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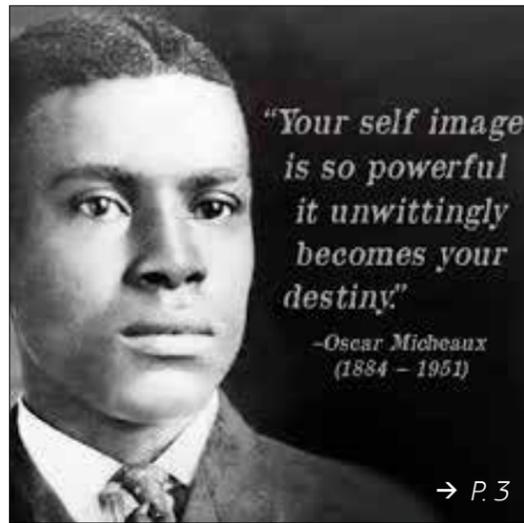
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Impact of Foreclosures on Communities of Color

On Friday, February 19, 2016 the New York State Foreclosure Defense Bar (NYSFDB) co-sponsored a Legislative Luncheon at Brooklyn Law School, led by Congresswoman Yvette Clarke (9th Congressional District). The topic of discussion, the “impact of foreclosure upon communities of color”, was buoyed by a recent report issued on January 27, 2016 by Special Inspector General Christy Goldsmith Romero of the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) [1]. The report details the impact that the low rate of Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP) approvals has had on the

foreclosure crisis, specifically the impact on Brooklyn communities over the past five years. It found that from 2009 to 2015, nearly half of the TARP funding allocated to support HAMP remains unspent, funding which is set to expire in 2016. In addition to this, in April 2015 approximately three out of four homeowners had their HAMP applications denied, which totals to over four million people nationwide.

As a member of NYSFDB, David Bryan, Director of the Consumer and Economic Advocacy (CEA) Program, attended the luncheon and participated in a panel discussion. Starting with a chant of “Black

Homes Matter!” which the room joined in on, Bryan launched into a narrative of a recent case involving a lender discriminating against clients in the provisions written into their mortgages. Historically, communities of color have been disproportionately impacted by unfavorable mortgage agreements and predatory subprime lending practices, which have led to higher rates of foreclosure, patterns that persist to the present day. The CEA Program team represents clients and helps fight against such discrimination, an increasingly important need given that the vast majority of homeowners facing foreclosure do not have a lawyer. Bryan concluded the discussion by reinforcing that in order to deter financial institutions from taking advantage of homeowners there must be a clear threat of criminal prosecution in place for those that violate the law.

The general consensus from the

members of the Legislative Luncheon was very clear: the foreclosure crisis of the Great Recession is not over. Over the next three to five years, close to \$10 billion in community and family wealth could be transferred out of Brooklyn as lenders continue to foreclose on homes and seize property. This leads to the threat of displacement for tens of thousands of Brooklynites, which will drastically change the landscape of neighborhoods that have been predominantly minority and working class for many years. With the number of judges handling residential mortgage foreclosure cases in Brooklyn recently reduced from 25 to 2, and the funding designed to support HAMP set to expire in 2016, a joint effort among local lawmakers and civil legal service organizations is imperative to ensure that Brooklyn homeowners are given a fighting chance to remain in their homes.

Judiciary Changes Choke Foreclosure System, Hurts Homeowners

■ By Dan Wise

New York City Public Advocate Letitia James cast a harsh spotlight on Justice Lawrence S. Knipel, the administrative judge in charge of civil cases in Brooklyn Supreme Court, at a meeting convened Friday under the leadership of Brooklyn Congresswoman Yvette Clarke to examine the impact of foreclosures upon communities of color.

During the course of the meeting at Brooklyn Law School, James rose on several occasions to express dismay over the way foreclosure cases are being handled in Brooklyn and angrily vowed to seek a meeting with him.

About 70 public officials, homeowners’ lawyers and their clients attended the session. The session was presented in conjunction with the New York State Foreclosure Defense Bar.

The message from about a dozen lawyers and their clients, who were designated as presenters, was clear: the foreclosure crisis of the Great Recession is not over. To the contrary, the crisis is greater than ever because government-related entities, such as Fannie Mae, have been selling off huge amounts of troubled mortgages at bargain prices to investors, who, in Brooklyn, are pressing hard for foreclosures so they can take advantage of rising prices as gentrification in some of its poorer neighborhoods speeds ahead.

David J. Bryan, director of economic advocacy at Brooklyn Legal Service Corp. A, said that Fannie Mae and other like entities “will accept the loss of a substantial portion of the homeowners debt when the loans are sold to a hedge fund but not to help homeowners save their homes.”

“Hedge funds win and Jane Public loses,” Bryan explained, because, for example Fannie Mae has rulemaking authority to forgive principal on loans it owns but chose not to exercise it, even though the Treasury Department has required private holders of mortgage debt to consider forgiveness.

In that vein, a report released by TARP’s Special Inspector General Christy Goldsmith Romero on January 27, found that \$11 billion of the TARP funds set aside to fund the HAMP program in 2009 remains unspent. That is nearly 50 percent of the \$22 billion originally earmarked to support HAMP. (See TARP Report on p.93.) Unless reauthorized, HAMP will expire at the end of 2016.

TARP refers to the Troubled Asset Relief Program in which Congress approved a \$700 billion bailout in 2008 for the nation’s collapsing financial system. Congress eventually pared the bailout to \$475 million, of which \$22 million was set aside to fund a program designed to provide mortgage relief to homeowners who had become delinquent in their payments. The HAMP (Home Affordable Mortgage Program) was designed to provide a process by which banks and homeowners, in appropriate instances, would negotiate downward modifications of the amount homeowners are required to pay

on their mortgages.

The U.S. Treasury Department subsequently issued detailed guidelines to determine who is eligible to receive a modification and, if so, in what form and what amount.

Inspector General Romero also found that only 22 percent of more than 5 million requests for HAMP loan modifications had been approved as of November 2015. (TARP Report p.97)

A study prepared by the New York State Foreclosure Defense Bar buttresses the notion that minority communities in Brooklyn have been disproportionately impacted by the gentrification process. The foreclosure bar twinned data from the Federal Reserve Board of New York examining the number of foreclosures in 2013 by zip code with 2010 census data on the racial makeup of 171 zip codes within the state.

The results of that analysis, which was part of a Powerpoint presentation at the session, shows that four of the 10 zip codes with the highest number of foreclosures in

2013 were in Brooklyn. The percentage of Hispanic and black people living in those neighborhoods ranged from 85 percent in the vicinity of Cypress Hills and East New York to 96 percent in East Flatbush, Brownsville and nearby neighborhoods.

Good NY Laws—Judicial Enforcement Spotty

The new pressure to extract the gold now present in the distressed assets held by the likes of HUD, HFA, Fannie Mae and Freddy Mac comes against a backdrop of bank indifference and intransigence which has frustrated the operation of the HAMP program, said Jay Inwald, who oversees the foreclosure prevention practice of Legal Services NYC, which has aided 10,500 limited-income New York City homeowners since the HAMP program started in 2009.

Inwald noted that New York has very strong laws designed to help homeowners “avoid losing their homes”. Specifically, the state adopted a law in 2009 which dovetailed

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"Brooklyn's Best" Salutes Kings County's Finest

On Wednesday, March 16, 2016 City Councilman **Robert E. Cornegy** hosts Brooklyn's Best Honor's 2016 kick off reception at Grandchamps, 197 Patchen Ave. Sponsored by Our Time Press, Grandchamps and Urban ID Media, the event will include delicious Caribbean dishes and live performances from singer/songwriter Darryl Copeland and friends. Proceeds will benefit Safe Horizon's Jane Barker Brooklyn Child Advocacy Center, which provides an essential community response to New York City's most vulnerable victims of violence and abuse by giving child victims the foundation they need to move from crisis to confidence.

Brooklyn's Best Honors March 2016 honorees include civic leader Henry L. Butler; husband and wife business owners Lenworth and Maxine Stephenson; and Brooklyn's Best Honors very own Art & Entertainment professional Darryl Copeland.

Bedford-Stuyvesant's own Henry L. Butler serves his community proudly. As Community Board 3's District Manager, Butler monitors the delivery of community services from various city agencies and plays a vital role in preparing the Board's annual capital and expense budget. He currently serves as President of the Vanguard Independent Democratic Club, and Chairs Brooklyn Branch NAACP Labor Committee. In 2006, Butler became a Block President and member of CB3 serving as its VP of the Police, Fire & Safety Committee and Financial Secretary before being elected Chairman in 2008 where he has successfully procured funding for the Utica Ave train station Elevator and reconstruction of the Nostrand Ave thoroughfare. His commitment to serve others earned him a congressional merit award and the "People's Community Empowerment Hero" award. An enterprising entrepreneur, Butler's most important role to date has been husband to his wife Lalena and father to his two boys, Kevin and Miles.

Bedford Stuyvesant's own Maxine and

Lenworth Stephenson are the enterprising force behind Zeen Incorporated, a cost-effective human resources management and recruitment consulting agency that aids small businesses integrate solutions while enhancing organizational culture and mitigate risk. The home business was founded in 2010 by the husband and wife duo and has helped a variety of organizations in such areas as job placement, recruitment, policy development, talent acquisition management, training and other areas. Lenworth, ZEEN Inc. Founder & CEO graduated from Pace University and holds a MSA from Central Michigan University in Human Resource Administration. Chef Operation Office Maxine received her BA in Political Science from Pace University.

Brooklyn's own Darryl Copeland began his musical journey singing in a choir at the tender age of 7. By the time he was 10, he was performing solo and by the age 14 became the choir director. After graduating high school he joined the US Navy, which afforded him access to the world. Upon returning home from active duty, Copeland moved to New York City and emerged himself in the world of entertainment where he has shared the stage with a variety of contemporary artist and later performing in and written numerous off Broadway productions. He is a sought after vocal coach, teacher and community leader. However, he never forgetting his gospel root and as an ordained elder at Refuge Church of Christ, Copeland provide bereavement, general council and advocate for black veteran.

Brooklyn's Best Honors is an Urban ID Media production, a Brooklyn-based media and event-marketing agency. The quarterly receptions capture the wealth and diversity that profoundly exists in the County of Kings. Each affair is held exclusively at a Brooklyn-based venue where honorees, tastemakers from all over get to create an authentic cherished Brooklyn experience while supporting a small business. For additional information, call (718) 399-7016.

SMALL BUSINESS

"Brooklyn's Best" to Host community champions at "Grandchamps Restaurant"



The much-hailed Grandchamps Restaurant & Market at 197 Patchen Avenue in Bedford-Stuyvesant owned by Sabrina and Shawn Brockman, will be the location of this season's Brooklyn Honors event. On the Haitian cuisine menu is a Griot

Sandwich. Sounds nice. Kudos to Keith L. Forest for masterminding this dual-purpose "Honors" initiative which promotes small businesses and business owners, as it celebrates the contributions of rarely heralded community leaders. The restaurant opened in June 2015.

The "Oscar" that Rocks..

As we go to print, Our Time Press is amused by the hoopla over the Academy Awards. The only Oscar we care about is Oscar Micheaux, the pioneer Black filmmaker and his predecessors who dared to produce films

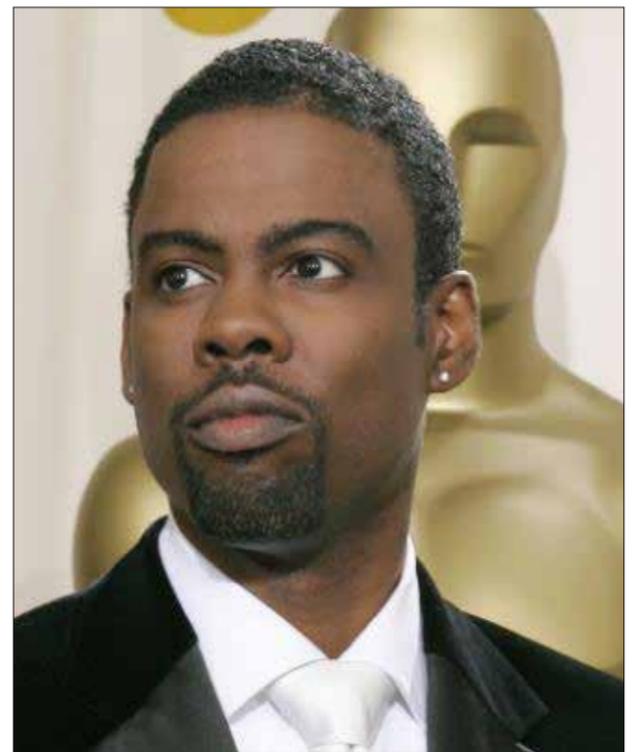
that responded to Hollywood's depiction of people of color in the first half of the 20th century.

About the protest of the Academy Awards, we say: Don't waste a "movement" on getting millionaire "stars" more face time and more millions. Upgrade the protest to include behind-the-scenes jobs at every level in the industry for people of color. Create marketing campaigns for overlooked community-based ethnic newspapers and radio programs. Urge the film community to acknowledge pioneers like Micheaux and Black filmmakers who came before him and their transformational

works. And lobby for the Academy Awards to incorporate a community "give back" component.

As Chris Rock said, "Of course, Hollywood is racist", the current performers know that as well as did Oscar Micheaux. The difference is that instead of complaining about it, Micheaux pulled his money together, hired Black actors and crew, and shot his own movies. It would be so much more interesting if today's multimillionaire Black stars could pull away from the mirror for a moment and the pain of being wronged and instead organized around increasing opportunities throughout the industry and maybe even march on a union hall or two.

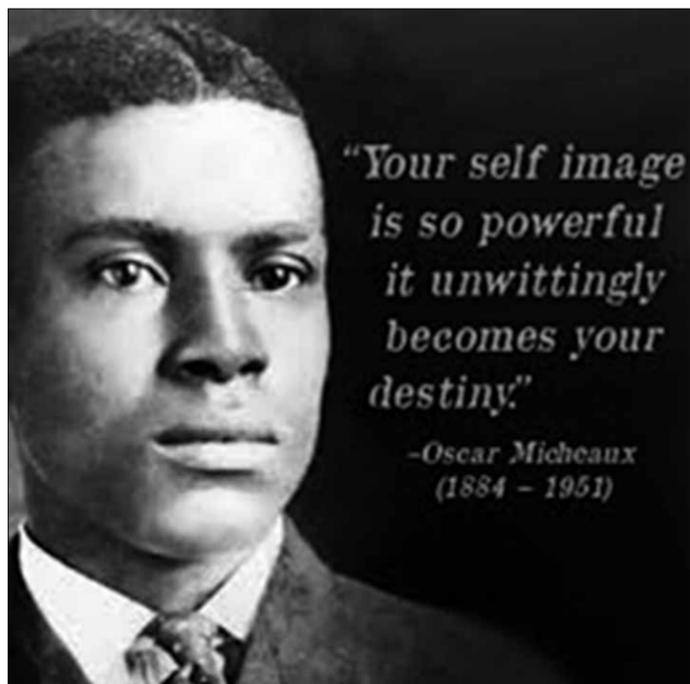
And, lastly, host Chris rocked on a number of levels; some high, some low. That his message may have gone over



Chris Rock

the top at times is just how the media has honed it and his fans have lapped it up for the past three decades. So what else is new? Thumbs up! for Whoopi and Kerry (Washington).

(Bernice Elizabeth Green)



Where the Atlantic Yards CBA Stands

■ By Akosua K. Albritton

Pacific Park's--née Atlantic Yards--construction is moving full steam. At the February 24, 2016 community update meeting in the Shirley Chisolm State Office Building, Senior Vice President of External Affairs for Forest City Ratner Ashley Cotton described the progress in building 550 Vanderbilt Avenue, 535 Carlton Avenue, 38 Sixth Avenue, 664 Pacific Street, 461 Dean Street, and the extension of the Long Island Rail Road yard. Ms. Cotton gave the height and number of affordable housing units for each building--some 1,700 units.

There is dedicated space on the first four lower floors at 664 Pacific Street for a 616-seat middle school. 38 Sixth Avenue is being outfitted with a health center. This work occurs due to the skill of prime contractors, subcontractors, and their construction crews. What do the quarterly reports from the Independent Compliance Officer reveal about the contract awards to minority business enterprises and women business enterprises in pre-construction services and total construction expenditures? What percentage of all construction

workers are minorities and what is the percentage of women hired as construction workers? It took foresight for the crafters of the Atlantic Yards Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) to consider these keys to a win-win situation for the developer and community.

Devotion NYC leader Michael West met with Ms. Cotton, February 18, 2016 to ask these questions. "Ms. Cotton cited some numbers--1,700 construction workers, 50% are minorities, 10% are women, 20% are Brooklyn residents--but there was no document to support her words. We asked that she send the document to us by February 29. Rather than the report, she emailed a letter to him, February 29, 2016 containing the same numbers she had stated in the meeting." Mr. West had been associated with BUILD. By 2008, he left the organization "due to other responsibilities and had a job."

Without the report neither the CBA Executive Committee nor the public can study the many statistics to know the project's progress in realizing the CBA. CBA Coalition Chair Delia Hunley-Adossa was contacted by telephone March 1, 2016 in order to obtain the M/WBE and construction workers statistics; however, the voice

mail for Brooklyn Endeavor Experience from where Ms. Hunley-Adossa operates was not activated and contacting her via info@beegreenow.org which is listed on the website resulted in the return message: "Remote SMTP server has rejected the address...it does not exist"

What of the Independent Compliance Officer (ICO)? Who is this person and where are the quarterly reports? According to Michael West and Norman Oder, *Atlantic Yards/Pacific Park Report* steadfast blogger, no one is in that position. "Enforcement of the CBA is pretty much dependent on the Independent Compliance Monitor. [This person] is supposed to report to the community; however, no one has ever been assigned to the position," explained Mr. West.

According to the CBA agreement:

The ICO shall be responsible for oversight of the Project Developer's, Arena Developer's and Coalition members' obligations under this Agreement, investigation of any complaints brought against the Developers or a Coalition member regarding implementation of this Agreement and review of the Developers reports required under Article X (the "Developer Reports"). After review of the Developer Reports, the ICM shall provide a report to the Executive Committee and the DBOAC, as defined below, on the status of the implementation of all initiatives.

Mr. West advances Devotion NYC to serve in this capacity. Rather than one

person receive an annual salary of up to \$100,000, for \$149,000 the organization Devotion NYC would perform the same duties. Another organization he suggests is a multiservice organization called HigherSelf Lifestyle.

The crucial item to examine is the change in the project's name from Atlantic Yards/FCR to Pacific Park. Pacific Park is being constructed by Greenland Forest City. This is a joint venture between Greenland, USA, the developer of record which is a Chinese real estate developer and Forest City Ratner which is responsible for property management. Greenland, USA controls 70% of the project. Scott Solish is Greenland's Director of Design and Development. Solish left NYC Economic Development Corp. to assume this post. NYS chapter President of the National Association of Minority Contractors Joseph Coello opines, "Greenland ought to be part of discussions and [learn whether] they are prepared to follow the mandate of the CBA."

This joint venture initiated changes for the project by the Empire State Development Corp. "The General Project Plan was modified June 2014 to accelerate construction and the creation of the Atlantic Yards Community Development Corporation (AYCDC) which gives input on development, housing, and community impact." One of the 14 board members is Bertha Lewis, Black Institute Executive Director

Judiciary Changes

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with the HAMP program to require holders of delinquent mortgages to negotiate "in good faith" before proceeding in court to foreclose upon homes. In 2014, the appeals

court covering Brooklyn and Queens ruled that the bank adherence to the HAMP guidelines should be the measure of "good faith".

Nonetheless, Inwald explained, banks frustrated the process by often (and

repeatedly) losing the extensive paperwork homeowners were required to submit to qualify for a downward mortgage modification and refusing to process applications in the manner specified in HAMP guidelines.

More saliently, Inwald said, the courts have signaled a lukewarm approach to enforcing the requirement that banks negotiate in "good faith" with homeowners. In a follow-up interview, he explained that the legislation adopting the "good faith" requirement specifically instructed the Office of Court Administration (OCA) to adopt rules to ensure that court referees conducting the settlement conferences have the power to ensure that the parties refrain from "willful dilatory practices".

Yet, the rules issued by OCA to implement the new settlement process were silent on what powers referees and judges have to enforce the "good faith" requirement. As a result, he added, the courts have been loath to enforce specific requirements enumerated in the new law (Civil Practice Rules and Procedures Section 3408) such as a requirement that banks appear at settlement conferences with full authority to "dispose" of a case. Instead, he said, banks routinely use attorneys who are only hired for the day and lack basic information about the case.

Residential Foreclosure Judges Cut from 25 to 2

Against this backdrop, Inwald said, Knipel in January overhauled the assignment of residential mortgage foreclosure cases to reduce the number of judges handling them from about 25 to two. Under this plan, more than 6,000 pending residential foreclosure cases were reassigned to Brooklyn Justice Noach Dear, a former City Councilman who represented a predominantly Orthodox Jewish section of Brooklyn. The remaining 2,000 "old" residential cases were transferred to Justice Peter Sweeney. Previously, the residential cases had been randomly assigned among 25 judges, all of whom handled many different types of civil cases.

At Friday's meeting, Inwald said it is "difficult to imagine" how a single judge could handle 6,000 cases without "causing an even more substantial backlog or reverting to a rubber-stamp process".

Inwald's description of the problems posed by shifting 6,000 residential cases to a single judge is what brought Public Advocate James to her feet. She angrily demanded in reference to Knipel, "Who is this Supreme Court Judge?" and vowed to seek a meeting with him.

That was one of several occasions in which James rose to express her dismay with the way foreclosure cases are being handled in Brooklyn and elsewhere in New York City. One of those instances was in response to the account of Carl Tripp, a manager of a U.S. Postal Office in Brooklyn. Tripp related how he had been offered a mortgage modification by Chase Bank, and had paid his mortgage at the lower rate for six months, more than twice the time period specified in the HAMP guidelines. Nonetheless, Tripp said Chase refused to make the loan modification permanent.

Reflecting upon Tripp's treatment and the similar experience of another homeowner James said, "No one should be treated like that".

Several of the homeowner lawyers at the meeting recounted that only a day earlier, at their request, Knipel had met with them to discuss concerns about the assignment of so many residential cases to Justice Dear. They reported that at the meeting Knipel had been unresponsive to the issues they raised.

Lucien Chalfin, OCA's Director of Public Information, declined to defend the new assignment system in Brooklyn or state whether Knipel would meet with James. Instead, he wrote in an e-mail, "We don't comment on assignments and certainly not on pending matters before the court".

One wonders whether OCA will give Public Advocate James the same response when she requests a meeting with Knipel.

Nor will James be alone in seeking to resurrect and reform HAMP. The meeting was attended by state Assembly members Annette Robinson, Eric Dilan and Latrice Walker, and Jumaane Williams and Inez Barron, both members of the City Council. All five, as well as Congresswoman Clarke, agreed to press officials at their level of government to put HAMP back on track. Dan Wise reports on WiseLawNY, a blog about the courts and law in NYC. <https://wiselawny.wordpress.com>



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Bridge Street AWME Church Celebrates a Milestone

When people talk about having their roots in Brooklyn, few have roots deeper than the 250-year-old congregation of Bridge Street AWME Church. As expected, great moments were experienced at this historic church that, as The Rev. David B. Cousin, Bridge Street's pastor, and guest speaker Rev. Dr. Cornell William Brooks said, "continues to make history".

The entire day was a sweeping, dramatic evocation of the program's theme centering on honoring Bridge Street's two convergent histories:

from the AWME ancestral founding entity and its evolution as Bridge Street African Methodist Episcopal Church.

It was a rousing service of great words, great music and great people coming together to fellowship and celebrate the foundations for great works already in progress. The church honored the keepers of Bridge Street's missions and heritage and heard congratulatory words from the leaders in the courtrooms of the city and state, and all levels of government who are charged with fighting for Bridge Street, its neighbors and neighborhood.

Exhilarating performances by Bridge Street musicians and liturgical dancers in white roused the congregation. A harmonic universal choir robed in black, featuring singers from the church unified with the voices of friends from other church families, hailed the church triumphant.

As the nation's Black History Month closes, Our Time Press appreciates the action of the pastors, trustees and congregation in inviting such a speaker as The Rev. Dr. Brooks to present an impactful sermon that, in itself, was history-making on the level of

the great messages and delivery of The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. A transcription of his entire speech will appear in the March 10 issue of Our Time Press, in celebration of the birthday of Harriet Tubman, who also spoke to Bridge Street congregations before the dawn of the 20th century.

On this page, we offer these brief highlights of this one church so that the community remembers and takes lessons from the perseverance and the determination of those who have made this anniversary celebration possible.

THE AWARDEES...

Rev. Charles Griffin received The Founders Award, a new honor, for exemplifying the spirit of the early founders of our church, and who have helped to further the spiritual work and legacy of the church. It is given to a leader age 30 or older. He has served on the ministerial staff for more than 20 years.

Gregory E. Jones, Jr. received the Young Adult Award for his consistent, committed service to organizations of Bridge Street, and has active involvement in the community. Jones, who recently became a firefighter, mentors young men of character at Community School 21.

Spencer Jackson received The Youth Award for demonstrating commitment to the ideals of Bridge Street Church, school and community. Nominees are actively involved in the organized youth activities of the church; participate in school and community activities and service projects; are in good academic standing.

Anne Brunson, longtime Bridge Streeter, was awarded the Church and Community Award recognizing her leadership in setting the example of good Christian values. She also provides spiritual, cultural, social, educational or business programs which address the needs of the "whole person" in the church and community. They must also give back to the community by providing employment and business opportunities, as well as quality services which enhance the community. Ms. Brunson is former President and 2nd Vice President of the New York Con.

The Steele-Powell-Morris-Beasley Family received the Faithful Family Award recognizing families with two or more generations of membership, service and leadership, sustaining the spiritual legacy and work of Bridge Street Church and Community. The oldest generation joined Bridge Street in 1945. Over the years, various members of the family have been part of the Church School, the Usher Board, Girl Scouts, the Security Ministry, the Junior Steward Board, the Women's Day Committee, the Arthur L. Funn Lay Organization and the Board of Trustees Conference WMS, among other notable achievements.



Faithful Family Award



First Lady and Executive Minister - Rev Valerie Cousin



Anne Brunson receiving The Church and Community Award.



Praise Dance



Electeds



Public Advocate Letitia James and Assemblywoman Annette Robinson



Rev Charles Griffin - Founders Award



Tatiana leads prayer



Senator Charles Schumer



Comptroller Scott Stringer



Rev. Dr. Cornell Brooks and Rev. David B. Cousin, Sr.



Spencer James, Youth Award

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

of the AFRICAN WESLEYAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH BROOKLYN, NEWYORK

1766 The African Wesleyan Methodist Episcopal Church was organized.

1794 The congregation purchased land from wealthy landowner Joshua Sands and built a small church,

The Sands Street Wesleyan Methodist Episcopal Church. The congregation comprised Caucasians, free Negroes and former enslaved Africans. The Sands Street congregation grew rapidly, needing a larger place to worship.

1810 A new church, First Methodist Episcopal Church of Brooklyn, was completed. It comprised a mixed congregation

of 1500. Between 1810 and 1817, the Black church membership increased and relations between Blacks and Whites deteriorated: Whites wanted Blacks to pay \$10 per quarter to worship in the galleries. Blacks withdrew from FMECB and worshipped in each other's homes.

1817 On May 14, the Black congregants formed a society to raise funds to buy land to build a church. They paid 50 cents a month into a building fund. That fall, a grand rally was held and \$130 was collected.

1818 On January 12 after being legally notified, the "male" members of the society met to



Photo: Walter Taylor

choose trustees, whose duties were to take care of the temporal affairs of the church or

religious instruction. A delegation was appointed to travel to Philadelphia to see Bishop

Richard Allen of the AME Church about sending a preacher for the new church and to ordain

several of the delegates as local preachers. On January 19 Peter and Benjamin Croger went before Magistrate John Garrison in Kings County Court of Common Pleas and filed a Certificate of Election. On February 7 the

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Electeds Walker, Montgomery and Robinson

Interfaith Medical Center Honors Black History Here & Now

Easter came early this year at the Black History Program presented by clients and staff of Interfaith Medical Center's Department of Psychiatry, Ambulatory and Primary Care Programs and Community Affairs, which included a standing-room-only audience with stories of Resurrection, courage, faith and resilience.

The program, seamlessly run by Mistresses of Ceremony Sharonnie Perry and Gabrielle Mathias, began with longtime Interfaith religious leader Reverend Canon Frederick Opare-Addo giving an invocation of healing before Norman Davis led with the Black National Anthem and Dr. Evaristo Akerele introduced the new CEO of Interfaith Medical Center Ms. LaRay Brown.

One aspect of her introduction Ms. Brown felt needed correction was as the first African-American woman to head a major hospital. CEO Brown said she is the first at a private hospital, but there have been others as heads of public hospitals and that "I have to recognize my sisters because I stand on their shoulders".

Ms. Brown shared that being "the first" African-American woman in a particular position of leadership in 2016 was something she was "not proud of" and that there were issues of social inequality and social justice that still existed all around us and that "we have a responsibility to keep on keeping on".

This was followed by examples of those who "keep on keeping on", beginning with the clients of the IPRT mental health program with a collection of creative writing by Antoinette, Charmin,

Quintin, Marie, Ian, Joy and the multitalented Karen.

In an example of life giving meaning to art, Darren, Linda and Jennie gave a rendition of "Stand by Me" that was a soulful sound resonating with particular meaning for an audience of those who have seen hard times and who, at times, have needed something to hold them while they pulled themselves back up.

Awardee Jose "Joey" Roman spoke to this saying he came into Interfaith as a client diseased by alcohol: "It destroyed in six years what it took forty years to create", but now is clean and employed at the center. According to Joey, and I think he would know, there is a road to sobriety that must be traveled because "it's a journey not an event".

Award recipient Richard Symister spoke of the work ethic he learned from his father and accepted in honor of his parents and grandparents and the values they instilled in him. The standards they set gave him the strength to create MovEvolution, a sports physical therapy, body work and performance enhancement studio located in the middle of the former Bogolon District at 87 Fort Greene Place.

"I am not bipolar, I have bipolar disorder," announced award recipient Leslie Sterling as she spoke of her "invisible illness" and how it can be helped with exercise, diet and finding release for the unavoidable stresses in life. A believer in the efficacy of creative arts therapy, Sterling says "people can heal through the arts", and that what is centrally important is to "find what feeds your soul". One of the things that feeds Ms. Sterling's

soul is the free ShapeUp NYC fitness program she works with at Interfaith every Wednesday at 3pm. (FYI ShapeUp NYC is a citywide program with no registration offering fitness classes such as aerobics, yoga, Pilates, Zumba and more.)

Upon accepting her award, Divinah "Dee" Bailey, founder of The Watchful Eye anti-HIV/AIDS organization, called over Mistress of Ceremony and Director of Governmental and Community Relations Sharonnie Perry to acknowledge Ms. Perry's years of "work and commitment" in the community and tells of their coming together during the early years of the AIDS epidemic when Interfaith was the first hospital to have an entire floor devoted to AIDS patients.

Ms. Bailey also told a story of how only a few months ago, while driving a large vehicle in downtown Brooklyn, she suddenly felt the deep, seeming life-ending, childbirth-like pain of kidney stones. Though headed toward Methodist, she turned around and headed to the "real hospital right in our community", Interfaith. The "unapologetically Black" Ms. Bailey said that in our community "we have great people and a great hospital".

Awardee Canon Diane Porter is a former member of the Board of Trustees for Interfaith Medical Center and founder and CEO for the IM Foundation, focusing on health care issues. A lifelong Episcopalian and a trailblazer in the church in her own right, Canon Porter spoke of her family history from the time her mother refused membership in the Women's Auxiliary at St. Catherine's Hospital in Indiana because

women were not allowed on the board and her father's work at Phillis Wheatley Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri.

Award recipient Jerome Pogue flatly stated, "Interfaith saved my life" as he spoke of starting drugs at 16 and still carrying two bullets from a time when he had given up on life and was "angry at God". "It was an ugly thing," the life he knew before "MICA taught me to love myself" and he's now 8 years clean. In his work with young people, he says a lot of young people don't have work ethics. Pogue says he has painfully come to realize that the very basics such as personal responsibility for showing up on time are things that "they really don't know" and that have to be instilled because "children are the future".

Original music by Ms. Antoinette Taitt was performed at the lunch provided by Health First.

Who we are and what we become is held in two pounds of brain matter and the care and feeding of it determines whether it ever is able to discover and exploit its gifts. Subject to smoke, alcohol, drugs, stress hormones and a toxic environment of bad air or water and afterbirth, there is likely a continuation of that womb experience compounded by societal pressures and the "little grey cells" make the wrong connections, don't know why and as Mr. Pogue says, that's when things get ugly. The good news from the morning was that with guidance, the human spirit can find its way. That's what we saw at Interfaith and it was a pleasure to watch.

By David Mark Greaves



Richard Symister



Roxanne Cook, IBC and Rickey



Sharonnie Perry, Cheryl Crooks



Allois Douse, CDOS - Jose "Joey" Roman - Barbara Smith



CDOS Performers Linda Bennette, Darren Bobo and Jennie Picot



Divinah Bailey



Elaine Williams Oris Walker PT Dept



Ian Brereton



Jennifer Johnson (sweater) and Tanya McLaulin



Jennifer Sewall, Linden Holt, Richard Symister and Gabrielle Mathias



Jerome Pogue



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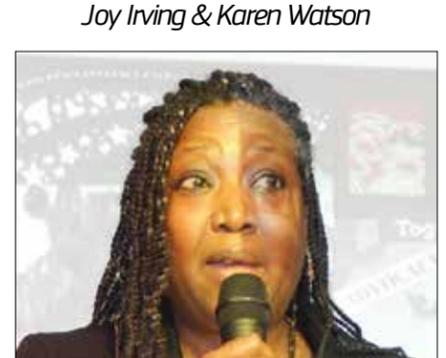
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LaRay Brown CEO President IMC - Diane Porter, CEO IM Foundation - Sharonnie Perry Director Governmental and Community Relations



LaRay Brown, CEO & President



Leslie Sterling



Marie Benoit



Michael D. "Day Day"

**Acknowledgment of Fallen Heroes:
Ron Brown, Khalilah Caicedo
& Leon Crooks**

Running Towards Success



By Eddie Castro

There is some serious noise coming out of the High School of Paul Robeson as a young lady is taking the borough by storm. Amanda Crawford is the senior leader and one of the most gifted athletes in the sprint relays. The ladies of Paul Robeson High are ranked No.1 in the 4x200 meter relay (1:37.80) and No.3 in the 4x400 relay with a time of (3:48.95). Her main event is the 400m, in which she owns a PR of 54.22. Crawford is a returning New Balance Nationals Indoor All-American.

Not many kids, let alone adults, can master dedication; however, at the age of 16, Amanda seems to have a great dose of just that when it comes to her dedication to the sport. Amanda takes a 90-minute subway ride from her school in Brooklyn to practice with her team at the armory. Although she leaves practice early, she makes sure to get her work in and then it's off to doing more work for Ms. Crawford. She takes an hour and a half class at City Tech, where she is studying to be an EMT (electromechanical engineering technology). She is

on target to capture her Associate's degree in June. Amanda is being recruited by the University of Alabama, but before that she has some goals she wants to accomplish. Her goals are to break the PSAL 4x4 record and the state record in the 4x2 and 4x4.

Amanda certainly has a lot on her plate at such a young age. Then again, she seems to be so driven at such a young age. She is preparing herself for the national games in which she will try to repeat as an All-American. Also, she will race at the CARIFTA races in her mother's home country of Grenada. In a recent interview regarding the races in Grenada Amanda said, "I was supposed to go last year but it didn't work out. I'm happy. It's a new experience. I'm really nervous. One of my first big, big stages to compete against people from other countries. This is new for me". It sounds like Amanda is excited about the opportunity. The races in Grenada are on the 21st and 26th of March. We all will be cheering for her and her continuing success all the way from Brooklyn.



Amanda Crawford

Sports Notes: (Baseball) 32 days till Opening Day! How far will the Yankees and Mets go this year? Let me know your thoughts and E-mail me at castroeddie714@gmail.com. **(Basketball)** The Nets and Joe Johnson have agreed to a buyout. Johnson has now elected to sign with the Miami Heat. The Nets are a surprising 2-0 since his departure in what has been a rough season to say the least in Brooklyn. The team will wrap up their mini-West Coast trip against the Denver Nuggets. The Knicks have been just as bad as the Nets with Monday's 14th loss in the last 17 games. The Knicks battle the Boston Celtics this Friday night.

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INDEX NO.: 509887/2014. Date Filed: 02/25/2016. SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS WITH NOTICE MORTGAGED PREMISES: 393 Essex Street, Brooklyn, New York 11212. BLOCK 4004 - LOT 140 F/K/A LOT 1. Plaintiff designates KINGS County as the place of trial; venue is based upon the county in which the mortgaged premises is situate. STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR RASC 2007-EMX1, Plaintiff, -against- UNKNOWN HEIRS TO THE ESTATE OF AARON FRANCIS A/K/A AARON A. FRANCIS, if be living, and if dead, the respective heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignors, 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 of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, in any, and each and every person not specifically named who may be entitled to or claim to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the verified complaint; all of whom and whose names and places of residence unknown, and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained by the Plaintiff, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE, NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ROSEANN FRANCIS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF AARON FRANCIS A/K/A AARON A. FRANCIS, SABRINA FRANCIS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF AARON FRANCIS A/K/A AARON A. FRANCIS, CHRISTINA JOHNSON, FELICIA JOHNSON, SANDRA JOHNSON, BRANDON JOHNSON, YVONNE

SLATER, NAJEE HOWARD, Defendants. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the attorneys for the Plaintiff within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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 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. THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$542,400.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of KINGS on November 30, 2006, in CRFN NUMBER 2006000662108, covering premises known as 393 ESSEX STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11212, - BL: # 4004-140 F/K/A LOT 1. 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. The Plaintiff also seeks a deficiency judgment against the Defendant and for any debt secured by said Mortgage which is not satisfied by the proceeds of the sale of said premises. TO THE DEFENDANT UNKNOWN HEIRS TO THE ESTATE OF AARON FRANCIS A/K/A AARON A. FRANCIS the foregoing Supplemental Summons with Notice is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Bernadette Bayne of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, dated January 14, 2016. Dated: Melville, NY February 25, 2016 MCCABE, WEISBERG & CONWAY, P.C. Donna Akinrele, Esq., Attorneys for Plaintiff, 145 Huguenot St., Ste. 210, New Rochelle, NY 10801 p. 914-636-8900 f. 914-636-8901

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The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Banking Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or visit the Department's website at www.dfs.ny.gov.

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ADMINISTRATION CITATION File No. 2014-3337 SURROGATE'S COURT - KING'S COUNTY CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: Vernon H. Warner, and any and all unknown persons whose names or Parts of whose names, and whose place or places of residence are unknown, and cannot, after due diligent inquiry, be ascertained, distributes, heirs at law and next of kin of said Vernon H. Warner, and if any of the said distributees, heirs at law or next of kin of deceased, be dead, their legal representatives, their husbands or wives, if any, distributes and successors in interest whose names and/or places of residence and post office addresses are unknown. A petition having been duly filed by Carmen E. Warner, who is domiciled at 789 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court Kings County at 2 Johnson Street, Room 319, Brooklyn, New York, on April 7, 2016 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Vernon H. Warner, lately domiciled at 135 Decatur Street, Brooklyn, New York

11216 in the county of Kings, New York, a decree issued immediately, pursuant to EPTL 2-1.7 that Vernon H Warner is deceased; a death certificate be issued evidencing same; and awarding Letters of Administration to Petitioner, Carmen E. Warner; that the Administrator shall have power to receive any and all funds in the name of Vernon H. Warner and to then distribute same to the lawful distributees of the estate; and to dispense with filing of a bond; Dated, Attested and Sealed: February 29, 2016 Hon. Diana A. Johnson, Surrogate, Doreen A. Quinn, Chief Clerk. Petitioner Pro Se: Carmen E. Warner, Domiciled At: 789 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11221.

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-1, Plaintiff AGAINST Kirk Williams; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated April 11, 2014 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on March 31, 2016 at 2:30PM, premises known as 494 Chauncey Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 1516 Lot 32. Approximate amount of judgment \$804,216.09 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 32865/09. Lyle Silversmith, Esq., Referee. Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC, Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff, 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835, Dated: January 4, 2016

Probate Citation File No. 2013-3122 Surrogate's Court - Kings County Citation. The People of the State of New York, By the Grace of God Free and Independent. To any and all unknown persons whose names or parts of whose names, and whose place or places of residence are unknown, and cannot, after due diligent inquiry, be ascertained, distributees, heirs at law and next of kin of said Edna Leonora Jordan and if any of the said distributees, heirs at law or next of kin of deceased, be dead, their legal representatives, their husbands or wives, if any, distributes and successors in interest whose names and/or places of residence and post office addresses are unknown. A petition having been duly filed by Sharon Savary who is domiciled at 3656 Varian Avenue. Bronx, NY 10466 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Kings County, at 2 Johns Street, Room 319, Brooklyn, New York, on April 14th, 2016, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Edna Leonora Jordan Lately domiciled at 110 MacDonough Street, Brooklyn, NY 11216 admitting to probate a Will dates November 12, 2009 as the Will of Edna Leonora Jordan deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters

of Testamentary issue to: Sharon Savary. Dated, Attested and Sealed February 19th, 2016, Hon. Diana A. Johnson, Surrogate; Doreen A Quinn, Chief Clerk. Charmaine L. Miles Esq., Attorney for Petitioner; 718-324-2715; Address of Attorney, 1757 Edenwald Avenue, Bronx NY 10466. [NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. 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.]

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS US Bank National Association as Trustee for SASCO Mortgage Loan Trust 2006WF3, Plaintiff AGAINST Victor Inwang, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 11132014 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on 3242016 at 2:30PM, premises known as 31 Monaco Place, Brooklyn, NY 11233. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 1570, LOT: 2 Approximate amount of judgment \$1,049,420.70 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index#: 36334/2007. Scott Harris Klein, Esq., Referee Frenkel Lambert Weiss Weisman & Gordon, LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 01051196F00.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS INDEX NO. 503110/2014 Mortgages Premises 294 CHESTER STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11212 Block 3559 Lot 144 Plaintiff designates KINGS County as the place of trial situs of the real property WILMINGTON TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE MERRILL LYNCH MORTGAGE INVESTORS TRUST, SERIES 2006-HE5, Plaintiff, vs. ERMA CAMPBELL, if living, and if she/he be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective

wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; AUDREY MASON; THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU, "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint,

Defendants. To the above-named Defendants YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York) in the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until (60) days after service of the Summons; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$238,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the City Register of New York on June 13th, 2006 in 2006000330314 covering premises known as 294 CHESTER STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11212. 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. Kings County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county. 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 the mortgage company will not stop the 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: February 12, 2016 RAS Boriskin, LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff By: THOMAS ZEGARELLI, Esq. 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite LL-13 Westbury, NY 11590 (516) 280-7675.

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION; Plaintiff(s) vs. ROSITA TORO; et al; Defendant(s) Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600 Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about September 29, 2015, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201. On March 24, 2016 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 176 NICHOLS AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11208 Block: 4121 Lot: 58 ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment \$519,666.58 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 10276/10 Michael F. King, Esq., REFEREE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF THE INDYMAC INDX MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-AR7, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-AR7, V. LLOYD W. PHILLIPS, et al. NOTICE OF SALE. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 5/12/2015, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of KINGS, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRSUTEE OF THE INDYMAC INDX MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-AR7, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-AR7 is the Plaintiff and LLOYD W. PHILLIPS, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the KINGS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 224, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN NY 11201, on 3/10/2016 at 2:30pm, premises known as 190A KOSCIUSZKO STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11216: Block 1785 Lot 17: **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 Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 9406/2008. Stephen Barbaro, ESQ. - Referee. Attorneys for Plaintiff, RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 106, Westbury, New York 11590.

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST James Knight; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated December 11, 2015 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on March 10, 2016 at 12:30PM, premises known as 1122 Prospect Place, Brooklyn, NY 11213. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, County of Kings and State of NY, Block 1237 Lot 40. Approximate amount of judgment \$769,224.02 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 46483/07. Charles Capetanakis, Esq., Referee, Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC, Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff, 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard, Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: January 22, 2016

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee for the holders of the First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2006 FF15 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-FF15, Plaintiff AGAINST Betty Frett; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated October 16, 2013 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on March 3, 2016 at 2:30PM, premises known as 192 Legion St, Brooklyn, NY 11212. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 3552 Lot 46. Approximate amount of judgment \$568,976.40 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 32282/07. Sonali Leslie-Hopkins, Referee; Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC, Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff, 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624. (877) 759-1835 Dated: January 20, 2016

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

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Certificate of Election was approved by the Court of Common Pleas and the first African Wesleyan Methodist Episcopal Church was incorporated in the Village of Brooklyn, State of New York.

1819 On July 21, the church corporation purchased land on the east side of High Street near

Jay Street and built the first African Wesleyan Methodist Episcopal Church in Brooklyn.

1824 On February 17, Peter Croger was elected the first delegate to the General Conference of the AME Church held in Baltimore, Md.

1827 The men of the AWME Church set up an educational system for colored youngsters. On September 25 the cornerstone of The African Free School (Colored School # 1) was laid under the direction of Henry C. Thompson, an AWME Church Trustee.

1854 The AWME Church bought from the trustees of The First Congregational Church the property at 309 Bridge Street for \$12,000. On the first Sunday in August 1854, the Rev. James Morris Williams, the 21st pastor of The AWME Church, marched his congregation from High Street to their new church home at 309 Bridge Street. Hereinafter, this church was known as The African Wesleyan Methodist Episcopal Church. From 1854 to 1938, the congregation worshipped at 309 Bridge Street and the church was also known as Bridge Street AWME Church.

1862 On December 31, a celebration of freedom took place in Brooklyn. Hundreds of Brooklyn citizens, Black and White, flooded the Bridge Street AWME Church to attend the church's "watch night" service on New Year's Eve. Parishioners came in great numbers because President Abraham Lincoln promised to sign the Emancipation Proclamation on New Year's Day. This

was the first day of an historic three-day observance.

1863 On January 1, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, freeing four million African-American men, women and children. The African Wesleyan Methodist Episcopal Church (Bridge Street AWME Church) remained open all day as word spread. On January 2 the church presented a formal program of speakers, including African-American historian William Wells Brown and abolitionist Theodore Tilton. In February, the nation's leading civil rights activist Frederick Douglass spoke at Bridge Street AWME Church, delivering a speech on the need for Black soldiers in the Union ranks. A few weeks later, Douglass used the Bridge Street address to launch his historic "Men of Color, To Arms" campaign, which recruited 200,000 African-American soldiers to the Union cause.

1865 In October, Harriet Tubman, the nation's most famous Underground Railroad conductor, visited the church. According to The Brooklyn Daily Eagle, she was welcomed by an immense congregation - half of

it Whites - and hailed for her heroism as a Union scout and nurse. At the time, the church organist was Susan Smith McKinney, 18, who was born and raised in Weeksville, and later became the first African-American woman to earn a medical degree in New York State. The AWME Church was a major player in the Antislavery Movement as an abolitionist meeting place and an Underground Railroad station, hiding freedom seekers in the church basement. Other Brooklyn churches did the same, including Plymouth Congregational, Siloam Presbyterian and Concord Baptist.

1938 On Sunday, December 4 the Rev. Mansfield E. Jackson, Bridge Street's fifty-second pastor, marched his congregation from 309 Bridge St. in downtown Brooklyn to their new home at 277 Stuyvesant Ave., which was purchased from the Grace Presbyterian Church. From its pulpit at Sands Street, High Street, Bridge Street and Stuyvesant Avenue, some of the greatest preachers and orators of the last two centuries have championed social justice causes for an egalitarian society. For additional Info: www.bridgestreetawmechurch.org, 718 452-3936

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