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JAMAICA RESIDENT QUAME TRUITT pleaded guilty last week to charges after pointing a gun at a transgender woman in September and was sentenced Monday to five years in prison, to be followed by five years' post release supervision. "The defendant threatened a transgender woman just because she is a transgender woman," said Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz. "The diversity of Queens County is our greatest strength and we will not tolerate acts of violence based on someone's race, gender or appearance."

LONG ISLAND CITY RESTAURANT Adda is leaving for the East Village, and the space on Thomson Avenue will become a commissary kitchen for Adda and restaurants owned by parent company Unapologetic Foods, Patch reported.

A VIRTUAL WORKSHOP ON THE BUS network redesign is being held for Bayside tonight at 6:30 p.m. Participate by heading to new.mta.info/project/queens-bus-network-redesign.

QUEENS RISING, A MONTH-LONG initiative to showcase the borough's artistic and cultural life, will kick off at the Queens Night Market on June 4, the Queens Post reported. Performances will run from 5 p.m., until midnight and will feature music by a Balinese arts ensemble, hula dancing, an African dancing troupe, Latin music from La Flor De Lis, a Brazilian Samba Reggae drum line and a Brazilian hip hop DJ. The performances, which will be held in Flushing Meadows Corona Park, are free and coincide with the opening night of the Queens Night Market.

NEW YORK METS PITCHER CHRIS Bassitt signed a one-year, \$8.8 million deal with the team over the weekend, FanNation reported. The one-year deal allowed the pitcher and team to avoid arbitration negotiations. Bassitt, who came over from Oakland in a last-minute trade during the off-season, said the deciding factor was his appreciation of his teammates, the city and the prospect of winning a World Series. "I like everyone here," Bassitt said. "And it was more so just I think we have a really great relationship here and just why even remotely try to mess with that?" Bassitt is 4-2 with a 2.77 ERA, 1.09 WHIP and 49 strikeouts across eight outings this season.

POLICE SAID THAT A 35-YEAR-OLD man believed to have been shot to death in a LeFrak City apartment building over the weekend actually may have died after falling down a staircase, the Daily News reported. Douglas Jones was found dead inside the 17th-floor stairwell in a building on 57th Avenue and 96th Street on Saturday.

Queens' Senate, congressional lines finalized

By Jacob Kaye
Queens Daily Eagle

Barring any new lawsuits, New York State's redistricting saga has reached its conclusion. All that's left to do now is head to the polls three times in a five month span.

Just before midnight on Friday, the special master appointed to redraw the state's congressional and State Senate maps released finalized versions of the new electoral lines New York will use for the next decade.

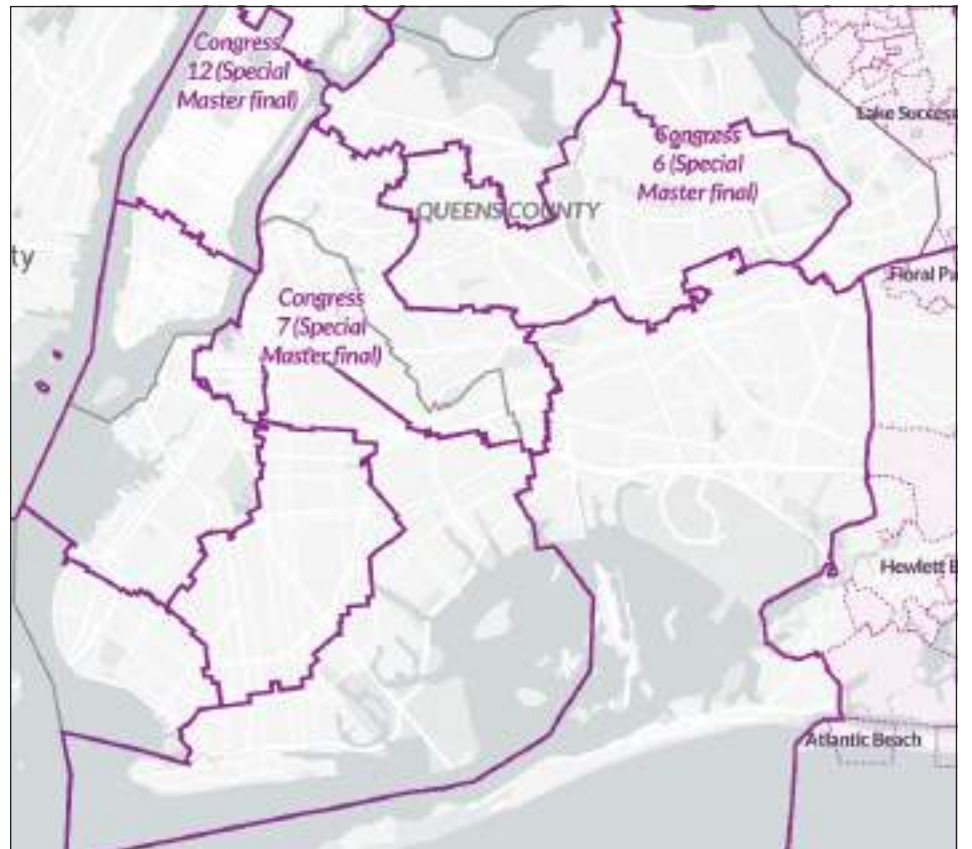
The finalized maps came a week after Jonathan Cervas, a postdoctoral fellow at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh tapped by Steuben County Supreme Court Judge Patrick McAllister to redraw the maps, released draft versions of the congressional and Senate district maps.

The lines released Friday didn't vary much from their draft versions, though Cervas said that he incorporated a number of recommendations submitted by voters and good government groups to the court throughout the first half of last week.

In Queens, the slight changes made to both the congressional and Senate lines keep neighborhoods more united, according to Cervas. The electoral division of a number of Queens neighborhoods was a major criticism residents and nonprofits had of both the maps used for the past decade as well as the original proposal put forth by state Democrats – those maps were deemed unconstitutional earlier this year.

The borough's congressional lines saw a change in New York's 6th and 3rd Congressional Districts.

Testimony submitted to the court called on the special master to draw Bayside into the 6th Congressional District, which is currently represented by Rep. Grace Meng. The neighborhood, which is home to a large number of Asian



Queens congressional maps were finalized over the weekend, ending the months-long saga of the state's redistricting process. Map via Redistricting and You/CUNY Graduate Center

New Yorkers similar to other neighborhoods in the district, was previously represented by Meng, but drawn out of the district in Cervas' drafts.

The special master said that population constraints wouldn't allow him to include the en-

tire neighborhood in the district but did change the map to include the southern portion of the neighborhood in the district that also includes Flushing, Murray Hill, Forest Hills, half of Kew Gardens Hills, Elmhurst, Jackson Heights and

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Queens justice tapped for Appellate Division

By Rachel Vick
Queens Daily Eagle

Gov. Kathy Hochul announced a slate of to the New York State Appellate Division, Second Department on May 20.

Among the four appointments to the appellate bench is Queens' own Justice Janice Taylor.

"Appointing upstanding and experienced judges is one of our first lines of defense against injustice," Hochul said.

"I am confident these judges will continue their impressive public service records and uphold the sanctity of the law," she added. "They are the best of the best, and I am proud that they will serve the people of New York."

Taylor has served as a Supreme Court Justice in Queens County since 1998 and was reelected in 2012, moving from Civil Court in 1997 after two years. She is the former president and current chair of the Board of Directors of the Macon B. Allen

Black Bar Association.

Also appointed were Judges Helen Voustinas, Lillian Wan and Barry Warhit.

Nassau County Judge Voustinas, elected in 2018, is the former president of the Long Island Hispanic Bar association and served as principal law clerk to State Supreme Court Justice Steven Jaeger.

Wan, serving as Kings County Supreme Court Justice since January, was previously a judge for the New York State Court of Claims and a New York City Family Court Judge. She is currently Co-Chair of the Advisory Committee on Judicial Ethics, the immediate past president of the Asian American Judges Association of New York, and a board member of the Brooklyn Women's Bar Association.

Warhit has served on the bench since 2010 and is a member of the Executive Committee of the Justice Brandeis Law Society.



Queens Supreme Court Justice Janice Taylor was named to the Second Department Appellate Division last week. Photo via Wikimedia Commons/Beyond My Ken

Speaker Adams gives state of city address from Queens



City Council Speaker and Southeast Queens lawmaker Adrienne Adams delivered the 2022 State of the City last week, outlining the City Council's plan to improve quality of life in the boroughs.

Photo by William Alatraste/NYC Council Media Unit

By Rachel Vick
Queens Daily Eagle

City Council Speaker Adrienne Adams delivered the 2022 State of the City from her home borough of Queens over the weekend, outlining the legislative body's priorities in the coming year.

Speaking from York College, she emphasized how individual wellbeing is tied to that of the community at large and that "the solutions are right in front of us."

"The diversity of Queens makes it perfectly reflective of our entire city," Adams said. "It also

means our experiences mirror the greatest challenges New Yorkers face across this city."

"New York City is at a pivotal moment, in year three of a global pandemic that devastated us. Queens saw some of the worst impacts," she continued. "The last two years have opened the eyes of all New Yorkers, and people across this country, to the deep inequities that undermine our safety."

The areas of focus highlighted by Adams were affordable housing, physical and mental health, reducing violence through community-based public safety, increased access to food

and parks, and expanding access to employment.

She recommended \$40 million in funding to address food insecurity for seniors, and leveraging schools as hubs for pantries in the style of mutual aid that blossomed during the pandemic.

Suggestions to address the ongoing mental health crisis included millions for those hardest hit by COVID-19, public school students and for improving emergency responses to individuals in emotional distress.

"We stand on the shoulders of those who sacrificed and fought to lift us towards heights of equal opportunity. They are responsible for where and who we are today," Adams said. "We have to ask ourselves. What are we doing to ensure that climb continues?"

Community leaders applauded the priorities and urged elected officials to follow through with the plan.

Rachel Fee, executive director of the New

York Housing Conference and organizer of the United for Housing coalition, urged officials to ensure Adams' suggested \$4 billion for affordable housing "if we are going to make meaningful progress addressing the housing crisis."

The plan for the FY 2023 housing budget included an additional \$28.4 million to provide one thousand units of supportive housing, and protections for small homeowners to expand ownership numbers.

"Every day New Yorkers are struggling to keep up with rising rents and are counting on their elected officials to capitalize on a critical moment to re-imagine the next decade of housing policy," Fee said. "Without new resources, New York City will fall even further behind in housing production and much-needed repairs at NYCHA."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Commission to Reimagine The Future of New York's Courts 2022 HEARINGS ON PANDEMIC PRACTICES

Commission to Reimagine The Future of New York's Courts, Henry M. Greenberg, Chair
Pandemic Practices Working Group, Hon. Craig J. Doran, Chair
Email: ppwg@nycourts.gov Web: www.nycourts.gov/reimagine-the-future/public-hearings.shtml

First Hearing: June 7, 2022 • 9:30 AM • NYS Court of Appeals, 20 Eagle St., Albany NY 12207
Live Stream: <https://nycourts.gov/ctapps/live.html>

Contemplated Upcoming Fall 2022 Hearings: New York City, Rochester/ Buffalo/ Syracuse
Virtual Listening Sessions: To Be Announced

The Commission to Reimagine the Future of New York's Courts announces a series of statewide public hearings to evaluate the technology, practices, and policies adopted by the state courts in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Commission is conducting a thorough and multi-dimensional review through its Pandemic Practices Working Group (PPWG) in order to make recommendations to the Unified Court System regarding the adoption of practices implemented during the pandemic that will benefit the administration of justice in New York State courts going forward.

The first hearing on June 7th is intended to help define PPWG's goals and objectives going forward. Additional hearings will be held around the state in the fall. Presenters will have the option to appear in-person or virtually.

In addition to soliciting testimony at these public hearings, PPWG will review existing surveys, data, and reports, inside and outside of New York State, as well as solicit written submissions. PPWG seeks input from all stakeholders of New York's courts, including litigants, the bar, legal services providers, judges, court staff, community groups, law enforcement, associations, and other government and non-government entities. The review addresses the pandemic experience in all types of New York courts, including civil and criminal courts, appellate courts, family court, surrogate's court, housing court, and town & village courts.

PPWG will create a comprehensive report for submission to the Commission, and ultimately to the Chief Judge, on the efficacy of the pandemic measures implemented. The report will offer recommendations on (1) which measures should be carried forth and made part of permanent court practice and procedure, and (2) which measures should be memorialized for use in future instances where court operations are significantly impacted by disruptive events like the Covid-19 pandemic. The report will also provide recommendations on the appropriate methods for implementation of these changes, such as legislation, rule changes, policy/practice guidelines, and deployment of resources.

Hon. Craig J. Doran, Chair of the PPWG will be joined on the hearing panel by Henry M. Greenberg, Esq., Chair of the Commission, along with members of the Working Group.

What's the most famous restaurant in Queens?

We here at the Eagle are stewing over a seemingly simple, but evidently complicated question – What is the most famous restaurant in Queens?

We're not talking about the restaurant with the best food, the restaurant you eat at most or the one you remember fondly because your grandmother took you there after you showed her your good grades. We're talking about fame – the restaurant known to the most people.

Because our editorial staff can't seem to agree on an answer, we need your help. Email jacobk@queenspublicmedia.com, or head to our Twitter page, @QueensEagle, to tell us three restaurants in the World's Borough you think are the most famous. We'll tally everything up and get back to you soon with a definitive answer – if one even exists.

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With Prices Up Everywhere, Water Bills On the Rise, Too



The Ashokan Reservoir in the Catskill Mountains upstate provides water to New York City.

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Samantha Maldonado THE CITY

Property owners are going to need more liquid assets if the city Department of Environmental Protection's biggest water rate hike in nearly a decade is approved this summer.

An April proposal by the DEP would raise water rates 4.9%. That would translate to monthly bills that are bigger by about \$4 on average for single-family homes and \$3 per unit for multi-family buildings. The public is being invited to weigh in on the changes this week.

A few bucks might not make a difference for some households, but could be significant for others, especially multifamily property owners. The increase could also compound unprecedented debts for those already struggling with their water bills and other ballooning expenses.

Yet the DEP is also facing costs made higher by inflation with less revenue to pay, due to those behind on bills and decreased water usage because of the pandemic.

They're banking on the increase in rates — and reauthorization to sell off customer water debt — to shore up funds, which are used to keep the tap water clean, treat wastewater and manage stormwater.

The New York City Water Board will vote on the rates in June, and the public will be able to voice their feedback at hearings on Wednesday and Thursday.

Hitting Hard

The impact of the potential water rate will affect different property owners in different ways.

When Cristina Gonzalez became a first-time homeowner about a year ago, she was pleasantly surprised to find her water bills were manageable. For her two-story, one-family home in St. George on Staten Island, the bills have come to about \$30 a month, she estimated. Her bill would likely go up about \$1.50.

She said she's not worried about the increase she might face if the Water Board approves the rate hike.

"We should all be more cognizant of our water usage and making sure that we don't use that much even if it is affordable for us as individuals, and thinking about what that ultimately does for the environment," said Gonzalez, 39, a political consultant. "I do cut back with that in mind, not so much with the cost of it in mind."

Meanwhile, consumer advocates warn that New York City's water isn't necessarily affordable even if it's cheaper than water in some other large American cities.

"What really matters is, how are the people that live in the city doing financially?" said Richard Berkley, executive director of the Public Utility Law Project. "The city is still at an extremely high rate of unemployment compared to the rest of New York State, compared to other major cities in the country."

While there were no rate increases in 2017, 2018 and 2021, the proposed rate increase of 4.9% represents the largest hike since 2014, when rates jumped 5.6%. And those hikes are relatively small: since 2002, the biggest water rate increase was over 14%, in 2009.

Geoffrey Mazel, legal advisor for the Presidents Co-op and Condo Council, a group that represents over 100,000 residents, argued that while homeowners were hit with larger increases back then, it was a time of lower inflation and lower overall costs, compared to the present insurance rates, real estate taxes, construction costs and energy bills.

"For a lot of moderate, sort of working class and middle-income class co-ops... everything's catching up," Mazel said. "People can't absorb this. It's tough times and it's getting worse."

Co-ops and condos use part of their maintenance fees to pay for an entire property's water bill.

Ann Korchak, board president of Small Property Owners of New York and owner of two 10-unit rental buildings on the Upper West Side, feels a hike would just be another strain on her wallet.

"It's just one more expense that's making it harder," Korchak told THE CITY. During the pandemic, she noticed her tenants used more water because they stayed home more.

"My younger tenants — who maybe would go exercise in the morning and shower at the gym and then go to their office — they're not doing that sort of thing anymore," she said.

Jay Martin, executive director of the Community Housing Improvement Program, which mostly represents owners of rent-regulated buildings, argued that the possibly higher rates show the importance of the Rent Guidelines Board's recent proposed limited rent increase on regulated leases, which will go to a final vote next month.

"These are input costs that property owners have to absorb. In a rent stabilized system, when we have no real control over our ability to increase rents to accommodate these increasing costs," he said. "Something's got to give."

Water Works

Balanced against the affordability concerns is the urgent need to invest in the city's aging water

system in order to maintain and improve it — especially in the face of climate change.

Weather experts warn of greater volumes of precipitation, causing more flooding and water contamination in the near future, as well as shifts in upstate watersheds that provide the city's drinking water.

"There's billions of dollars worth of infrastructure that needs to be updated," said Mike Dulong, a senior attorney for Riverkeeper, the non-profit dedicated to the Hudson, and member of the SWIM Coalition.

The DEP is in the middle of a three-year study on how water rate structures could change to become more affordable and equitable for customers.

Right now, customers pay based on the water they use, rather than for how much stormwater is discharged. That means large stores with massive parking lots and traditional rooftops might not pay as much as an apartment building, even though the store would likely create more runoff that the city must treat.

A different structure with a separate stormwater charge could incentivize the creation of green roofs, reuse of water on site and other mechanisms that help manage stormwater, prevent flooding and mitigate pollution.

A new rate structure might also encourage customers to conserve water out of the tap more, addressing what Citizens Budget Commission Deputy Research Director Ana Champeny calls the "counterintuitive" nature of how the city sets its water rates.

Because DEP revenues depend on water usage, "The less water you use, the more they have to charge [everybody] per gallon because many of the costs are fixed," she said.

The study is scheduled to come out in 2023.

Cash Flow

DEP projects its proposal will increase revenue from \$3.5 billion in fiscal year 2022 to \$3.7 billion in fiscal year 2023, which will pay for debt service as well as the costs of maintaining and operating the city's vast water system — both in the boroughs and upstate — and cover associated capital costs.

The DEP delivers over a billion gallons of drinking water, treats 1.3 billion gallons of wastewater and maintains more than 7,400 miles of sewer pipes each day.

DEP's proposed capital budget is, at \$10.12 billion, the third largest in the city after the departments of education and transportation. Those costs cover mechanisms to control water pollu-

tion, maintaining and building sewers and projects to improve stormwater drainage — extra important given the flooding experienced during Hurricane Ida in the fall and for the system to be able to handle the increasingly extreme weather predicted due to climate change.

The proposal also includes continuing \$30 million worth of affordability programs.

Where pandemic trends pushed water usage down citywide, residential usage, which accounts for 80% of revenue, is back up to pre-COVID levels, DEP officials said. But non-residential usage hasn't quite rebounded. In total, customers consumed about 690 million gallons of water per day in Fiscal Year 2022, compared to nearly 712 million gallons per day in Fiscal Year 2019.

And customers owe \$778 million worth of water payments, according to DEP figures.

"We think many of those were temporary situations so hopefully as the economy recovers those individuals will also be able to get back on their feet and be able to make their payments again," said Joe Murin, DEP's chief financial officer, during a Water Board meeting in April.

The DEP hopes to recover the money owed by sending out delinquency notices — which had stopped during the pandemic's utility shut-off moratorium — and through a lien sale, a controversial system for collecting unpaid property and water debts.

The city's last lien sale was in December 2021, although it excluded debts for water and sewer bills. Authorization for the contentious practice expired in February and there's been no movement on it since.

At the April meeting, Murin said, "The administration is working to have it reauthorized with the Council. Those negotiations are ongoing."

But a City Council spokesperson denied that, and the DEP's Ted Timbers later told THE CITY that Murin misspoke at the hearing.

Mayor Eric Adams and City Council Speaker Adrienne Adams have both previously come out in opposition to the sale, in which private investors buy liens from the city.

Councilmember Pierina Sanchez, who chairs the Council's Committee on Housing and Buildings and have been vocal about the need for lien sale reform, told THE CITY there have only been one conversation in the "very early stages" about possible lien sale reforms among certain Council members and advocates from the Abolish the Tax Lien Sale Coalition.

"We gotta keep talking about it and come to the right solution for the city," Sanchez said.

The US Civil War drastically reshaped how Americans deal with death – will the pandemic?

By Gary Laderman
THE CONVERSATION

More than one-million people living in the United States have died of COVID-19 during the past two years.

The numbers paint a clear picture of devastation, though they can't capture the individual and familial pain of losing loved ones – which will no doubt transform many more millions of Americans' lives.

The impact of this mass death on American society is less clear, especially since the pandemic is not over. While there have been a few moments of public remembrance – 700,000 white flags placed on the National Mall, and President Joe Biden's brief words noting the "one million empty chairs around the dinner table" – the country is only beginning to grapple with the shared grief of so many deaths.

Instead, there is public discord surrounding those who died. In a country divided over basic facts about the virus, deaths have been exploited for political purposes, or wrapped into conspiracy theories.

As a scholar of religion who has studied the history of death in America, I am quite preoccupied with how the country makes sense of, honors and remembers the COVID-19 dead. The magnitude of death today immediately brings to my mind the event that killed the second-highest number of Americans: the Civil War.

My first book, "The Sacred Remains," looked at the conflict's impact on Americans' attitudes toward death, during another period of extreme division and overwhelming loss of life.

Preserving the dead

Roughly 750,000 people died in the Civil War, or 2.5% of the country's population at the time – the equivalent of 7 million Americans dying today.

The unprecedented death toll had profound consequences on American cultures of death for generations, particularly through the emergence of the funeral industry.

Throughout the 19th century, most Americans died, and had their bodies tended to, at home. Last moments with the corpse were with loved ones, who were responsible for washing and preparing it for the final rituals before burial, generally in local churchyards.

But the Civil War provided an opportunity for a game-changing development. Embalming was an innovative method of preserving bodies that allowed some Northern families to have their war dead retrieved from the mostly Southern battlefields and brought back to be buried in Northern soil.

The display of President Abraham Lincoln's embalmed body after his assassination was a pivotal moment in this transformation. His corpse was transported on a train from Washington, D.C., to Springfield, Illinois, with frequent stops in many Northern cities where it was put on display for grieving Americans.

As embalming became more common, it helped legitimize a new class of professional experts: funeral directors, whose homes became a mix of business, mortality, religion and their own domestic life. By the early 20th century, this new business had established a fairly standard American way of death, centered on the viewing of an embalmed body to bring a community together.

Americans' relationship to their dead would never be the same. The intimacies the living had with the dead before the Civil War gradually disappeared, as funeral homes managed the care of more and more bodies.

Meaning-making

One of my intellectual heroes, sociolo-

gist Robert Hertz, wrote a famous essay about death and society in 1907. He argued that social groups represent themselves as immortal, capable of overcoming the death of any member. The community's survival depends greatly on transcending death, so it transforms the dead into sacred symbols of group identity and social cohesion.

Hertz's studies focused on death in small societies in Borneo. Yet, his exploration of the relationship between the death of the individual and the life of the social group is pertinent now in the context of the pandemic – as it was in the aftermath of the Civil War.

The victorious Union turned dead soldiers into symbols of the nation. Their deaths were seen as sacred sacrifices to preserve the country. For religion scholars, this is a clear example of American civil religion. In the U.S., civil religion is a patriotic culture that sees America as a sacred, exceptional country, built on shared ideals, myths and traditions.

But the Northern victors did not "control the narrative," as we say these days. Indeed, a very striking and still-present counternarrative soon developed among the vanquished Confederates after the war. The losers built an alternative civil religious culture, what historians refer to as "the religion of the Lost Cause."

For many white Southerners, the battlefield dead did not signal God had abandoned their cause but rather illuminated his support for values associated with the Confederacy – values the United States is still grappling with today. They saw the loss as a temporary setback, but believed that ultimate victory would come if they maintained some form of Southern cultural purity based on notions of racial, regional and religious superiority.

Looking ahead

The politicization of death is not uncommon in American history, particularly during times of profound social crisis. And since the start of the pandemic, the same has happened with COVID-19 victims.

Death during a pandemic is obviously different from death during a civil war. In both cases, however, it is difficult for a divided country to experience unity in the face of an enormous loss of life and to agree on what those deaths mean for the nation.

Unique aspects of the pandemic make national mourning, and united healing, even more complicated. For example, the virus has not taken an equal toll across the country. The death toll shows significant disparities among different economic and racial groups. And the need to prevent contagion has intensified the physical separation between the living and the dead, making some meaningful rites of mourning difficult or impossible.

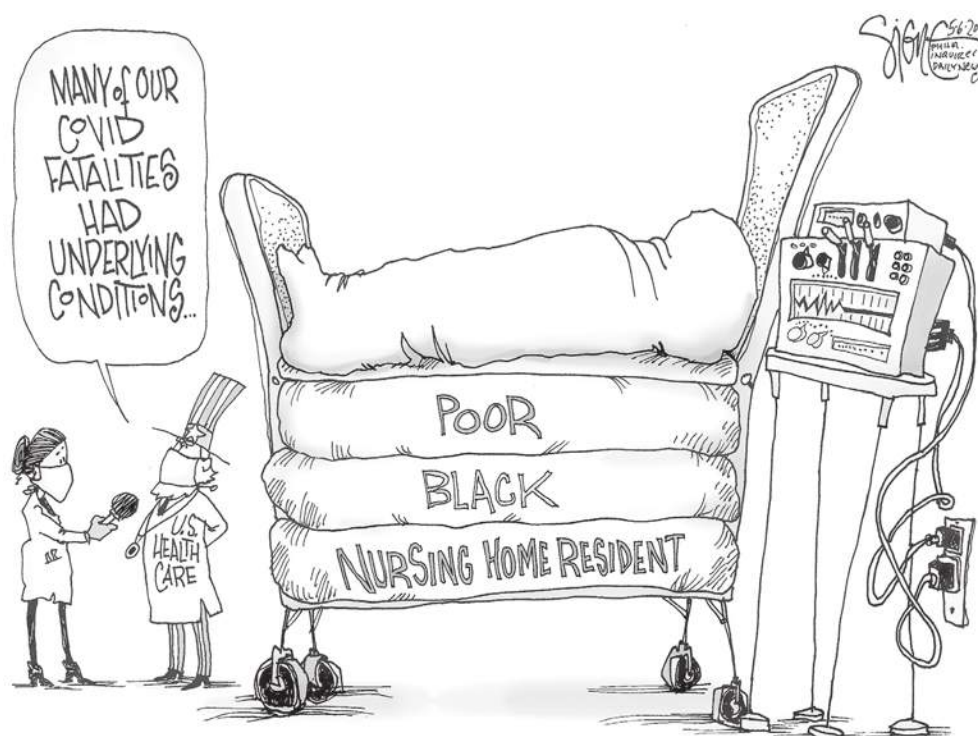
Many communities have made efforts to commemorate the pain of the pandemic, such as through Dia de los Muertos, a Mexican holiday honoring those who have died. But there have been minimal efforts to help make sense of the deaths on a national level: to rally around a compelling public narrative about the tremendous loss of life and grief. It remains to be seen if Americans will eventually incorporate the losses into a unifying civil religion, or only use them to reinforce polarization.

One million dead and counting will certainly require more efforts, more reflection and more soul-searching to help American society overcome and indeed draw strength from this unimaginable number.

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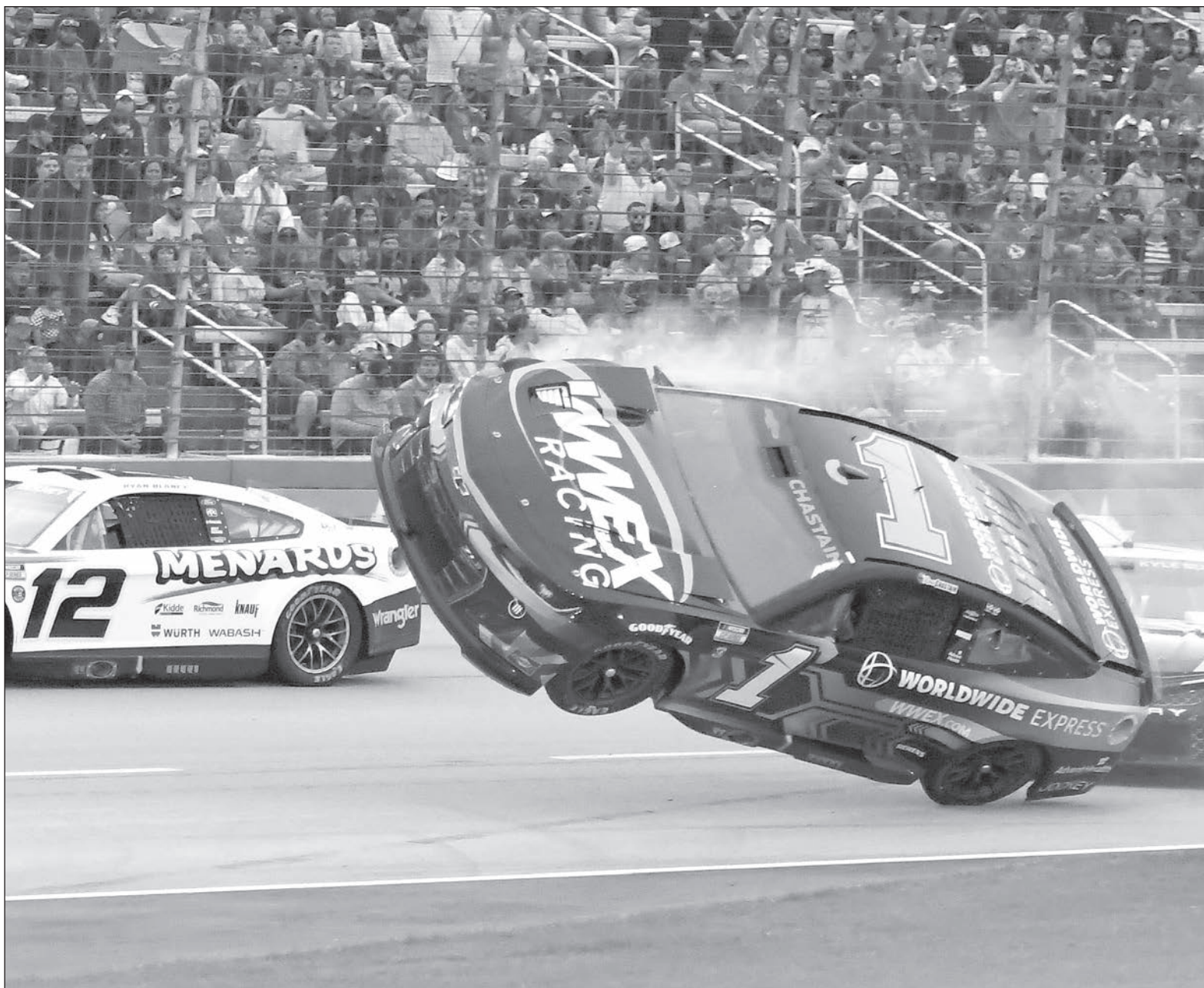


FAMOUS STABLE GENIUS Reflections on DEATH:





Our World In Pictures



TEXAS — Crash: Ryan Blaney (12) passed by Ross Chastain (1) lifting off the track after making contact with Kyle Busch, right, during the NASCAR All-Star auto race at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth, on Sunday.

Photo: Randy Holt/AP



AUSTRALIA — Election celebration: Labor Party leader Anthony Albanese, center back, celebrated with his partner Jodie Haydon, right, and Labor senate leader partner Penny Wong at a Labor Party event in Sydney, on Sunday, after Prime Minister Scott Morrison conceded defeat to Albanese in a federal election.

Photo: Rick Rycroft/AP

She plays softball – but Ashleigh Hartwig just won the “hat trick.”

By **Andy Furman**
The Brooklyn Eagle

The St. Joseph’s University senior was named to the 2022 National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) Division III All-Region First Team – and she’s received the All-Region honor for the third time in her career – and is a first-teamer for the second consecutive season.

The 5-6 native of Santee, California, previously was named the Skyline Conference Softball Player of the Year and to the All-Skyline First-Team for a third straight season. She was tabbed the Bears Female Athlete of the Year and becomes the first in program history to receive the College Sports Information Directors Association (CoSIDA) Academic All-District selection.

Hartwig set a season record of 60 hits and compiled a .556 batting average and .569 on-base percentage that placed fourth in Division III. She hit successfully in 33 of the 36 games she played and reached base safely in all but one game.

She graduates as the St. Joseph leader in batting average (.521), slugging percentage (.791), on-base percentage (.569), doubles (49), total bases (269) and assists (230). She is second all-time in hits (177), runs batted in (127) and home runs (11).

Amazingly, she accomplished these marks despite playing just 12 games in a shortened 2020 season and only 27 games in the 2021 conference-only schedule.

The NFCA awards salute student-athletes from the Association’s 10 NCAA regions with first, second and third-team honors. In total, 384 student athletes from 197 schools comprised the 2022 NFCA Division III All-Region teams. NFCA member coaches voted on the teams in their respective regions, and all honorees are eligible for selection to the 2022 NFCA Division III All-America squads.



Ashley Hartwig, a St. Joseph’s University senior, has received the All-Region honor for the third time.

Photos courtesy of St. Joseph’s College of Athletics.

Chris Mikos was named the men’s 2021-22 Athlete of the Year at St. Joseph’s University. The senior produced the highest scoring average in the Bears Skyline-era averaging 21.8 points-per-game en route to becoming the first All-Skyline men’s basketball selection since the 2015-16 season.

Breaking the women’s basketball scoring and rebounding records and becoming the first Bear student-athlete to be named All-Skyline four times, senior Kelly O’Donnell received the Career Achievement Award at the school’s annual Athletic Awards Banquet last week.

Seniors Jessica Mecham (softball, cross-country) and Eric Torres (soccer) were named Scholar-Athletes of the Year.

Stephanie Staiano, a physical education teacher at Archbishop Molloy High School, is the first female assistant coach of the Stanners boys’ baseball team.

Lost in the shuffle, senior Brinesha Derrick-Bain came in first in the 400 meter hurdles for Bishop Loughlin with a New York State No. 1 and CHSAA No.1 (1:02.80) in the Penn Relays staged in late April...senior Andre Reid placed fifth in the triple jump with a CHSAA fifth (41-2)...junior Wesley Noble Jr. placed first in the invitational 400 meters with a CHSAA first and New York State first (47.69). The Varsity Boys 4x4 was a first in the CHSAA and New York State (3:23.47). That squad consisted of: junior Jelani Johnson, freshman Rashaun Euche, sophomore Kyaire Lawson and junior Wesley Noble Jr.

Xaverian High closed out their regular season in baseball with a win over Kellenberg and secured first place in Brooklyn and Queens in the process; Christian Tarantino allowed just two runs on two hits in six innings.

Pratt Institute’s men’s and women’s track and field teams closed out their regular season in the Yale Springtime Invitational on Sunday. Siena Su-

jitno placed ninth for the women in the 100-meter dash (13:05)...she also finished 14th in the 200-meter (28:69) ...Mia Wing was fifth in the 100-meter hurdles (22.73) ...Alexi O’Rourke earned a top-10 finish in the 400-meters, placing ninth (1:09.95)...Dominic Paolini finished third for the men in the 3000-meter steeplechase (11:34.44)...Jack Phelean was runner-up in the triple jump (11.56-meters); he also placed third in the long jump (5.48-meters).

LIU’s right-handed pitcher Joshua Loeschorn, a senior from Butler, N.J., combined academic and athletic achievements have earned him CoSIDA Academic All-Region honors. He owns a 3.91 cumulative GPA as a computer science major and graduated this week summa cum laude. He is 9-1 with a 3.38 ERA and 79 strikeouts in 77.1 innings for the first place (NEC) Sharks.

Dwight Smith’s contribution to the LIU women’s fencing team in his first season as an assistant coach has earned him national recognition. He was named Assistant Coach of the Year by the United States Fencing Coaches Association. He was a three-time All-American while at Columbia, as well as a four-time USA National Team member.

Ryan Blume is headed to the professional lacrosse ranks. The Premier Lacrosse League’s Archers claimed the LIU team captain and defenseman. He led the Sharks with 22 caused turnovers. The 6-1 Blume tallied 186 ground balls, 69 caused turnovers, 15 goals and nine assists in 63 career games (60 starts) with LIU over five seasons.

LIU Athletics celebrated the student in student-athlete this week: the department was well represented at commencement at Barclays Center. A total of nearly 200 student-athletes were eligible to participate across both the Brooklyn and Brookville, Long Island campuses this month. Overall, student-athletes produced a 3.48 GPA in the fall.

Kevin Reyes, a St. Joseph’s College graduate student, became the 14th student-athlete in baseball program history to notch 100 career hits. The outfielder accomplished the feat with a single against Maywood University, Scranton, Pa. back on April 30th.

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Chris Mikos, 2021-2022 men’s Athlete of the Year at St. Joseph’s University.



Our World In Pictures

INDIANA — Operation Fly Formula: The crew of an Air Force C-17 began to unload a planeload of baby formula at the Indianapolis International Airport in Indianapolis, on Sunday. The 132 pallets of Nestlé Health Science Alfamino Infant and Alfamino Junior formula arrived from Ramstein Air Base in Germany.

Photo: Michael Conroy/AP



ITALY — Champions: Olympique Lyon players celebrated with their trophy after winning the Women's Champions League final soccer match between Barcelona and Olympique Lyonnais at Allianz Stadium in Turin, on Saturday.

Photo: Alessandra Tarantino/AP



UNITED KINGDOM — Chelsea Flower Show: Gold medal-winning British Paralympic swimmer Jessica-Jane Applegate posed for photographers in a swim spa which formed part of the "Out Of The Shadows" show garden during the press day at the RHS (Royal Horticultural Society) Chelsea Flower Show in London, on Monday. World-renowned and quintessentially British, the annual show is a celebration of horticultural excellence and innovation.

Photo: Matt Dunham/AP



MEXICO — Pollution: Pigeons perched on the railing of a roof garden as the sun rose in Mexico City, on a smoggy Saturday morning.

Photo: Marco Ugarte/AP



Our World In Pictures



AFGHANISTAN — Fully covered: TV anchor Khatereh Ahmadi wore a face covering as she read the news on TOLO NEWS, in Kabul, on Sunday. Afghanistan's Taliban rulers began enforcing an order requiring all female TV news anchors in the country to cover their faces while on-air. The move on Sunday was part of a hard-line shift drawing condemnation from rights activists.

Photo: Ebrahim Noroozi/AP



TEXAS — Border crossing: A girl carried a child after crossing the Rio Grande river into the US in Eagle Pass, on Sunday. The US government expelled migrants more than 1.9 million times under Title 42, denying them a chance to seek asylum as permitted under US law and international treaty for the purposes of preventing the spread of COVID-19. President Biden wanted to end Title 42, but a federal judge in Louisiana issued a nationwide injunction that keeps it intact.

Photo: Dario Lopez-Mills/AP



UNITED KINGDOM — On the pitch: Manchester City fans invaded the pitch after their side won the English Premier League following a 3-2 victory over Aston Villa at The Etihad Stadium, Manchester, on Sunday.

Photo: Martin Rickett/PA via AP



IRAQ — Sandstorm: A man navigated his wheelchair on the street during a sand storm in Baghdad, on Monday.

Photo: Hadi Mizban/AP

Bill to curb NYCHA utility bills passes State Senate

By Rachel Vick
Queens Daily Eagle

A bill to adjust utility costs for New York City Housing Authority residents during extended outages passed in the State Senate last week.

The legislation, sponsored by Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris of Queens, was introduced after tenants at the Astoria were left without gas during an outage for three months.

"Months-long utility outages are unacceptable for any New Yorker, whether in private or public housing," Gianaris said.

"NYCHA residents should not be expected to pay full rent, which typically includes utilities, when they are not receiving the service," he added. "My proposal would ensure we treat all our neighbors with respect and create financial urgency for NYCHA to make needed repairs on a faster timeline."

Under the bill, utility costs would be prorated per day of an outage by 10 percent

of the tenant's actual rent or \$75 per month — whichever amount is larger. Affected utilities include gas, heat, water and electric service.

The legislation and its progression through the legislature is being celebrated by tenant leaders from Queens' NYCHA complexes, including Queensbridge, Ravenswood and Astoria Houses Tenants Association President Vanessa Jones-Hall — who described the step as "a major breakthrough."

"We have had and currently have residents without gas for several months at a time," Jones-Hall said. "These residents... are struggling with food disparities due to the pandemic. We have had and now still have residents who are trying to cook meals for their families on hot plates."

The Assembly version of the bill sponsored by Queens lawmaker Khaleel Anderson remains in the legislative body's Committee on Housing.



A bill that would adjust utility costs for NYCHA residents during outages moved forward in the State Senate. Several Queens NYCHA residencies have seen long-term utility outages recently, including a heat and hot water outage in the Woodside Houses that required the installation of mobile boilers, pictured here.
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‘Sensory canoes’ and climbing walls: Inside NYC’s recovery program for students with disabilities

By Alex Zimmerman
Chalkbeat New York

Five-year-old Bradley often struggles to sit still and is prone to wandering. But on a recent Saturday morning, he was calm, sprawled on a bean bag chair in a Brooklyn classroom, the lights turned down, and his socks cast aside.

The only glow came from four illuminated vertical tubes filled with bubbles and a laptop playing soothing piano music. One therapist narrated breathing exercises while another gently squeezed his arms and legs.

Bradley, who has autism and is non-verbal, was participating in an education department program to help make up for occupational and physical therapies that were often difficult or impossible to deliver remotely. The initiative, called Sensory Exploration, Education & Discovery (SEED), serves students with disabilities who have sensory issues that are “dramatically impacting their school performance,” said Suzanne Sanchez, the education department’s senior director of therapy services who helps oversee the program.

The SEED program operates after school and on Saturdays at 10 sites across the city — two in each borough. It’s part of a broader effort backed by roughly \$200 million in federal relief funding to provide students with disabilities extra services outside of the traditional school day to address pandemic disruptions, Sanchez said.

To participate, students must be nominated by therapists or psychologists from their home schools. More than half come from District 75, a specialized set of schools that serve students with the most significant disabilities.

Once selected, students are eligible to attend at least 10 weekly 45-minute sessions where they receive help from therapists one-on-one or in small groups. They work on skills such as developing strength and coordination, learning to build social bonds, or even how to react if someone bumps into you, which can trigger a more intense response among students with sensory issues.

“Children have to be regulated in order to relate and then in order to reason,” Sanchez said. “The goal is that the kids internalize the sensory strategies.”

The therapists also work directly with caregivers, who are required to stay for the sessions, giving them approaches to try out at home.

Bradley’s mother, Patricia Hector, said the therapists helped teach her to massage Bradley’s arms and legs to help soothe him. She also bought some of her own glow-in-the-dark lights after she saw how much they seemed to calm him down.

“Going to the program, he’s a lot happier — he enjoys it,” Hector said. “Anything extra to expose him — to get him more of the therapies he needs.”

But the city has struggled to attract families to recovery services for students with disabilities outside the regular school day at programs run by individual schools as well as the SEED program, which is operated centrally. To date, roughly 650 students have participated in the SEED program, short of the 3,500 children the education department projected to serve by the end of the year, officials said.



Adrian Soriano, 8, scoots across the floor during a program to help students with sensory challenges make up for pandemic disruptions to physical and occupational therapies. Alex Zimmerman / Chalkbeat

Some families may struggle with transportation to sites that may be further away from where they live. Hector, for instance, takes a 25-minute Uber from East Flatbush to the program in Cypress Hills. She gets reimbursed for her travel through a state agency.

Other students with disabilities may be exhausted and reluctant to spend even more time in school. And a surge in COVID cases when the SEED program launched in January dissuaded some families from participating, Sanchez said.

“Obviously we want to reach as many kids and their families as we can,” Sanchez said. But she noted the smaller numbers allowed the city to shrink group sizes to two or three students in many cases. “We feel like this is an opportunity to focus on quality not quantity.”

In the ‘green zone’

After Bradley’s session ended, a group of three slightly older students arrived and began gliding across the linoleum floors on small scooters. They completed a small obstacle course, jumped on a trampoline, wiggled through a tunnel, and climbed up the rock wall.

Soon after, 8-year-old Adrian Soriano took a turn tossing bean bags from a perch on the sensory swing. Each bean bag had a letter printed on it, and Soriano shouted out a corresponding word — “N is for nut!” and “D is for dog!” — before chucking them into a blue bin.

The therapists encouraged Soriano to take stock of his emotions, using a color-coded chart from red (angry) to green (happy) meant to help students communicate whether they’re feeling sad, calm, annoyed, or out of control.



Patricia Hector picks up her son, Bradley, from a SEED site in Brooklyn. Alex Zimmerman / Chalkbeat

“What zone are you in?” one therapist asked, after ticking off several options.

“Green zone!” Adrian replied.

At one point, another student became overwhelmed and retreated to a “sensory canoe” — a small pouch made out of mats — before rejoining the group.

Although the SEED program is housed inside different public school buildings, the centrally run program has a standardized curriculum developed by education department therapists. The rooms across the sites include the same equipment, and the walls were repainted a uniform blue and white.

Since the program is considered enrichment, Sanchez said it is not bound by individual students’ learning plans, known as IEPs, which therapists typically use as a blueprint for sessions delivered during the regular school day.

“This idea of being a little more prescriptive is I think something that’s surprising us — but for the better,” Sanchez said. “It’s this kind of nuanced dance: How do we make a therapeutic curriculum fit with an individual IEP?”

Ketsia Bosse-Colasme, an occupational therapist, said she was excited to work at the SEED program because it allowed her to use sensory techniques and equipment that most classrooms don’t have. Typically, during the school day, Bosse-Colasme focuses more heavily on handwriting skills or helping students use a planner during a 30-minute session.

The program is making a difference, she said. “I have kids who first came here and they did not talk,” she said. “By the fifth session or the seventh session, even if it’s a simple ‘hello,’ or even

saying, ‘I’m happy,’” she has seen students come out of their shells.

Planting SEEDs for summer

Parents cycling in and out of the gleaming Cypress Hills SEED site on a recent Saturday generally said they were pleased with the program, and the education department plans to continue it at five summer school sites where they expect it will serve about 400 students.

Still, there have been some administrative problems. The education department failed to pay many therapists on time, prompting at least one to quit the program midyear.

Education department spokesperson Suzan Sumer said addressing outstanding payment issues is a priority and that “most” have been resolved. She declined to say many therapists have left the SEED program or answer questions about its cost.

Alicia Hibbert, whose 11-year-old son attends the Cypress Hills site, said she wanted him to participate in part to help develop social skills after so much isolation. Her son, who has autism, would often ask when the pandemic would end so he could see his friends again.

Over the course of the program, she has seen growth. He is working on improving his eye contact and staying calm when he feels frustrated, which can manifest by hitting himself in the head.

“He’s getting some improvement here, which I like,” Hibbert said. “He’s improving his basic skills.”

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



Wyatt, 11, takes a turn on the sensory swing. Alex Zimmerman / Chalkbeat

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Grant Williams, left center, is embraced by his attorney Irving Cohen after his murder conviction is vacated, July 22, 2021, in New York.

AP Photo via the Staten Island Advance by Jan Somma-Hammel

NYC agrees to pay \$7M to a man who spent 23 years behind bars for a murder he didn't commit

By Jennifer Peltz
Associated Press

New York City has agreed to pay \$7 million to a man who spent 23 years behind bars for a murder he didn't commit, Comptroller Brad Lander said Monday.

Grant Williams was exonerated last July in the 1996 shooting of Shdell Lewis outside a Staten Island public housing complex.

Williams, who is in his 50s, had been paroled in 2019. After being cleared last year, he filed a notice of claim, a first step toward suing the city. The comptroller's office has the authority to settle such claims without court action and occasionally does so, including in the 2014 police chokehold death of Eric Garner.

"While no amount of money can bring those years back for Mr. Williams or his family, I am pleased that we were able to move quickly to a fair and early resolution of this claim," Lander, a Democrat, said in a statement.

A request for comment was sent to a lawyer who has represented Williams.

The case against Williams had rested largely on the testimony of a couple of eyewitnesses. One was a police officer who chased the gunman — and initially gave a description that

didn't match Williams.

Prosecutors at his trial also sought to suggest a connection between Williams and a baseball cap that the shooter dropped at the scene, though the hat was never tested for DNA that could have pointed to its wearer. It was emblazoned with the logo of Wu-Tang Clan; Williams had worked at the multiplatinum-selling rap group's Staten Island studio.

No physical, forensic or digital evidence tied Williams to the crime, and some witnesses testified that he wasn't the gunman.

Another eyewitness, a friend of the victim's, had also told investigators that Williams wasn't the gunman. But police didn't tell prosecutors about it until after he was indicted.

Williams unsuccessfully appealed his conviction for years before Staten Island District Attorney Michael McMahon's office agreed to review it. Prosecutors ultimately joined Williams in seeking the dismissal of his conviction, saying they now believe he's innocent.

Williams told reporters at the time that he never lost faith that he would be exonerated and used to tell other inmates they'd see it on the news someday.

"And today is that day," he said.

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Jazz legend Jimmy Heath honored with Corona street naming

By Rachel Vick
Queens Daily Eagle

A Corona intersection was co-named for Queens Jazz legend James Edward Heath over the weekend.

The naming at the corner of 34th Avenue and 114th Street was led by Councilmember Francisco Moya and celebrated by Heath's friends and family — and by young people who have benefitted from projects he pioneered.

"James Edward Heath Way is not only memorializing the legacy of one of the Jazz greats of our time, it is also a symbol that this Queens neighborhood is home to legendary Jazz musicians like Jimmy Heath," Moya said. "Being born and raised in Corona, it's a real privilege to honor Jimmy Heath alongside his family and so many who loved and admired him."

Heath, who died January of 2020, co-founded the Jazzmobile with NEA Jazz Master Dr. Billy Taylor and philanthropist and arts administrator

Daphne Arnstein. He also had a hand in the creation of the Queens College Jazz Program, where he taught for a number of years.

"It was a demonstration of what a wonderful world is like," said Heath's daughter Roslyn Heath-Cammorto. "We are grateful to all present... for honoring my dad's legacy."

Heath's accolades include several Grammy nominations for his work as a saxophone player, composer and bandleader.

He was also the first jazz musician to receive an honorary doctorate in music from the Juilliard School.

"National Endowment for the Arts Jazz Master Jimmy Heath and his important contributions to the global cultural landscape will live on in perpetuity," said Jazzmobile Director and Executive Producer Robin Bell-Stevens. "We congratulate his family for this well-deserved recognition by his adopted hometown, here on the street where he lived."



The corner of 34th Avenue and 114th Street was named for Queens Jazz legend James Edward Heath on Friday. Photo by Emil Cohen/NYC Council

Man charged for murder of GuiYing Ma

By Jacob Kaye
Queens Daily Eagle

A Brooklyn man has been indicted on murder charges for allegedly fatally hitting 61-year-old GuiYing Ma over the head with a rock in Corona in November.

In addition to the murder charge, Elisaul Perez, who lives on Blake Avenue in Brooklyn, was charged with assault and criminal possession of a weapon.

Perez faces 25 years to life in prison for allegedly killing Ma, who was outside of her home, sweeping the sidewalk near 38th Avenue and 97th Street when she was attacked, according to law enforcement.

On Nov. 26, 2021, around 8 a.m., Perez walked toward Ma, picked up a loose chunk of concrete and hit her in the head with it, according to the charges. After she fell to the ground, Perez allegedly hit Ma a second time.

Ma was taken to a nearby hospital and treated for her brain injuries. Three months later, she died.

The attack on Ma and her subsequent death galvanized a number of local leaders, who pointed to the attack as one of a concerning trend of violence against Asian Americans in New York City.

"These hateful acts of violence against our Asian communities must come to an end," State Attorney General Letitia James said in a statement around the time of Ma's death in February.

There have been 17 confirmed anti-Asian hate crimes committed in New York City this year and about 131 committed in 2021, according to NYPD statistics.

Ma, who spent most of her life in China, and her husband, Zhanxin Gao, moved to the United States in 2017, settling in the World's Borough.

In addition to her husband, Ma was survived by her son and two grandchildren, according to a GoFundMe page set up to raise money for her memorial fund.

"The entire community has been in mourning over the brutal attack that took the life of Guiying Ma, who immigrated to this country in hopes of being able to provide for her family," Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz said in a statement. "After sustaining traumatic brain injuries and attempts at life-saving surgical intervention, sadly Mrs. Ma died from complications from those inflicted injuries. We are committed to remaining vigilant at every stage of a case to help ensure justice for victims and family members."

Next New York lieutenant governor to be sworn in Wednesday

By Marina Villeneuve
Associated Press

U.S. Rep. Antonio Delgado will be sworn in Wednesday as New York's next lieutenant governor, Gov. Kathy Hochul announced.

Hochul said Monday she will issue a proclamation for a special election to fill her fellow Democrat's seat in upstate New York once he resigns. It remains unclear when that will be.

Once a seat becomes vacant, the governor has 10 days to announce a special election held 70 to 80 days later, according to state law.

Hochul said the special election will line up with the Aug. 23 primary for congressional and state Senate seats.

Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, a Democrat, has been fulfilling the duties of lieutenant governor since the April 12 resignation of Brian Benjamin, who has proclaimed his innocence following his arrest in a federal corruption investigation.

Delgado has said he wants to leave his seat in Congress to take on the largely ceremonial role of lieutenant governor so he can fight for Hochul's agenda and serve as a liaison between New Yorkers and local, state and federal partners.

The Rhodes Scholar and Harvard Law School graduate was first elected in 2018 as the first upstate New Yorker of color to Congress on campaign promises of universal access to Medicare and eliminating tax loopholes for the rich.

Hochul and Delgado have both faced criticism for leaving open a congressional seat at a time when Democrats are fighting to maintain their U.S. House majority and after state courts stuck down new political maps that Democrats had drawn to cement comfortable majorities for years to come.

Hochul tapped Delgado days after the state's Court of Appeals rejected the congressional maps in a majority opinion that largely agreed with Re-



publican voters who argued the district boundaries were unconstitutionally gerrymandered. That decision struck down maps that would have reshaped Delgado's swing 19th Congressional District into a safely Democratic district sweeping from the Hudson Valley up to Albany and west to Binghamton and Utica. An upstate judge approved a final set of maps that creates an even more vast 19th Congressional District that stretches to Ithaca, in the Finger Lakes wine and tourism region. About 52% of voters in the newly crafted district voted for President Joe Biden in 2020, down from 52% in the Democrats' failed maps. Democrat Pat Ryan, who came in second to Delgado in the 2018 Democratic primary for the district, has said he'll run to succeed him. Republican candidates Brandon Buccola and Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro are also running for the 19th District seat.

After months-long saga, redistricting reaches conclusion

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Woodside.

In the drafts, the entirety of Bayside was included in New York's 3rd Congressional District, which is currently an open seat as Rep. Tom Suozzi, its current representative, makes a bid for governor. The northern portion of Bayside will now be included in the district that mostly covers Nassau, but also includes Beechurst, Whitestone, Glen Oaks, Little Neck, Douglaston and Queens Village.

The biggest change to Queens' congressional districts was introduced during the drafts and finalized on Friday with no changes.

Rep. Carolyn Maloney's 12th Congressional District was moved out of Queens entirely after including a portion of Northwest Queens for the past decade. The new NY-12 includes the entire midsection of Manhattan.

The Astoria, Long Island City, Woodside and Sunnyside areas previously included in the district were split between NY-14, represented by Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, NY-6, represented by Meng, and NY-7, represented by Nydia Velazquez, which picked up a large bulk of the old district.

The largest changes between the draft maps and the finalized versions comes in the borough's Senate maps.

Cervas said that several Queens Senate districts were redrawn last week in an effort to keep neighborhoods whole.

Last year, as the New York Independent Redistricting Commission – the first body to attempt and fail drawing the state's electoral lines – collected testimony from residents about what they'd like to see in the maps, a number of Queens residents and nonprofits said they'd like to see Richmond Hill kept together in one district, both at the Assembly and Senate levels.

The neighborhood has been divided into three Senate districts for the past decade, which has diluted the neighborhood's voting power and made accessing government resources more difficult, advocates said.

In the finalized maps released last week, Cervas said that he made an effort to keep the neighborhood united.

The majority of Richmond Hill is now located within Senate District 15, one of the districts to see the largest shifts when compared to

the maps used for the past 10 years. The neighborhood still, however, is divided – the section of the neighborhood north of Hillside Avenue is included in Senate District 14, currently represented by Leroy Comrie. The newly drawn map not only unites the neighborhood, it also keeps it in the same district as parts of Ozone Park – both neighborhoods are home to a large number of South Asian residents.

"Numerous comments requested the inclusion of more of Richmond Hill within Senate District 15 with Ozone Park," Cervas said. "I was not, however, able to get all of South Ozone Park into Senate District 15 due to population constraints. These district changes were made in an effort to preserve neighborhood boundaries as best as possible."

As a result of shifting the district, Forest Hills was split into two, now represented by both District 15 and 14.

Like the congressional maps, the Senate districts that saw the largest changes in the draft maps remain mostly the same in the finalized version.

The borough still has a new Senate district in District 59, which covers parts of Astoria, Long Island City, Greenpoint, Tudor City and Kips Bay.

In Eastern Queens, Comrie's District 14 has been finalized to include more of Forest Hills and Kew Gardens. The district still includes some of Queens' easternmost neighborhoods, including St. Albans, Cambria Heights and Springfield Gardens.

District 15 also saw little change between the drafts and finalized maps. The new district doesn't include the western portion of the Rockaway peninsula or Howard Beach, which is now divided between Senate District 10, currently represented by James Sanders, and Senate District 19, represented by Brooklyn Senator Roxanne Persaud.

New Yorkers will head to the polls to vote in Senate and congressional races on Aug. 23. Primary elections for statewide offices and Assembly seats will be held on June 28.

Right, Senate District 14, represented by Leroy Comrie, was drawn to include more neighborhoods in Central Queens.

Map via Redistricting and You/CUNY Graduate Center



Senate District 15, represented by Joe Addabbo, no longer includes Howard Beach or the western portion of the Rockaway peninsula. Map via Redistricting and You/CUNY Graduate Center



Rejecting hate and intolerance in the courts

By Chief Judge Janet DiFiore
Special to the Eagle

Thank you for giving us a few minutes of your time for an update on the latest developments affecting our courts and the justice system.

Today I want to focus on a topic that I know has been on everyone's mind: the senseless, racially-motivated act of violence that took the lives of 10 innocent community members who were simply going about their ordinary Saturday afternoon chores in the City of Buffalo on May 14th.

We grieve for the victims of that deadly attack and we pray for the families and loved ones who are left behind. And we also pray for our nation. We pray that we will come together and demonstrate the strength and decency to put an end to the evils of racism and gun violence.

As we struggle to process such a shocking act of evil, we continue to search for what each of us can do in our personal and professional lives to combat hatred and to foster safe, peaceful and just communities for our families, our children and grandchildren and future generations.

One thing must be clear: in the face of the toxic currents of hate and inhumanity that undeniably exist here, and across the country, not



Chief Judge Janet DiFiore.

only must our leaders stand against hate, but every one of us must work at every level, personal and professional, to achieve equity, kinship and inclusion for all.

And with that and, frankly, many other thoughts in mind, I want to draw your attention

leadership against hate, was first conceived in response to the rise in violent attacks against Asian-Americans, and it comes at a time when we are yet again stunned by the murderous assault in Buffalo.

The program features a number of distinguished presenters, including keynote speaker Grace Meng, the first and only Asian American member of Congress from New York State, who will share ideas and strategies for cultivating strong and inclusive leaders.

We thank the Franklin Williams Commission, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion and, of course, our colleagues in the Asian American Judges Association of New York, the South Asian Bar Association of New York, and the Jade Society for sponsoring this program, which had been in the works for many weeks.

I hope that you will consider tuning in and look upon this programming as an opportunity for you to become a more effective leader, and as a statement of solidarity and a demonstration that our court family proactively stands united in rejecting hate and intolerance.

Thank you, once again, for listening, and thank you for all that you are doing to help make our court system a model of fairness and inclusion. Please stay safe.

to an upcoming program: "Cultivating Leaders to Stand Against Hate," scheduled to take place on Tuesday, May 31st, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., in honor of "Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month."

This program, with its universal call for

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