," said State Senator Julia Salazar, who sponsors the bill. "We need to pass it through Finance, we need to get it to the floor, we need to finally pass Fair and Timely Parole."

Salazar pointed to statistics that state that a quarter of the people incarcerated in New York are older adults. The Fair and Timely Parole – as well as the Elder Parole bill, which the bill works in tandem with and that met the same fate last session – would give those a second chance at life, advocates say.

"These are our elders, we need their guidance," said Salazar. "They play a critical role in public safety and improving public safety and in guiding young people in breaking through cycles of violence. But they can only have that opportunity if they are able to go home."

The Elder Parole bill, which has also been introduced a number of times over the last few years, would allow an incarcerated person who is 55-years-old or older and who has served at least 15-years of their sentence to be eligible for an interview with the parole board.

"The committee is called correction, not punishment," said Queens Assemblymember David Weprin, the Fair and Timely Parole bill's Assembly sponsor. "The nature of someone's crime will never change, but the individual can and does change."

Often, Weprin said, it is the case that incarcerated individuals are put in prison at a young age, spending long sentences repeatedly being denied parole due to the crime they committed.



Queens Assemblymember David Weprin expressed hope the bills would pass last year, and is hoping the bills can get passed now before the end of the legislative session. Eagle photo by Ryan Schwach

"So many of our incarcerated brothers and sisters have been there since they're very young, sometimes 18, 19, 20, 21, 17 even," Weprin said. "The person now is not the same person when they made that mistake."

"It's very important to give people a second chance," he added.

The bills also received renewed support from other Queens elected officials.

"I was raised to respect my elders, and yes, that includes elders who have made mistakes," said Senator Jessica Ramos. "We are asking for parole reform so they have opportunities to be considered to return to their communities. I'm a huge supporter of these bills and I'm excited to vote them into law."

Bryant Bell, a formerly incarcerated man who is now a paralegal at the Legal Aid Society, argued that he is an example of why releasing

people who pose no threat to society is beneficial.

"In prison, I taught myself law and I realized social justice means advocating for others," he said. "I was ready to come home before my minimum sentence was up but I served a full eight years after my minimum. I was denied by the parole board again and again and again."

Now, Bell has a bachelor's degree and has started a family, and one day wants to make it to law school.

"We need to pass Elder Parole and Fair and Timely Parole," he said. "We need to do more than that. All the resources put into this system needs to go to other places to support our communities."

Despite their difficulty making their way through Albany, the bills do have support in New York City. In December, the City Council

voted overwhelmingly to support the passage of both complementing bills.

"Extending incarceration longer than necessary has a negative impact on public health and safety, while wasting taxpayer dollars that could be prioritized for effective safety investments," City Council Speaker Adrienne Adams said in a statement in December. "Given that recidivism rates significantly decline for those aging in prison and who've been incarcerated longer, parole decisions should be based on the evidence of what works best for public safety."

Weprin had told the Eagle at this time last year that he felt the bill had momentum.

Though his hope was unfounded last year, he still believes there's a chance the bill makes it through this year, with the legislative session set to end next month.

"We need to get this done this session, in the next couple of weeks," he said.

## City crackdown on smoke shops begins

By Ryan Schwach  
Queens Daily Eagle

What may be the largest battle of New York City's war against smoke shops began on Tuesday, with the launch of the operation to shutter illegal shops following the state's recently granted authority for New York City to do so.

"Operation Padlock to Protect," the city's operation to close smoke shops, began on Tuesday morning with shop raids in all five boroughs, beginning a new level of illegal cannabis enforcement bestowed upon the city in the state's budget.

"Today, our administration is delivering on a promise to shut down unlicensed smoke and cannabis shops, protect our young people, and ensure that the future of legal cannabis burns bright in New York City," said Adams. "Thanks to Governor Kathy Hochul and our partners in the state legislature, New York City is now using the full force of the law across every borough to padlock and protect our streets. Legal cannabis remains the right choice for our city, but to those who choose to break the law — we will shut you down."

The operation saw the city sheriff, NYPD and the Department of Consumer and Worker Protection padlock 20 shops citywide in a simultaneous "Godfather" like action.

Sheriff Anthony Miranda called into the mayor's weekly "off-topic" media availability on Tuesday from a smoke shop in Lower Manhattan. Struggling through technical difficulties, the sheriff reported live from the Court Street smoke shop takedown.

"We have illegal mushrooms, packaging to children, we have cannabis at the shop, illegal cigarettes, pre-rolls — this is a danger location... one block away from church," Miranda said. "They've violated every statute that we have in



New York City Mayor Eric Adams addressed the Sheriff's Department and law enforcement officials as the operation began to shut illegal smoke shops after new authority was granted to the city by the state. Michael Appleton/Mayoral Photography Office

terms of the loopholes and protections that we have."

The mayor said he went out to the shop, and also addressed the smoke shop-closing task force early Tuesday. While holding up a padlock, he called it "a very sophisticated operation."

"We walk around with this lock...[and] our message is clear, we want to close them down and if you're out there we have a lock with your name on it," Adams said.

Closing illegal smoke shops has become a priority for residents and elected officials across the city. The issue has united Republicans and Democrats alike, who have raised concerns about the shops' potential to attract crime and

their flouting of cannabis laws intended to rectify historical racial inequities related to the city's War on Drugs.

"These smoke shops have really become a quality of life issue in our city," Adams said. "In every town hall we attend, this issue comes up over and over again."

Originally, Adams had said he could close all illegal smoke shops within 30 days once the authority from the state hit, but has recently acknowledged that it may be more difficult as stores figure out ways to stay open or open again even after being padlocked.

"We're going to continue to modify as they continue to modify," he said. "These are smart people who are carrying out this illegal action."

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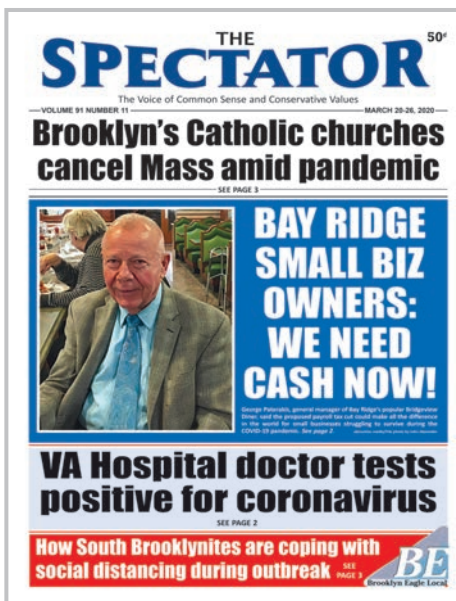
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# Harvey Weinstein jailed in VIP private room inside Bellevue's ICU

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Harvey Weinstein is being kept in a private room inside Bellevue Hospital's Intensive Care Unit on a floor away from all other detainees, THE CITY has learned.

Almost all city detainees with serious medical issues are kept inside the Department of Correction's medical unit on the 19th floor.

But Weinstein currently has his own phone, bathroom, and television — a perk few, if any, other city detainees are afforded — in a different location in the hospital. He spends most of his day watching CNN and other television programs and talking in person or on the phone to Arthur Aidala, the attorney handling his appeal.

The disgraced movie mogul was moved to the Manhattan public hospital hours after he was brought back to Rikers Island on April 27 when an appeals court tossed his 2020 rape conviction.

Weinstein, 72, was transferred to the hospital following complaints of chest pain, according to a jail source familiar with his case.

He has since been diagnosed with pneumonia, and his legal team says he's dealing with a host of other serious medical conditions like constant chest and abdominal pain, another jail insider said.

"He's a sick man," Weinstein attorney Donna Rotunno told THE CITY. "Harvey has multiple health issues and he's never gotten the level of care that he received prior to going into custody."

A former therapist who worked on Rikers questioned why Weinstein has remained in the ICU for so long, noting he's capable of shaving, showering, and moving out of bed.

"He's not supposed to be there," said the clinician who asked to remain anonymous. "It's special treatment."

The city's Correctional Health Services, which oversees medical care for incarcerated people, did not respond to a request seeking comment.

Jail officials briefly tried to move Weinstein to the 19th floor unit last week but he was sent back to his room in the ICU, according to the jail sources.

The former Hollywood powerbroker is also being watched by four correction officers from the department's Emergency Service Unit.



Harvey Weinstein arrives at New York Supreme Court for the first day of his trial, Jan. 6, 2020

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Manuel Luna, 30, was found dead inside a Rikers cell in January.

Credit: Courtesy of Luna Family

A former top jail official questioned why he was being watched by four ESU officers.

"Does he need ESU? No. Could two regular officers watch him? Probably. He's certainly not an escape risk," said Martin Horn, who served as commissioner of the probation and correction departments during the Bloomberg administration.

## Struggles to Properly Treat Detainees

Most high-profile detainees are housed in the department's West Facility on Rikers. The jail was originally built to house people with contagious diseases. It is largely empty and detainees placed there, like former Trump Organization CFO Allen Weisselberg, are typically given their own cells — away from other people locked up.

The city Department of Correction has long struggled to properly treat incarcerated people with complex medical needs. Most are treated at medical clinics located in each of the 10 jail facilities on Rikers.

The Board of Correction, the city jails' oversight body, has repeatedly cited missed medical visits as a key factor in deaths behind bars since Mayor Eric Adams took over in January 2022.

Most recently, on Friday, the board found that a Rikers detainee who died behind bars earlier this year was without a mattress for 18 hours and only got one outside recreation session in 15 days before he was found unresponsive in his cell.

Manuel Luna, 30, was also not brought to a medical clinic to receive methadone eight times from Oct. 25, 2023, through Jan. 12, 2024, according to the Board of Correction.

Luna, who was facing charges of stealing an e-bike, was found unresponsive inside his cell in the George R. Vierno Center on Jan. 19. Known as Panda to his friends, he was moved to that new housing area shortly before his death, the Daily News reported.

The city Medical Examiner has not determined the cause of the death.

Luna was a "loving person" who "always loved to make people laugh," his brother, Angel Luna, told THE CITY.

In jail, he and others are "not being treated like human beings," he said.

"If you can't keep people alive, then close the jail down," he added. "If a bakery can't make bread, you close shop. The same for these jails. You can't keep holding people there. They're killing people, and they're going to keep killing people. There is a trail of bodies left behind by the negligence and abuse."

A Correction Department spokesperson said no officer or supervisor has been disciplined for failing to follow protocol before Luna's death.

As for Weinstein, the spokesperson Annais Morales, said the agency can't comment "on individual medical care."

"Individuals in custody may require extended medical care which would necessitate staying at NYC Health + Hospitals/Bellevue," she added.

Weinstein's situation isn't totally different from those of other detainees in the hospital.

The former movie mogul can eat only hospital food and must wear sweats issued by the jail. He was forced to remove a Yankees baseball hat and sweatshirt, according to one of the jail sources.

His visitors also must first go to the 19th floor to be screened and searched before they are allowed to meet him, the jail insiders said.

But it is still more convenient than the hours-long screening process that takes place on Rikers.

Until last month, Weinstein was incarcerated at the Mohawk Correctional Facility, about 100 miles northwest of Albany. He was moved back to city custody after New York's highest court vacated his conviction, ruling that a trial judge unfairly allowed jurors to see and hear evidence that was not directly related to the charges.

The decision tossed his 23-year prison sentence and called for a retrial.

Weinstein remains in prison because in 2022 he was convicted of another rape in Los Angeles. He was sentenced to 16 years in prison in that case.

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# Supreme Court Reversed Decades of Precedent by Allowing Citizens to Vote in Gerrymandered Districts

By Sam D. Hayes  
The Conversation

For the 2022 midterm elections, the U.S. Supreme Court allowed Alabama to use congressional districts that violated the law and diluted the voting power of Black citizens.

A 5-4 vote by the Supreme Court in February 2022 let Alabama use these illegal districts during the election while the court heard the state's appeal on the case known as *Allen v. Milligan*. In that case, voters had sued Alabama, arguing that its new congressional district map violated the Voting Rights Act by unfairly reducing Black voting power. Only one of seven congressional districts on Alabama's new map had a majority Black population, despite Black residents making up a quarter of the state's population.

The lower federal courts had agreed with the voters who sued and declared Alabama's map illegal, ordering the state to draw a new one.

## Then the Supreme Court intervened.

By June 2023, the Supreme Court ultimately ruled against Alabama. It upheld the requirements of the Voting Rights Act under these circumstances and allowed the lower court case to move forward.

But by then, the votes had been cast in the 2022 elections, and the winners were seated in the U.S. House of Representatives. In November 2022, more than 1 million Americans in Alabama — as well as Louisiana and Georgia — voted in congressional districts that violated the law. Those congressional districts were used to choose political representation for Alabama citizens for the next two years.

The Supreme Court's decision to allow presumptively illegal redistricting maps during the election not only had major effects for representation, but it also ran counter to six decades of federal court precedent.

Historically, the federal courts prioritized voting rights and legal congressional districts for upcoming elections above all other concerns, allowing lower federal courts to order or — in extreme circumstances — to draw new districts that complied with the law.

In this case, the Supreme Court instead prioritized deference to state election powers and judicial restraint over the rights and representation of voters in Alabama and the federal judiciary's role in guaranteeing them.

## New districts for 2024

Congressional redistricting and reapportionment typically takes place once a decade. Following the U.S. census, each state is required to redraw its congressional districts to account for changes in population. This is usually completed by state legislatures or redistricting commissions. After the 2020 census, Alabama's state legislature drew its districts.

By late 2023, Alabama finally got brand-new congressional districts for the upcoming 2024 election. These new borders were imposed by the federal district court and feature a new Second District where Black voting-age residents represent a near majority. Now, Black residents in Alabama, who compose 25.4% of the state population, make up a substantial part of the electorate in two of the state's seven congressional districts.

The 2024 primary elections have already shown the ef-



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fect of this court-made map.

In 2022, the Republican candidate for the old version of the Second District ran unopposed in the primary and won the seat by 40 points in the general election. Based on newly drawn district lines, the 2024 primaries have had 17 candidates run in Democratic and Republican primaries to represent this new Second District. Both party primaries went to runoff elections in April.

This newly competitive district in Alabama not only could influence partisan control of the U.S. House of Representatives in 2025, but it also highlights the direct effect that the federal courts can have on American democracy and representation.

Just as the Supreme Court decision in 2022 limited Black voting power in the state, and thus representation in Congress, the lower court plan increased Black representation in Congress.

## When courts draw the maps

The federal judiciary has played a critical role in drawing congressional maps since 1962. That's the year of the landmark decision in *Baker v. Carr*, which established that the federal courts could hear cases about whether redistricting and reapportionment plans violated voting rights. Previously, these cases were seen as what were called "political questions" beyond the scope of judicial authority.

The federal courts thus became a consistent, if reluctant, part of the redistricting process each decade since then. Federal courts have imposed some congressional districts used in every redistricting cycle since the Baker decision, in 1972, 1982, 1992, 2002 and 2012. Most plans have been imposed as a result of state legislative failure to propose new districts, unequal district populations or violations of the Voting Rights Act.

Yet 2022 was the first redistricting cycle in 60 years in which the federal courts did not draw any congressional

districts in response to lawsuits.

The brief 5-4 order from the Supreme Court allowing Alabama to use its districts in 2022 was accompanied by 21 pages of dissents and concurrences from the justices.

In his concurrence with the court's order, Justice Brett Kavanaugh advocated for the "Purcell principle," which says that courts should not change electoral rules just before an election because it could create confusion for voters and election officials.

Although the Purcell principle has been increasingly invoked over the past decade, it has not been the precedent that the federal courts have followed in redistricting cases over the past 60 years.

Instead, when the federal courts were faced with congressional plans that violated the law, they would halt the use of the challenged plan and order the state to create a new plan that complied with the law because the election was approaching.

If the state repeatedly failed to create a legal plan, the federal courts would take the uncommon step to impose plans themselves before the election.

## 'Unwelcome obligation'

Election laws are traditionally the responsibilities of states and legislatures. Federal courts imposing their own redistricting plans is often referred to by judges as the "unwelcome obligation" for those courts.

Alexander Hamilton called the judicial branch of government the "least dangerous" branch because it controlled neither spending nor an army. Federal courts acting in such a political realm by imposing redistricting plans creates conflicts with the founders' ideals of federalism, separation of powers and democracy. Since the 1960s, however, the protection of voting rights has been viewed as an issue so important that it warranted extraordinary intervention by the federal courts.

When faced with these circumstances in Alabama in 2022, the lower federal courts followed this precedent. They looked at the challengers' complaints, found that Alabama had likely violated Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, prevented Alabama from using its districts and ordered the state to draw new ones. But this time, the Supreme Court intervened at the behest of the state.

Once the Supreme Court's final decision in *Allen v. Milligan* upheld the Voting Rights Act and the lower court's decision, the lower court case continued, reviving that court's order for the state to draw new districts.

After Alabama failed to submit a map that satisfied the lower court's demands, the court used a special master — a court-appointed official — to create the new congressional districts. The aim would be to enhance Black voting power in a second congressional district to comply with the law. The new plan was adopted in October 2023.

The November 2024 congressional election results will show the true effect of Alabama's new court-made districts. But for now, they show the clear impact that federal courts can have on democratic representation when they prioritize voting rights ahead of upcoming elections.

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## Liberty Assistant GM to Lead New Franchise

*Nyanin will oversee operations for WNBA Golden State*

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Brooklyn Daily Eagle

Ohemaa Nyanin spent five years in Brooklyn watching New York Liberty general manager Jonathan Kolb rebuild a franchise, lead it to its first WNBA Finals appearance since 2002 and earn the league's Executive of the Year award last season.

Now, the Liberty's former assistant general manager will try to do it herself with the WNBA's expansion franchise in Golden State.

Kolb thinks the yet-to-be-named team made the right decision.

"Ohemaa was my first call in 2019 and we have shared an unbreakable bond ever since. To say I'm ecstatic is an understatement," he gushed Monday after Nyanin was given the responsibility to oversee basketball operations, roster construction and player development in the Bay Area.

Though Golden State won't begin playing until 2025, Nyanin will have to hire a support staff, find a head coach and report to Warriors co-executive chair and CEO Joe Lacob.

"Throughout the interview process, it was clear that bringing a WNBA team to the Bay Area was meticulously thought out and those involved are motivated change-makers who will be proactive in growing the league," Nyanin said.

"I look forward to joining this franchise and building a competitive basketball team that the fans deserve."

Kolb helped the Liberty transition to Brooklyn during the COVID-19 pandemic, even though New York played its games at the league's bubble site in Florida.

He spent the offseason leading into 2023 acquiring two former WNBA Most Valuable Players in Breanna Stewart, who won the award again last year, and Jonquel Jones.

Courtney Vandersloot, ranked second in the league in career assists, also hopped on board for a run at the Liberty's first-ever title.

Kolb brought in Sabrina Ionescu with the first overall selection in the 2020 WNBA Draft, a pick that launched New York into the national spotlight even before this "Super Team" was formed.

Though the circumstances will be much different for an expansion franchise rather than one of the league's founding members, Kolb insisted in a team-issued release that Nyanin has exactly what it takes to make Golden State a contender in the best women's basketball league in the world.

"Ohemaa effortlessly threads the needle of being authentic while graceful," he noted. "She is proof positive that if you put in the work, dreams can come true. I consider myself so grateful to have the opportunity to miss someone so much."

Lacob indicated Monday that he expects Nyanin to help Golden State grab a championship in the next five years. Also, it was revealed that the franchise had already sold 7,000 season tickets, according to the Associated Press.

Nyanin, who spent five years working in and around the United States women's national basketball team as assistant director, is eager to get started.

"This team is going to be a compilation of everyone in this room. Have to hire some people," she said. "Really just working with the team to recruit the best basketball minds, the best artistic minds, the best eclectic minds to build the strongest team in the W."

"It's my job. So yeah, I got to get started," she added. "The timeline is fluid. We want the best coach possible. With some flexibility from our team I think we'll wait for the hire. We want the best person."

Lacob feels he's already got the "best person" for the job.

"Ohemaa is the perfect fit to lead our WNBA basketball operations as we prepare for our inaugural season in 2025," he said. "As we moved through the GM hiring process, it became more apparent each day how impressive and well-versed Ohemaa is in all facets of the business, and as a person."

"She brings an incredible knowledge of the WNBA and international women's basketball landscape from her time with the Liberty and USA Basketball. Additionally, she has a deep passion and desire to build a strong culture and, ultimately, win basketball games. We are thrilled to welcome her



Former Liberty assistant general manager Ohemaa Nyanin was named GM of the WNBA's new expansion franchise in Golden State Monday. Photo courtesy of NBA Golden State

to Golden State."

While Nyanin settles into her new digs, the Liberty are preparing for Tuesday's preseason opener in Chicago.

First-round pick Marquasha Davis and fellow draftees Esmery Martinez and Jesika Carter, as well as non-drafted training-camp invitee Jaylyn Sherrod, might get their first taste of the pros in the Windy City.

Also, Stewart, Jones, Ionescu, Vandersloot and Betnijah Laney-Hamilton will get their first opportunity to run it back in 2024 after all five starters agreed to return for another shot at Title I following last October's tough four-game series loss to reigning back-to-back champion Las Vegas.

The Liberty will also visit Connecticut on Thursday before kicking off the regular season in our nation's capital vs. Washington on May 14.

New York hosts NCAA phenom and first overall pick Caitlin Clark and the Indiana Fever in its home opener on May 18.

Ionescu, who almost beat out the NBA's all-time greatest long-range shooter Stephen Curry of Golden State during this year's All-Star festivities in Indiana,

can't wait for this much-anticipated campaign to begin.

"(Momentum) is going to be rolling from the start of the season," she said of the WNBA's ongoing emergence. "I just believe that the energy, the excitement, and also just the level that this game has continued to rise to will get higher. I think the buzz around new players, teams, and rivalries, it's going to just continue to push this game forward."

"I know like we're expecting a crazy amount of fans for our first home game and throughout the entire season. So I don't think that there's going to be any lull in that category of excitement in the W this year."

**GIVE ME LIBERTY:** After opening in D.C., the Liberty will also visit Clark and the Fever on May 16 in Indiana before hosting them two nights later at what should be a packed Barclays Center. ... New York will be without newly signed free agent Kennedy Burke and returning forward Nyara Sabally Tuesday night. Both are listed as out due to rest issues. Also, camp invitees Leonie Fiebich (travel) and Ivana Dojkić (league mandated medical evaluations) will have to wait to make their Liberty exhibition debuts.



Liberty GM Jonathan Kolb (right) won WNBA Executive of the Year honors in 2023 for bringing in the likes of Courtney Vandersloot. AP Photo by Jessica Alchek



Liberty All-Star point guard Sabrina Ionescu can't wait to get 2024 underway. She and her teammates will be in Chicago Tuesday for their preseason opener. AP Photo by Darron Cummings





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## Our World In Pictures

**BEIRUT — Student activity energetic worldwide:** A student holds a placard during a protest inside the American University of Beirut to show support for Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, in Beirut, Lebanon, Tuesday, May 7, 2024. The protesting university students demanded an end to Israel's war in Gaza and its continued attacks in Lebanon.

Photo: Bilal Hussein/AP



**INDIA — Colorful tribal attire can't overwhelm the small ink spot saying "I voted":** Purnima Boro, 30, a Bodo tribal woman in traditional attire riding a bicycle, shows the indelible ink mark on her index finger as she returns after casting her vote during the third phase of the general election on the outskirts of Guwahati, India, Tuesday, May 7, 2024.

Photo: Anupam Nath/AP



**MANHATTAN — Angry crowd protests, among other things, their being blocked from the red carpet because of their fashion statement:** Pro-Palestinian protesters march in between traffic near the Metropolitan Museum of Art, where the Met Gala takes place, Monday, May 6, 2024, in New York.

Photo: Andres Kudacki/AP



**MANHATTAN — Upturned base of this dress invites passersby to toss something — anything — into the brim:** Lizzo attends the Metropolitan Museum of Art's Costume Institute benefit gala celebrating the opening of the "Sleeping Beauties: Reawakening Fashion" exhibition on Monday, May 6, 2024, in New York.

Photo: Evan Agostini/Invision via AP





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## Our World In Pictures



**BOCA RATON — The confident, young faces of ‘autonomy’:** Third graders listen at the start of Lindsey Wuest’s Science As Art class, at A.D. Henderson School in Boca Raton, FL, Tuesday, April 16, 2024. When teachers at the K-8 public school, one of the top-performing schools in Florida, are asked how they succeed, one answer is universal: They have autonomy.

Photo: Rebecca Blackwell/AP



**BRAZIL — Nature’s revenge — heavy rains bring more unmanageable result:** A woman cradling a dog wades through a street flooded after heavy rain in Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul state, Brazil, Monday, May 6, 2024.

Photo: Carlos Macedo/AP



**LONDON — An example of why the Royal family maintains its mystique:** Precious, second from right, 10, and Joanne, 10, wait to see Britain’s Queen Camilla during her visit at Moreland Primary School, to open a new Coronation Library in London on Tuesday, May 7, 2024. This is the 50th in a series of special primary school libraries that have been transformed over the last 12 months with the help of the National Literacy Trust to mark the Coronation.

Photo: Justin Tallis/Pool via AP



**MOSCOW — Are there more goose steps in our future?** Honor guard soldiers attend Vladimir Putin’s inauguration ceremony as Russian president in the Grand Kremlin Palace in Moscow, Russia, Tuesday, May 7, 2024.

Photo: Alexander Zemlianichenko/Pool via AP



# Aspen Ideas fest for teens: Brooklyn students tackle mental health, immigration, rats

By Michael Elsen-Rooney  
Chalkbeat

Kimberly Gil knows what it's like to struggle with mental health and not have a place to turn for support.

Gil, a 16-year-old sophomore at the High School for Social Justice in Bushwick, Brooklyn, immigrated to the U.S. as a kid and struggled to acclimate. She often felt like she couldn't talk to her family about what she was going through. It's a familiar story among her classmates, Gil said.

"Many of our students have lost a loved one. They've gone through sexual harassment, sexual assault, depression, self-harm," said Gil. But when it comes to bringing up those topics with their families, many teens are concerned "they won't believe me, or they won't be there for me."

That sense of isolation is what drove Gil and seven classmates to come up with a new approach to supporting student mental health: creating a space in school where kids can share what they're going through with fellow teenagers.

Gil is a member of the school's team for the second annual Aspen Challenge – a youth version of the famous Aspen Ideas Festival in Colorado where teams of public school teenagers choose a pressing social challenge and come up with an innovative solution. Her team was among 20 high schools last month presenting their ideas on various issues from mental health, to rats, to immigration.

Gil's team opted to tackle the ongoing youth mental health crisis at their school by transforming an empty classroom in their school into a wellness space staffed by teen volunteers who have undergone training as peer counselors, with adult supervision.

"This is a way where they can come and express how they truly feel without feeling ashamed," said Gil.

In the first few days since the space opened up last month, they've already seen a steady stream of students coming to vent about grades and stress at the end of the marking period, said sophomore Grace Sewpersaud, 16.



Students at Multicultural High School in Cypress Hills took home the top prize at April's Aspen Challenge, where teams of teenagers present solutions to social challenges. Jeffrey Gramble / For Chalkbeat

## Rats, immigration, and discrimination

Students in this year's contest chose between five potential challenges: mental health, immigration, discrimination and bias, the environment, and rats.

The top honor, which included a trip to this summer's Aspen Festival, went to students at Multicultural High School, a school in Cypress Hills geared toward recent immigrants. The team developed a website and workshops to connect newly arrived immigrant students with resources

like legal help, support applying for financial aid, and access to free day care.

A team from Brooklyn Technical High School, called the Brooklyn Eraticators, took home an honorable mention for their multi-pronged plan to get the city's largest high school to help bring down the rat population in Fort Greene.

The plan involved an education campaign to get students to discard their food waste in compost bins, which are taken out more frequently than other trash and are less likely to attract rats, student organizers said.

Teens at Sunset Park High School, meanwhile, drew on their own experiences watching immigrant family members face discrimination to devise a series of know-your-rights workshops for undocumented kids and adults.

Lizbeth Acevedo, a 16-year-old sophomore, said she's seen her immigrant parents face discrimination since she was young. "So I guess this was a way for us ... to cause the discrimination to stop."

## Teens talk parents and mental health

The topic that drew the most attention from the teen problem-solvers was the ongoing youth mental health crisis – a problem that has spurred city officials to launch their own novel approach: a free, online therapy program for kids 13-17.

Teams tackling mental health at this year's Aspen challenge talked about pervasive anxiety, depression, and stress among their peers – and a

lack of understanding or even direct opposition from their parents about accessing treatment.

The team at Brooklyn High School for Law and Technology focused one prong of their plan on educating parents about teens and mental health. The group proposed bringing parents into workshops to help ease some of the stigma, misunderstandings, and fears that adults may bring to conversations about the mental health of their kids.

"When I spoke to my family about when I wanted to have therapy and I felt like I needed help, they felt like I was telling them that I was crazy, and that I needed medications to calm me down, and that they were going to throw me in a psych ward," said Ariana Garcia, a 17-year-old senior.

Parents are often still carrying their own burdens and traumas that may influence how they perceive their kids' mental health, added Haajra Ali, a 16-year-old 11th grader. "It just depends on how we can help them so they can break the cycle," she said.

Gil, the student at Bushwick's High School for Social Justice, said she was not too hung up on the results of the contest.

"To be honest, we don't really care about Aspen," she said. "We're more into actually doing something with the school. For us, it's a really big thing that we're able to put this up for people."

Chalkbeat is a nonprofit news site covering educational change in public schools.

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The team from the High School for Social Justice in Bushwick presents at the Aspen Challenge. Sophomore Kimberly Gil is second from left. Jeffrey Gramble / For Chalkbeat

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# Stormy Daniels describes meeting Trump during occasionally graphic testimony in hush money trial

By Michael R. Sisak, Jennifer Peltz, Eric Tucker and Jake Offenhartz  
Associated Press

Stormy Daniels took the witness stand Tuesday at Donald Trump's hush money trial, describing for jurors a sexual encounter the porn actor says she had with him in 2006 that resulted in her being paid off to keep silent during the presidential race 10 years later.

Jurors appeared riveted as Daniels, over the repeated objections of defense lawyers and occasional admonitions from the judge, offered a detailed and at times graphic account of an encounter Trump has denied. Trump stared straight ahead as Daniels entered the courtroom, later shaking his head and whispering to his lawyers as she testified.

The testimony was by far the most-awaited spectacle in a trial that has toggled between tabloid-esque elements and dry record-keeping explanation. A courtroom appearance by a porn actor who says she had an intimate encounter with a former American president adds to the long line of historic firsts in the case, which was already laden with tawdry claims of sex, payoffs and cover-ups. It is unfolding as the presumptive Republican nominee makes another bid for the White House.

Her statements are central to the case because in the final weeks of Trump's 2016 Republican presidential campaign, his then-lawyer and personal fixer, Michael Cohen, paid Daniels \$130,000 to keep quiet about what she says was an awkward and unexpected sexual encounter with Trump at a celebrity golf outing in Lake Tahoe in July 2006. Trump has pleaded not guilty.

Led by a prosecutor's questioning, Daniels described how an initial meeting at a golf tournament, where they discussed the adult film industry, progressed to a "brief" sexual encounter that she said Trump initiated after inviting her to dinner and back to his hotel suite.

She said she didn't feel physically or verbally threatened, though she knew his bodyguard was outside the suite, and there was what she perceived as an imbalance of power: Trump "was bigger and blocking the way."

After it ended, she said, "It was really hard to get my shoes because my hands were shaking so hard."

"He said, 'Oh, it was great. Let's get together again, honey bunch,'" Daniels continued. "I just wanted to leave."

In the years since the encounter was disclosed, Daniels has emerged as a vocal Trump antagonist, sharing her story in a book and on television and criticizing and the former president with mocking and pejorative jabs. But there was no precedent for Tuesday's events, when she came face-to-face with Trump and was asked in an austere courtroom setting to describe her experiences to a jury weighing whether to convict a former American president of felony crimes for the first time in history.

She said she met Trump because the adult film studio she worked for at the time sponsored one of the holes on the golf course. They chat-



Stormy Daniels arrives at an event in Berlin, on Oct. 11, 2018. Witness testimony in Donald Trump's hush money trial is set to move forward again and all eyes are on who will be called next. An attorney for Stormy Daniels says the porn actor is expected to appear as a witness on Tuesday.

AP Photo/Markus Schreiber, File

ted about the adult film industry and her directing abilities when Trump's group passed through. The celebrity real estate developer remarked that she must be "the smart one" if she was making films, Daniels recalled.

Later, in an area known as the "gift room," where celebrity golfers collected gift bags and swag, Trump remembered her as "the smart one" and asked her if she wanted to go to dinner, Daniels said.

Daniels testified she accepted Trump's invite because she wanted to get out of a planned dinner with her company colleagues. She said her then-publicist suggested in a phone call that Trump's invitation was a good excuse to duck the work dinner and would "make a great story" and perhaps help her career.

"What could possibly go wrong?" she recalled the publicist saying.

After multiple discussions with the judge and Trump's lawyers out of the earshot of jurors, prosecutor Susan Hoffinger navigated her questioning about the encounter with caution, instructing her to keep her answers brief and free of extra details. Judge Juan M. Merchan repeatedly shot down Daniels' attempts to describe the encounter more vividly, striking several of her answers from the official court record.

Testimony so far has made clear that at the time of the payment to Daniels, Trump and his campaign were reeling from the Oct. 7, 2016, pub-

lication of the never-before-seen 2005 "Access Hollywood" footage in which he boasted about grabbing women's genitals without their permission.

The candidate spoke with Cohen and Hope Hicks, his campaign's press secretary, by phone the next day as they sought to limit damage from the tape and keep his alleged affairs out of the press, according to testimony.

Cohen paid Daniels after her lawyer at the time, Keith Davidson, indicated she was willing to make on-the-record statements to the National Enquirer or on television confirming a sexual encounter with Trump. National Enquirer editor Dylan Howard alerted publisher David Pecker and then, at Pecker's direction, told Cohen that Daniels was agitating to go public with her claims, prosecutors said. Daniels had previously sought to sell her story to another celebrity gossip magazine, Life & Style, in 2011.

Daniels' testimony was a stark turnabout from Monday, when the jury heard from two witnesses, including a former Trump Organization controller who provided a mechanical but vital recitation of how the company reimbursed payments that were allegedly meant to suppress embarrassing stories from surfacing and then logged them as legal expenses in a manner that Manhattan prosecutors say broke the law.

The testimony from Jeffrey McConney yielded an important building block for prosecutors try-

ing to pull back the curtain on what they say was a corporate records cover-up of transactions designed to protect Trump's Republican presidential bid during a pivotal stretch of the race. It focused on the \$130,000 payment from Cohen to Daniels and the subsequent reimbursement Cohen received.

McConney and another witness testified that the reimbursement checks were drawn from Trump's personal account.

McConney acknowledged during cross-examination that Trump never asked him to log the reimbursements as legal expenses or discussed the matter with him at all. Another witness, Deborah Tarasoff, a Trump Organization accounts payable supervisor, said under questioning that she did not get permission to cut the checks in question from Trump himself and conceded that she had no reason to believe Trump was hiding anything.

Prosecutors are continuing to build toward their star witness, Cohen, who pleaded guilty to federal charges related to the hush money payments. He is expected to undergo a bruising cross-examination from defense attorneys seeking to undermine his credibility with jurors.

Trump is charged with 34 felony counts of falsifying business records in connection with the hush money payments. The trial is the first of his four criminal cases to reach a jury.



In this courtroom sketch, Stormy Daniels testifies on the witness stand as Judge Juan Merchan looks on in Manhattan criminal court, Tuesday, May 7, 2024, in New York. A photo of Donald Trump and Daniels from their first meeting is displayed on a monitor.

Elizabeth Williams via AP



Former President Donald Trump speaks to reporters at Manhattan criminal court in New York, Tuesday, May 7, 2024.

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## Wall Street drifts to a mixed finish in a quiet day of trading



The New York Stock Exchange is shown on May 7, 2024, in New York. Wall Street shifted between small losses and gains before the opening bell as more corporate earnings arrive during what is otherwise expected to be relatively quiet week.

AP Photo/Peter Morgan

By Stan Choe  
Associated Press

U.S. stocks held steady Tuesday, as trading on Wall Street calmed following some sharp recent swings.

The S&P 500 edged up by 6.96 points, or 0.1%, to 5,187.70. It was a quiet day following three straight leaps for the index of at least 0.9%.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average added 31.99, or 0.1%, to 38,884.26, and the Nasdaq composite slipped 16.69, or 0.1%, to 16,332.56.

Kenvue, the company whose brands include Band-Aids and Tylenol, rose 6.4% after topping analysts' forecasts for both profit and revenue in the latest quarter.

The Walt Disney Co. sank 9.5% despite reporting stronger results for its latest quarter than analysts expected. Its revenue fell a bit shy of forecasts, and it expects its entertainment streaming business to soften in the current quarter.

They're among the tail end of companies reporting their results for the first three months of the year. The majority of companies has so far been beating forecasts for earnings, but they're not getting as big a boost to their stock prices afterward as they usually do, according to FactSet. Not only that, companies that fall short of profit expectations have seen their stock prices sink by more the following day than they have historically.

That could suggest investors are listening to critics who have been calling the U.S. stock market broadly too expensive following its run to records this year. For stock prices to climb further, either profits will need to grow more or interest rates will need to fall.

Wall Street still considers the latter a possibility this year following some events last week that traders found encouraging.

Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell said the central bank remains closer to cutting its main interest rate than hiking it, despite a string of stubbornly high readings on inflation this year. A cooler-than-expected jobs report on Friday, meanwhile, suggested the U.S. economy could pull off the balancing

act of staying solid enough to avoid a bad recession without being so strong that it keeps inflation too high.

After charging higher through the start of this year when hopes dimmed for cuts to interest rates by the Federal Reserve, Treasury yields have been regressing this month to offer some relief for the stock market.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury fell to 4.45% from 4.49% late Monday. The two-year yield, which moves more closely with expectations for the Fed, slipped to 4.82% from 4.83%.

While long-term yields have been declining over the last week, strategists at Wells Fargo Investment Institute still expect them to remain relatively high for a while. That's in part because expectations are broadly for inflation to remain higher than hoped. Luis Alvarado, global fixed income strategist, believes the 10-year yield will likely remain near its recent range.

Elsewhere on Wall Street, Crocs jumped 7.8% after reporting better profit and revenue than expected. It benefited from strong growth internationally.

International Flavors & Fragrances, which makes ingredients used in food and perfume, gained 6.4% after reporting better profit and revenue than expected. It also said it expects its revenue for the full year to come in at the higher end of its forecasted range.

Lucid Group tumbled 14.1% after the electric-vehicle maker reported a worse loss for the latest quarter than analysts expected.

Builders FirstSource fell 19% despite topping forecasts for profit and revenue. The supplier of building products said a weakening multi-family market and higher mortgage rates were creating challenges, and its forecast for how much cash it will generate this year came in below some analysts' expectations.

In stock markets abroad, indexes jumped across much of Europe and Asia. Stocks rose 2.2% in Seoul, 1.6% in Tokyo and 1.2% in London. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 advanced 1.4% after the central bank decided to keep interest rates unchanged.

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# 2ND DEPARTMENT / PUBLIC LEGAL NOTICES

## CITATION

FILE NO.: 2022-3530/A THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT TO: JESSE GREENLOW, JACK GREENLOW, LEONA GREENLOW-TURNER, MICHAEL GREENLOW, DENISE LEBLANC, DONNIE PAUL ROZIER, JR., DWAYNE ROZIER, SR., JEFFREY ROZIER, CHARLENE LEAK, ESTATE OF WILLIAM A. ROZIER, C. HELEN ROZIER, WILLIAM A. ROZIER, SR., HOPE S. WIGGINS, STEPHON C. ROZIER, ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK THE UNKNOWN DISTRIBUTEES, LEGATEES, DEVISEES, HEIRS AT LAW AND ASSIGNEES OF DEBORAH E. GREENLOW, DECEASED, OR THEIR ESTATES, IF ANY THERE BE, WHOSE NAMES, PLACES OF RESIDENCE AND POST OFFICE ADDRESSES ARE UNKNOWN TO THE PETITIONER AND CANNOT WITH DUE DILIGENCE BE ASCERTAINED A COPY OF THIS CITATION AND THE ACCOUNTING, AS WELL AS ALL AMENDMENTS TO IT, IF ANY, SHALL BE SERVED ON THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM, DENNIS JAMES WILEY, ESQ. BEING THE PERSONS INTERESTED AS CREDITORS, LEGATEES, DISTRIBUTEES OR OTHERWISE IN THE ESTATE OF DEBORAH E. GREENLOW, DECEASED, WHO AT THE TIME OF DEATH WAS A RESIDENT OF 61-25 98TH STREET, APT 3M, REGO PARK, NY 11374, IN THE COUNTY OF QUEENS, STATE OF NEW YORK. SEND GREETING: UPON THE PETITION OF LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR OF QUEENS COUNTY, WHO MAINTAINS HER OFFICE AT 88-11 SUTPHIN BOULEVARD, JAMAICA, QUEENS COUNTY, NEW YORK 11435, AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF DEBORAH E. GREENLOW, DECEASED, YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE BEFORE THE SURROGATE AT THE SURROGATE'S COURT OF THE COUNTY OF QUEENS, TO BE HELD AT THE QUEENS GENERAL COURT-HOUSE, 6TH FLOOR, 88-11 SUTPHIN BOULEVARD, JAMAICA, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK, ON THE 23RD DAY OF MAY, 2024 AT 9:30 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON, WHY THE ACCOUNT OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR OF QUEENS COUNTY, AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID DECEASED, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED, SHOULD NOT BE JUDICIALLY SETTLED, AND WHY THE SURROGATE SHOULD NOT FIX AND ALLOW A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION TO GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., FOR LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED TO PETITIONER HEREIN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,717.44 AND THAT THE COURT FIX THE FAIR AND REASONABLE ADDITIONAL FEE FOR ANY SERVICES TO BE RENDERED BY GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., HEREAFTER IN CONNECTION

WITH PROCEEDINGS ON KINSHIP, CLAIMS ETC., PRIOR TO ENTRY OF A FINAL DECREE ON THIS ACCOUNTING IN THE AMOUNT OF 6% OF ASSETS OR INCOME COLLECTED AFTER THE DATE OF THE WITHIN ACCOUNTING; AND WHY THE SURROGATE SHOULD NOT FIX AND ALLOW AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO ONE PERCENT ON SAID SCHEDULES OF THE TOTAL ASSETS ON SCHEDULES A, A1, AND A2 PLUS ANY ADDITIONAL MONIES RECEIVED SUBSEQUENT TO THE DATE OF THIS ACCOUNT, AS THE FAIR AND REASONABLE AMOUNT PAYABLE TO THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE EXPENSES OF SAID OFFICE PURSUANT TO S.C.P.A. SEC. 1106(3); AND WHY EACH OF YOU CLAIMING TO BE A DISTRIBUTEE OF THE DECEDENT SHOULD NOT ESTABLISH PROOF OF YOUR KINSHIP; AND WHY THE BALANCE OF SAID FUNDS SHOULD NOT BE PAID TO SAID ALLEGED DISTRIBUTEES UPON PROOF OF KINSHIP, OR DEPOSITED WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK SHOULD SAID ALLEGED DISTRIBUTEES DEFAULT HEREIN, OR FAIL TO ESTABLISH PROOF OF KINSHIP, DATED, ATTESTED AND SEALED 3RD DAY OF APRIL, 2024 HON. PETER J. KELLY ACTING SURROGATE, QUEENS COUNTY JANET EDWARDS TUCKER CHIEF CLERK GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ. (718) 459-9000 1981 MARCUS AVENUE, SUITE 200 LAKE SUCCESS, NEW YORK 11042 NOTICE: THIS CITATION IS SERVED UPON YOU AS REQUIRED BY LAW. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO APPEAR; HOWEVER, IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR IT WILL BE ASSUMED YOU DO NOT OBJECT TO THE RELIEF REQUESTED. YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO HAVE AN ATTORNEY APPEAR FOR YOU, AND YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MAY REQUEST A COPY OF THE FULL ACCOUNT FROM THE PETITIONER OR PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY ACCOUNTING CITATION

## LIQUOR LICENSE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A LICENSE, SERIAL #NA-0240-24-115570 FOR BEER & WINE HAS BEEN APPLIED FOR BY THE UNDERSIGNED TO SELL BEER & WINE AT RETAIL IN A RESTAURANT UNDER THE ABC LAW AT 3935 47TH AVE., SUNNYSIDE, NY 11104 FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION; SUMNIMA KITCHEN INC.

## NOTICE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS, MATTER OF MAVIS DACOSTA, AN INCAPACITATED PERSON, INDEX # 707090/2022. PURSUANT TO AN ORDER DATED APRIL 11, 2024, OF JUSTICE BERNICE D. SEGAL, AN APPLICATION TO SELL THE SINGLE FAMILY HOME AT 234-10 118TH AVENUE, CAMBRIA HEIGHTS, NEW YORK WILL BE MADE ON MAY 23, 2024 AT 9:30

A.M. BEFORE SUCH JUSTICE IN PART 8G AT THE QUEENS SUPREME COURT-HOUSE, 88-11 SUTPHIN BOULEVARD, JAMAICA. CONTRACT AMOUNT IS \$615,000.00 WITH A \$492,000.00 MORTGAGE CONTINGENCY, SUBJECT TO COURT APPROVAL. CONTACT ANTHONY DECAROLIS, ESQ., AT 53 EAST MAIN STREET, OYSTER BAY, NY, 11771, AT 516-922-7870.

## NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS, PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF, VS. LOVEL CLARKE, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S). PURSUANT TO AN ORDER CONFIRMING REFEREE REPORT AND JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE DULY ENTERED ON MAY 1, 2023, I, THE UNDERSIGNED REFEREE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON THE OUTSIDE STEPS OF THE QUEENS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 88-11 SUTPHIN BOULEVARD, JAMAICA, NY 11435 ON JUNE 7, 2024 AT 10:15 A.M., PREMISES KNOWN AS 6938 BURCHELL AVENUE, ARVERNE, NY 11692. ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY OF QUEENS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK, BLOCK 16048 AND LOT 49. APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF JUDGMENT IS \$354,871.53 PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS. PREMISES WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF FILED JUDGMENT INDEX #700946/2020. THE REFEREE SHALL COMPLY WITH THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT'S COVID-19 POLICIES CONCERNING PUBLIC AUCTIONS OF FORECLOSED PROPERTIES. THESE POLICIES, ALONG WITH THE QUEENS COUNTY FORECLOSURE'S AUCTION RULES, CAN BE FOUND ON THE QUEENS SUPREME COURT - CIVIL TERM WEBSITE. JOSEPH DEFELICE, ESQ., REFEREE GREENSPOON MARDER, 1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, SUITE 2200, NEW YORK, NY 10105, ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

## NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR BSSP TRUST SERIES 2007-EMX1, PLAINTIFF, VS. PAUL J. HOYLE A/K/A PAUL HOYLE, LILLIAN HOYLE, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S). PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE DULY ENTERED ON DECEMBER 6, 2019, AND AN ORDER ENTERED ON JULY 15, 2022, I, THE UNDERSIGNED REFEREE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION AT THE COURTHOUSE STEPS OF THE QUEENS SUPREME COURT, 88-11 SUTPHIN BLVD, JAMAICA, NY 11435 ON MAY 31, 2024, AT 11:15 A.M., PREMISES KNOWN AS 110-46 174TH STREET, JAMAICA, NY 11433. ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVE-

MENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY OF QUEENS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK, BLOCK: 10272, LOT: 60. APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF JUDGMENT IS \$707,321.18 PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS. PREMISES WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF FILED JUDGMENT INDEX # 709213/2015. IF THE SALE IS SET ASIDE FOR ANY REASON, THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE SHALL BE ENTITLED ONLY TO A RETURN OF THE DEPOSIT PAID. THE PURCHASER SHALL HAVE NO FURTHER RECOURSE AGAINST THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGEE, THE MORTGAGEE'S ATTORNEY, OR THE REFEREE. ALL PARTIES SHALL COMPLY WITH THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT'S COVID-19 POLICIES CONCERNING PUBLIC AUCTIONS OF FORECLOSED PROPERTIES. THESE POLICIES, ALONG WITH THE QUEENS COUNTY FORECLOSURE AUCTION RULES, CAN BE FOUND ON THE QUEENS SUPREME COURT - CIVIL TERM WEBSITE: (HTTPS://WWW.NYCOURTS.GOV/LEGACYPDF/COURTS/11JD/SUPREME/CIVILTERM/PARTRULES/FORECLOSURE\_AUCTION\_RULES.PDF) GREGORY J. NEWMAN, ESQ., REFEREE ROACH & LIN, P.C., 6851 JERICHO TURNPIKE, SUITE 185, SYOSSET, NEW YORK 11791, ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

## NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT - QUEENS COUNTY - 104-22 NORTHERN LENDER LLC, PLAINTIFF VS. 104-22 NB, LLC, ET AL; DEFENDANTS. PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE DATED MARCH 25, 2024 (THE "JUDGMENT"), I WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER ON THE OUTSIDE STEPS OF THE QUEENS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, LOCATED AT 88-11 SUTPHIN BOULEVARD, JAMAICA, NEW YORK, 11435, ON MAY 17, 2024 AT 12:15 P.M., THE PREMISES KNOWN AS 104-22 NORTHERN BOULEVARD, FLUSHING, NEW YORK. ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN QUEENS COUNTY AND STATE OF NEW YORK: BLOCK 1719, LOT 10, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THE JUDGMENT. APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF JUDGMENT IS \$1,331,701.93, PLUS ADDITIONAL INTEREST AND FEES. PREMISES WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF JUDGMENT AND TERMS OF SALE. INDEX #701039/2023. THE AFOREMENTIONED AUCTION WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT'S COVID-19 MITIGATION PROTOCOLS AND AS SUCH ALL PERSONS MUST COMPLY WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING, WEARING MASKS AND SCREEN-

ING PRACTICES IN EFFECT AT THE TIME OF THIS FORECLOSURE SALE. THESE POLICIES, ALONG WITH THE QUEENS COUNTY FORECLOSURE AUCTION RULES, CAN BE FOUND ON THE QUEENS SUPREME COURT - CIVIL TERM WEBSITE.

RITA SOLOMON, ESQ., REFEREE. GINSBURG & MISK, LLP, 215-48 JAMAICA AVENUE, QUEENS VILLAGE, NEW YORK 11428, ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

## NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS JDRM LLC DBPP, SM, SKP & JD LLC; PLAINTIFF V. MOYNU Z. CHOWDURY; ET AL.; DEFENDANTS. ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: HASBANI & LIGHT, P.C., 450 7TH AVE, SUITE 1408, NY, NY 10123; (212) 643-6677 PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE GRANTED HEREIN ON 3/2/2020, I WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER IN THE QUEENS COUNTY SUPREME AND COUNTY COURT, 88-11 SUTPHIN BOULEVARD, JAMAICA, NY 11435 ON MAY 17, 2024, AT 10:45 AM PREMISES KNOWN AS 31-15 80TH STREET, JACKSON HEIGHTS, NY 11370 BLOCK: 1151 LOT: 50 ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF QUEENS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK. AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THE JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE. SOLD SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS CONTAINED IN SAID JUDGMENT AND TERMS OF SALE. APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF JUDGMENT: \$553,182.08 PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS. INDEX NUMBER: 724520/2020 BARRY M. GOLDSTEIN, ESQ., REFEREE

## SUMMONS

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF, -AGAINST- JAMAL ANDERSON, AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF ANTHONY ANDERSON A/K/A ANTHONY A. ANDERSON, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, QUEENS SUPREME COURT, NEW YORK CITY CRIMINAL COURT, NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU, NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU, ANTHONY ANDERSON A/K/A ANTHONY A. ANDERSON'S UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW, NEXT-OF-KIN, DISTRIBUTEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, TRUSTEES, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING UNDER, BY OR THROUGH SAID DEFENDANT WHO MAY BE DECEASED, BY PURCHASE, INHERITANCE, LIEN OR OTHERWISE, ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN, AND "JOHN DOE #1" THROUGH "JOHN DOE #10"; THE LAST TEN NAMES BE-

ING FICTITIOUS AND UNKNOWN TO THE PLAINTIFF, THE PERSON OR PARTIES INTENDED BEING THE PERSONS OR PARTIES, IF ANY, HAVING OR CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON THE MORTGAGED PREMISES DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT, DEFENDANTS. SUMMONS PLAINTIFF DESIGNATES QUEENS COUNTY AS THE PLACE OF TRIAL. VENUE IS BASED UPON THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE MORTGAGED PREMISES IS SITUATED. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S): YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ANSWER THE COMPLAINT IN THIS ACTION AND TO SERVE A COPY OF YOUR ANSWER OR, IF THE COMPLAINT IS NOT SERVED WITH THIS SUMMONS, TO SERVE A NOTICE OF APPEARANCE ON THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF WITHIN TWENTY (20) DAYS AFTER SERVICE OF THIS SUMMONS, EXCLUSIVE OF THE DAY OF SERVICE; OR WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER SERVICE IS COMPLETE IF THIS SUMMONS IS NOT PERSONALLY DELIVERED TO YOU WITHIN THE STATE OF NEW YORK; OR WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS IF IT IS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. IN CASE OF YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR OR ANSWER, JUDGMENT WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU BY DEFAULT FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED ACTION IS TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE TO SECURE \$304,385.00 AND INTEREST, RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY OF QUEENS ON MAY 23, 2014 IN CRFN 2014000179703 COVERING PREMISES KNOWN AS 147-11 116TH AVENUE, JAMAICA, NEW YORK 11436. THE RELIEF SOUGHT IN THE WITHIN ACTION IS A FINAL JUDGMENT DIRECTING THE SALE OF THE PREMISES DESCRIBED ABOVE TO SATISFY THE DEBT SECURED BY THE MORTGAGE DESCRIBED ABOVE. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME. SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING A PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: BAY SHORE, NEW YORK MARCH 15, 2024 FRENKEL, LAMBERT, WEISS, WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP BY: DEANA CHELI ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF 53 GIBSON STREET BAY SHORE, NEW YORK 11706 (631) 969-3100 OUR FILE NO.: 01-098833-F01

# 2ND DEPARTMENT / New Business Formations

## MATTHEW J 115-47 SUTPHIN BLVD LLC

MATTHEW J 115-47 SUTPHIN BLVD LLC, ARTS. OF ORG. FILED WITH THE SSNY ON 03/29/2024. OFFICE LOC: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST THE LLC MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO: THE LLC, 1258 BROADWAY, BROOKLYN, NY 11221. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

## KESS REALTY LLC

KESS REALTY LLC, ARTS OF ORG. FILED WITH SEC. OF STATE OF NY (SSNY) 3/25/2024. CTY: QUEENS. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST MAY BE SERVED & SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO AZAD SAKUR, 107-11 LIVERPOOL ST, JAMAICA, NY 11435. GENERAL PURPOSE

## LG HOLDING NY LLC

LG HOLDING NY LLC, ARTS. OF ORG. FILED WITH THE SSNY ON 03/29/2024. OFFICE LOC: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST THE LLC MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO: LEV GRZHONKO C/O ROYTBURG TRAUM LAW AND ME-

DIATION P.C., 118-35 QUEENS BOULEVARD, SUITE 400, FOREST HILLS, NY 11375. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

## DOCK OF THE BAY PROPERTIES, LLC

DOCK OF THE BAY PROPERTIES, LLC ART. OF ORG. FILED SEC. OF STATE OF NY 2/26/2024. OFF. LOC.: QUEENS CO. SSNY DESIGNATED AS AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. SSNY TO MAIL COPY OF PROCESS TO, C/O LEA KIXMILLER, 10 WEST 14TH ROAD, BROAD CHANNEL, NY 11693, USA. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL ACT OR ACTIVITY.

## 179 FROST STREET, LLC

179 FROST STREET, LLC. ARTS. OF ORG. FILED WITH THE SSNY ON 04/05/24. 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, 6555 79TH STREET, MIDDLE VILLAGE, NY 11379. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

## PG SUNNYSIDE LLC

PG SUNNYSIDE LLC, ARTS. OF ORG.

FILED WITH THE SSNY ON 03/25/2024. OFFICE LOC: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST THE LLC MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO: THE LLC, 36-01 30TH AVENUE, ASTORIA, NY 11103. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

## L & M 88 REALTY LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF L & M 88 REALTY LLC CERT. OF LLC FILED WITH SECY. OF STATE OF NY (SSNY) ON FEB. 20, 2024. OFFICE LOCATION: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL COPY OF PROCESS TO 150-43 6TH AVENUE; WHITES-TONE, NY 11357. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL ACTIVITY.

## LEROY REALTY HOLDINGS LLC

LEROY REALTY HOLDINGS LLC ARTICLES OF ORG. FILED NY SEC. OF STATE (SSNY) 4/19/24. OFFICE IN QUEENS CO. SSNY DESIG. AGENT OF LLC WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO C/O MICHAEL KESSLER, 42-09 235TH ST., DOUGLSTON, NY 11363, WHICH IS

ALSO THE PRINCIPAL BUSINESS LOCATION. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

## ZAPA HOLDINGS LLC

ZAPA HOLDINGS LLC ARTS. OF ORG. FILED WITH SSNY ON 3/18/2024. OFF. LOC.: QUEENS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGT. UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO: THE LLC, 112-12 111TH AVE, SOUTH OZONE PARK, NY 11420. GENERAL PURPOSES.

## C3EW LLC

C3EW LLC ARTS. OF ORG. FILED WITH SSNY ON 4/25/2024. OFF. LOC.: QUEENS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGT. UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO: THE LLC, 133-10 39TH AVE, FLUSHING, NY 11354. GENERAL PURPOSES.

## WOODSIDE A PLUS REALTY LLC

WOODSIDE A PLUS REALTY LLC, ARTS OF ORG FILED WITH SSNY ON 04/08/24. OFF. LOC.: QUEENS COUNTY, SSNY DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL A COPY OF PROCESS TO: THE LLC, 39-

07 6TH ST, WOODSIDE NY 11377. PURPOSE: TO ENGAGE IN ANY LAWFUL ACT.

## BRANNOCK DALL, LLC

BRANNOCK DALL, LLC, ARTS. OF ORG. FILED WITH THE SSNY ON 05/06/2024. OFFICE LOC: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST THE LLC MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO: ILYA KIRIAKIS DALL, 148-18 3RD AVENUE, WHITES-TONE, NY 11357. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

## 11370 WAWAH'S, LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: WAWAH'S, LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 4/1/2024. NY OFFICE LOCATION: QUEENS 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 THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY 13507 CROSSBAY BLVD., OZONE PARK, NY, 11417. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.





## Our World In Pictures

The iconic Rink at Rockefeller Center, seen on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, as transformed into a community oasis and summer cultural destination offering New Yorkers and visitors a special season-long slate of opportunities to explore, play, dine, and shop in the heart of the city.

Diane Bondareff/AP Images for Tishman Speyer

Former President Donald Trump gestures to reporters as he leaves the courtroom during an afternoon break in his trial, Tuesday, May 7, 2024, in New York.

AP Photo/Mary Altaffer, Pool



## 2ND DEPARTMENT / NEW BUSINESS FORMATIONS

### 11418 CAPSIDE, LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: CAPSIDE, LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 3/3/2024. NY OFFICE LOCATION: QUEENS 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 OKSANA O LIPINCHUK 116-16 AUDLEY STREET, APT 1A RICHMOND HILLS, NY, 11418. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

#216631

### 11691 TYSHAWN LEE LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: TYSHAWN LEE LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 3/12/2024. NY OFFICE LOCATION: QUEENS 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 TYSHAWN LEE 711C SEAGIRT AVE, 10H FAR ROCKAWAY, NY, 11691. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

#217463

### 12207 EVOCAIONSTUDIO LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: EVOCAIONSTUDIO LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 4/24/2024. NY OFFICE LOCATION: QUEENS 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 ZENBUSINESS INC. 41 STATE STREET, SUITE 112 ALBANY, NY, 12207. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

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# NYPD were in 'no rush' to disclose gun firing inside Hamilton Hall, officials say

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THE CITY

New details emerged at an NYPD press briefing Friday morning about the gun firing inside Columbia University's Hamilton Hall on Tuesday, where NYPD officers were attempting to clear students and other demonstrators barricaded inside. Police officials conceded that they were in "no rush" to disclose the fact that the incident took place to the public.

NYPD officials only confirmed details of the gun discharge, in which no one was harmed, four hours after a report on the incident from THE CITY, a full two days after it had occurred. By that point, Mayor Eric Adams and high-ranking police chiefs had made rounds of media appearances touting their "precision policing" and releasing their own, highly-produced video of the raid, which did not mention the gun firing.

Speaking to reporters at police headquarters at One Police Plaza, Emergency Service Unit Chief Carlos Valdez said the sergeant who discharged his weapon was using a flashlight mounted on his pistol to illuminate a dark room to figure out if anyone was inside after breaking a glass window to gain entry. He then switched the gun from his dominant hand to his other one, in order to open the doorknob with his dominant hand. That is when the gun fired, Valdez said.

"The bullet traveled through the office glass and into the office they were attempting to gain access to," Valdez said. "After the firearm discharged, the sergeant immediately assessed his team and ensured that nobody was injured. The team gained access to the office and found that there was nobody inside."

Bill Lewinski, an expert on accidental shootings at the Force Science Institute said firing a weapon while the gun is in a person's non-dominant hand is a regular source of accidental discharges.

"You're not focused on it, they unintentionally put the finger inside the trigger, which can then lead to an unintentional discharge," he said. "It's a training issue."

Pressed about the delay in disclosing details



Pro-Palestinian demonstrators block Hamilton Hall while the NYPD begin to remove students and advocates occupying the building, April 30, 2024.

Credit: Gwynne Hogan/THE CITY

about the incident, Deputy Commissioner of Public Information Tarik Sheppard said the department had determined the incident wasn't worth bringing up proactively and that both NYPD Police Commissioner Edward Caban and Mayor Adams had been briefed on the incident.

"Was there anybody in the vicinity of this accidental discharge? Did anybody even hear it? There was nobody in danger, there was nobody struck," Sheppard said. "My goal here was not to just try and make a story."

"I knew it would come up eventually because it always does. So there was no rush for us to talk about this," he added, saying that on average there are about eight accidental discharges a year.

Of 44 people allegedly arrested inside the barricaded building earlier this week, 13 were not affiliated with the university, The Columbia Specta-

tor reported.

News of the "accidental discharge" sparked even more outrage over the Columbia administration's move to involve the NYPD for a second time to clear the campus of pro-Palestinian student demonstrations.

Marcel Agueros, an associate professor of astronomy and secretary of the American Association of University Professors, said he was horrified by the firearm discharge.

"We were told that no one was hurt, that this was a well-rounded operation," he said. "And now the truth is starting to come out that there was excessive force, that weapons were drawn, now we find out that a shot was fired. This is unacceptable, completely and utterly outrageous."

A spokesperson for the university declined to comment on the gun firing inside Hamilton, defer-


ring to the NYPD for comment.

Media access was extremely limited during the raid. Police barred most reporters from accessing campus, while others, including a reporter for THE CITY, were blocked into adjacent buildings for hours while the NYPD cleared Hamilton.

The press conference Friday came hours after the NYPD cleared two more pro-Palestinian encampments at the New School and NYU, with another 56 arrests, an NYPD spokesperson confirmed.

Since April 18, NYPD officers have arrested more than 580 demonstrators on college campus demonstrations calling for universities to divest from Israel.

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# Queens' \$4 billion jail may not be finished until 2031

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"In the meantime, thirty one people have died and countless others have experienced abuse, neglect, and violence at the Rikers Island penal colony on the Mayor's watch," Mack added. "He also keeps saying people with mental health needs shouldn't be in jail, but keeps pursuing policies that are sending more of them to the living hell that is Rikers. He needs to get to work on providing people with the treatment they need and deserve, and get Rikers closed on time. The 2027 deadline is not an option, it's a requirement."

City Councilmember Sandy Nurse, who chairs the Council's Committee on Criminal Justice, told the Eagle in a phone interview on Tuesday that the proposed contract is another piece of evidence that the Adams administration has "actively undermined pathways" to close Rikers on time.

"I think it's clear that the administration has zero plans to put any effort into closing Rikers," Nurse said.

Since taking office, Adams has consistently cast doubt on Rikers' closure plan, including the borough-based jail effort.

During his first year and a half in office, he hinted that his administration may attempt to redo the closure plan, and in the fall of last year, Adams and the City Council announced that they had jointly reestablished the Independent Rikers Commission, which first crafted the plan to shutter the jail and open the four borough facilities.

The commission, which has met with a number of criminal justice stakeholders in New York City in recent months, is expected to issue its recommendations for Rikers' closure before the end of the year.

Adams biggest criticism of the plan passed under Mayor Bill de Blasio was the jail system's capacity.

Though the borough-based jails were originally designed to hold 3,300 detainees in total, Adams has said the city would be unable to get its jail population at or below that figure before Rikers' closure.

In recent months, Adams said the borough-based jails would grow to have 4,400 beds in total.

In Queens, the World Borough's facility was originally designed to have 125 beds for women and gender-expansive detainees – though the facility will house male detainees as well, it is the only facility that will house women and gender-expansive people. The jail is now expected to be built with the capacity to hold 450 women.

"Tripling the capacity of women's beds at the Queens jail is an unmistakable sign of bad faith from this mayor toward women and gender-expansive people in our city's jails," said Rev. Sharon White-Harrigan, the executive director of the Women's Community Justice Association.

In favor of the new beds, the Adams administration has proposed eliminating a number of beds meant to hold detainees with mental health issues, despite the fact that around half of all



A rendering of the parking garage and community facility expected to be part of the Queens borough-based jail, which is not expected to be completed before 2031.

Rendering via nyc.gov

6,300 detainees currently held on Rikers Island have been given a mental health diagnosis. Nurse told the Eagle that she believes the move "makes no sense."

"We can't afford to give up those beds," the councilmember said.

While the mayor has blamed the population increase on the need for a new plan, advocates have accused the mayor of doing very little to even attempt to lower the jail's population, which has grown by around 1,000 detainees on average since Adams took office at the start of 2022.

"There is a realistic plan for reducing the jail population to meet the target of fewer than 3,300 individuals incarcerated in city jails, and a critical component is prioritizing decarceration of people with mental health concerns and expanding supportive housing and community mental health supports," said Jennifer J. Parish, the director of Criminal Justice Advocacy at Urban Justice Center Mental Health Project.

"Mayor Adams is failing in his responsibility to advance the plan to close Rikers," she added. "Since taking office, he has proposed defunding [alternative to incarceration] and preventative programs – effective interventions for reducing incarceration, expanded the capacity of the borough-based jails by reducing space dedicated for specialized mental health units, and agreed to contracts that will result in people being incarcerated at Rikers Island long after the closure deadline."

A mayoral spokesperson defended the contract, as well as the administration's postponement of the borough-based jails' construction.



Mayor Eric Adams' administration has proposed finalizing a construction contract for the Queens borough-based jail that would run through 2031, four years after the deadline to close Rikers Island.

File photo by Benny Polatseck/Mayoral Photography Office

"It has become painfully clear that the plan approved under the last administration leaves open serious questions about the city's ability to keep New Yorkers safe," the spokesperson said.

"But as Mayor Adams has said repeatedly, this administration will always follow the law, and we remain committed to completing the borough-based jails, which is what we must do to protect public safety, provide humane conditions for those in custody, and close the jails

on Rikers Island – there is simply no other path forward," the spokesperson added.

With the proposed contracts for the Queens and Bronx facility currently under consideration, only the Manhattan facility has yet to have a construction firm attached to it.

Adams said last month during his executive budget presentation that he expects the entire project to cost the city nearly \$16 billion, or twice the cost of the original projection.

## NY officials claw back \$6.3M stolen from charities by rogue lawyer and advisor

By Robert Abruzzese  
Queens Daily Eagle

Attorney General Letitia James and U.S. Attorney Carla Freedman announced last week the recovery of \$6.3 million stolen by former attorney Richard J. Sherwood and financial advisor Thomas K. Lagan.

The duo exploited their roles as trustees for the estates of three elderly sisters from Guilderland, New York, embezzling approximately \$11.8 million intended for charitable causes across the Capital Region.

Sherwood and Lagan, both convicted of grand larceny in 2019, manipulated the estate planning and trusts of philanthropists Warren and Pauline Bruggeman, as well as Pauline's sister, Anne Urban.

They directed the sisters' assets to a sham trust, Empire Capital Trust, that they created, making themselves the beneficiaries.

This fraudulent activity continued until Anne's death, at which point they accelerated their theft, transferring large sums to themselves rather than the charitable organizations

specified in the original estate plans.

"New Yorkers should be able to trust that their financial advisors and attorneys are looking out for their best interests—not stealing their hard-earned money," said James. "Sherwood and Lagan defrauded a well-meaning family and, in the process, cheated local nonprofit organizations out of funds intended to support their missions. Thank you to U.S. Attorney Freedman for her partnership in rooting out fraud and stopping individuals who abuse the system."

The recovery of the funds stems from the

collaborative efforts of state and federal law enforcement and legal agencies, with the reclaimed funds now set to be distributed to the originally intended recipients, including St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, the Ukrainian-American Cultural Center, Ellis Hospital Foundation and the Bruggeman '46 Scholarship Fund at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

The U.S. attorney's office continues to work on recovering the remainder of the stolen funds to fulfill the restitution owed to the affected parties, the office said.

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