

## Tuskegee vet recalls role in World War II

BY SADEF KULLY

The unassuming Dabney Montgomery entered Merrick Academy's auditorium supported by a dark cane and made his way toward the empty seats behind the podium.

Montgomery, 93, is one of the few Tuskegee Airmen alive today. The civil rights activist joined the students at Merrick Academy in Springfield Gardens in celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday and the 50th anniversary of the civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery Ala. last week.

The only sign that Montgomery was no ordinary person was his all-American baseball cap of red, white, and blue. On its crown were the words Tuskegee Airmen; the insignia for the U.S. military's first black pilots group who flew in World War II.

After motivating speeches from city officials and community leaders like U.S. Rep. Gregory Meeks (D-Jamaica) and Gerald Karikar, an immigration lawyer in Queens. Montgomery, in a navy blazer and slacks, slowly walked

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## GOOD FOR QUEENS



Borough President Melinda Katz delivers her first State of the Borough Address at a packed Colder Auditorium at Queens College. Among the highlights: the current state of the local economy, tourism, education and the burgeoning tech industry. She also introduced a new borough slogan, "If it's good for our families, it's good for Queens." Photo by Michael Shain

## Boro terrorist jumps to death from high-rise

East Elmhurst man on FBI watch list

BY MICHAEL SHAIN

The initial police report came over as an assault outside a high-rise apartment building on 83rd Avenue, about a block from the Queens Criminal courthouse in Kew Gardens. The doorman had found a young man lying face up and lifeless on the plaza outside the lobby window.

When the first officers arrived at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, they realized that the doorman had been mistaken. The sound of a body hitting the concrete makes the same noise as a gunshot, one resident said afterward.

It took a few hours to identify the victim, 30-year-old Tahmeed Ahmad of East Elmhurst. Ahmad graduated from the elite Stuyve-

sant High School in 2003 with honors in chemistry, earned a letter in football and went to City College on a scholarship. He also had been on the FBI's terrorist watch list for more than a decade.

In October 2007, Ahmad single-handedly tried to attack Homestead Air Reserve Base outside Miami. He reportedly yelled "Death to America" as he rushed the gates of the base, armed with two butcher knives he had just bought at a Walmart and two bottles of vodka he intended to use as Molotov cocktails.

After he was arrested, Ahmad told the FBI that he was trying to commit "suicide by cop," according to an affidavit written by the FBI agent who interrogated him.

Born in Kuwait, Ahmad was a  
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## Long Island City's future seen in vertical housing after rezone

BY BILL PARRY

The building boom in Long Island City is expected to increase exponentially now that the city is in preliminary stages of rezoning Queens Plaza and Court Square for even more development that would ease the growing housing crisis. While the news set off alarms in LIC, it provides a relief for

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For the first time, the 7 train will run without interruption during Lunar New Year celebrations.

## 7 train to run on New Year

BY MADINA TOURE

For the first time, the 7 train will be running at full capacity during all Lunar New Year celebrations in February.

The 7 train will be operating without interruption for the weekend of Lunar

New Year, Feb. 21-22, and the weekend before the holiday, Feb. 14-15. Last year, construction on the 7 train was suspended only on the day of the parade.

City Councilman Peter Koo (D-Flushing) praised the MTA for the move, saying that individuals must

purchase special foods a month in advance and that the train is the easiest transportation for elderly residents to use.

"That's why it's important to keep the train service open and understanding that most immigrants,  
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# AirTrain link proposed to LaGuardia

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## Gov. Cuomo pitches new rail line that would connect Willets Point subway station to airport

BY BILL PARRY

Gov. Andrew Cuomo made two proposals this week that will have significant impact on the borough: the unveiling of plans to build an AirTrain to LaGuardia Airport and a plan to increase the minimum wage in New York City.

Cuomo Tuesday presented his six-point plan to strengthen and modernize the state's infrastructure, including better access to LaGuardia for the 27 million passengers who use it annually.

"You can't get to LaGuardia by train and that's really inexcusable," Cuomo said in a speech to the Association for a Better New York. "That is going to change over the next several years."

The AirTrain will be constructed by the Port Authority and the MTA at an estimated cost of \$450 million. The long overdue project would connect with the No. 7 subway line with a new terminal just south of the Willets Pt.-Mets subway



station between Citi Field and Flushing Meadows Corona Park. There is a Long Island Rail Road station as well, part of the Port Washington line.

The elevated tracks are to run a mile and a half along the Grand Central Parkway avoiding residential neighborhoods.

"Getting to LaGuardia by train has been a dream

for decades, but past proposals have been unworkable," state Sen. Michael Gianaris (D-Astoria) said. "This concept is the most optimal because it would avoid ramming another elevated train through the backyards of western Queens residents."

Wiley Norville, a spokesman for Mayor Bill de Blasio said, "Increasing public transit capacity is a priority

for the city, which is why we've collaborated with the MTA on projects like significantly increasing the speed and ease of bus service to LaGuardia Airport. We welcome the governor and the state considering new transit investments in the city, and look forward to working with them."

Cuomo did not say how the land would be obtained

and was not ready to produce a timeline, but an aide suggested the whole project could be finished in five years.

"We need a couple of months to work up the design and then have some real estimates as to how long it will take," Cuomo said, adding that he would also like the state to investigate the use of high-speed ferries to LaGuardia and Kennedy airports.

In a joint statement, Port Authority Executive Director Patrick Foye and MTA Chairman Thomas Pendergast said their agencies were working closely to establish the scope, schedule and management of the LaGuardia AirTrain. "Gov. Cuomo has offered a clear vision and strong call for the transportation infrastructure that is absolutely essential for the New York region to compete in the global economy," they said.

Borough President Melinda Katz was named by Cuomo to a seven-member advisory panel composed

of business, real estate and planning experts to help choose the final design.

"It's a good thing for Queens and it's been a long time coming," Katz said.

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Flushing) agreed saying, "Building an elevated AirTrain to LaGuardia Airport would be a huge boon for Queens (that can) make public transportation more attractive to those traveling to and from LaGuardia, and it would expand the potential of the No. 7 train and the Long Island Rail Road. It also stands to reduce congestion, promote tourism and stimulate the borough's economy."

That was also the aim of the governor's other proposal, raising the minimum wage to \$11.50 per hour in New York City. Cuomo said the rate would be \$1 per hour more than his proposed statewide minimum wage of \$10.50 because of the high cost of living in the five boroughs.

# Westway critics heard as DHS holds hearing

BY BILL PARRY

The emergency homeless shelter at the Westway Motel in East Elmhurst is a step closer to permanence following a public hearing last week in Manhattan. More than 100 residents of Astoria and East Elmhurst packed the hearing held by the Department of Homeless Services and the Mayor's Office of Contract Services.

State Assemblywoman Aravella Simotas (D-Astoria), City Councilman Costa Constantinides (D-Astoria) and state Sen. Jose Peralta (D-East Elmhurst) all spoke out against the proposed \$24 million contract between DHS and the social service provider Women In Need to operate the shelter at 71-11 and 72-05 Astoria Boulevard



Residents and elected officials speak out against a permanent shelter at the Westway Motel in East Elmhurst.

Photo by Bill Parry

on a long-term basis.

This past July, without prior notice to the community or elected representatives

in Astoria, DHS approved the conversion of the Westway Motel into a 212-unit homeless shelter by invoking

an emergency declaration, bypassing established oversight and regulatory procedures. With the emergency decree expiring this month, DHS was required, as part of the city's procurement process, to hold a public hearing before it can turn Westway into a permanent shelter. The agency scheduled the hearing at 10 a.m. on Jan 13, on a workday.

"Today my colleagues and over 100 of my constituents attended a public hearing to have our voices heard for the first time in this process," Simotas said. "From day one, DHS has ignored the needs of shelter residents and the Astoria community. I sued the city and spoke out against DHS's heavy-handed tactics because we deserve a voice in this process. By ex-

ploiting emergency procurement loopholes rather than abiding by normal oversight procedures, DHS is trying to pull the wool over all of our eyes and the children at the Westway will suffer the most."

In her lawsuit filed Nov. 3 in State Supreme Court, Simotas accused DHS of creating an artificial emergency to evade proper siting and procurement procedures. She also contended the agency has been "manipulating" the emergency shelter process to avoid dealing with the community.

"From the outset, DHS has turned a deaf ear to the people who know the Westway and the surrounding area best, a posture that does a tremendous disservice to the homeless who will be liv-

ing at this unsuitable site," Peralta said. "This whole process appears to be nothing more than an attempt to establish a permanent shelter by fiat. Our constituents, the children and families of the Westway, and all those who value an open, transparent and participatory government deserve better than this."

Eyebrows were raised when DHS scheduled the hearing in Manhattan early on a workday. Peralta referred to the scheduling as a "massive bureaucratic inconvenience" and thanked the 100 members of the community took time to speak at the hearing.

Constantinides thanked them as well before stating his opposition.

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# Queens Blvd. workshop draws crowd of residents

BY BILL PARRY

Hoping to play a role in changing the “Boulevard of Death,” at least 200 people took part Wednesday in the first-ever Queens Boulevard Safety Workshop at PS 11 in Woodside.

About 50 Department of Transportation officials broke up into small groups to hear residents’ feedback on the redesign of Queens Boulevard as part of the Vision Zero Initiative.

“The mayor made it clear that improving Queens Boulevard is a priority, so the DOT is hosting this safety workshop to hear the community’s concerns and ideas,” DOT Commissioner Polly Trottenberg said before the event. “This workshop is only the first step in a more comprehensive process to re-imagine and redesign the boulevard as a safer, greener, more attractive corridor for residents and businesses.”

Stephen Bauman joined one of the tables at the workshop.

“I’ve lived in Queens my entire life in Rego Park. I remember open land on either side of the boulevard back in the 1940s. All I want is to be able to safely cross the street. I’m afraid of crossing it nowadays. I’m here hoping we can change that.”

In 2013, six pedestrians died and more than 150 people were injured despite extensive improvements along the boulevard during the last decade. The DOT redesigned roads and sidewalks, installed traffic control signs and signals, and improved crosswalks and roadway geometry. While all the changes brought about a dramatic decrease in pedestrian injuries and fatalities, Queens Boulevard continues to be one of the most dangerous corridors in the city, even with the speed limit lowered from 30 mph to 25 mph.

Angela Stach was out of breath from her bicycle ride from Astoria where she lives. As a volunteer for Transportation Alter-



A public workshop in Woodside kicks off a Department of Transportation initiative to redesign Queens Boulevard.

Photo by Michael Shain

natives, the safe streets advocate, she has worked for many years hoping to see a public meeting like this one.

“We’ve been out there weekend after weekend educating the people on how to push for change, so it’s pretty exciting to see momentum pick up,” Stach said. “This is a great first step to getting change on the boulevard.”

The workshop was limited to a stretch of Queens Boulevard from Roosevelt Avenue to 73rd Street.

Philip Papas, a 15-year resident of Jackson Heights, is a volunteer with Ghost Street Memorials, advocates who make the ghost bikes and place them at the scenes of traffic deaths. “Unfortunately, we’ve had to put a lot of those white painted bikes along that boulevard over the years,” Papas said. “I’m hoping for a reduction of speed — that seems easy enough. As for the long range, I’d love to see protected bike lanes along the service roads... that would help a lot.”

The workshop goals were

to identify street safety concerns, brainstorm ways to enhance safety, discuss street design solutions and to gather community input. The DOT plans include more pedestrian islands, wider sidewalks, enclosed bike lanes, countdown clocks and more crosswalks.

Peter O’Donnell, district leader at District 30 in Woodside, was somewhat more optimistic the future of Queens Boulevard.

“I’ve seen a lot of bad things happen in the last 50 years,” he said. “What I haven’t seen is good leadership. Instead of fixing it they’ve destroyed it.”

He added, “Hopefully, this time they get it right.”

U.S. Rep. Joe Crowley (D-Jackson Heights) could not attend Wednesday’s meeting, but he has been a strong advocate for the redesign of the dangerous roadway since he lost his friend Marion Kurshuk. The 78-year-old Woodside resident was struck and killed by a motorcycle while trying to cross at 58th Street just before Christmas 2013.

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# Malcolm X's daughter unveils novel

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Ilyasah Shabazz speaks to Merrick Academy students almost 50 years after her father's assassination

BY MADINA TOURE

As the 50th anniversary of the death of Malcolm X approached, his daughter, author Ilyasah Shabazz, gave words of wisdom to students on the importance of education and enunciated her father's legacy at the Merrick Academy in Springfield Gardens Saturday.

## MLK BIRTHDAY

Shabazz, who was born in Queens, announced her new book, "X," which she co-wrote, chronicling the legacy of her father, an African-American civil rights activist and major figure of the Nation of Islam. She asked students questions based on passages she read aloud from



Malcolm X's daughter, Ilyasah Shabazz, reads a passage from her book, "Malcolm Little."

Photo by Madina Toure

her other book, "Malcolm Little: The Boy Who Grew Up To Become Malcolm X," which received an NAACP Image Award nomination.

She has written other

books on her father, including "Growing Up X" and "Diary of Malcolm X."

Shabazz pointed to the cover of "Malcolm Little," which features Malcolm

as a "young, impressionable child." She said it represents the importance of quality education for youth.

"He would grow up to

become one of the world's greatest leaders for human rights for all people," Shabazz said. "One of the greatest leaders around the world. And so it says that we have to celebrate and prepare you now while you are nice and young."

In a speech that captivated the entire room, U.S. Rep. Gregory Meeks (D-Jamaica) recalled his father crying for the first time when Malcolm X died.

Malcolm X paved the way for African-Americans to attain leadership positions and credited him with teaching black people how to be proud of their race and their history, Meeks said.

"I wanted to make sure that I had an opportunity just to stop by and to see you because the truth of the matter is, there prob-

ably would not have been or not be a Gregory Meeks if there wasn't a Malcolm X," he said, addressing Shabazz.

Gerald Karikari, chairman of the board of trustees of Merrick Academy, said the charter school — the first in Queens — was the perfect place to host Shabazz to give students the idea that they can make history.

"For these children to grow up in this community and not know and not feel history is a shame and so we want to reverse that," Karikari said. "For children to be able to touch someone like the daughter of Malcolm X I think is powerful in terms of bringing the characters in the history books to life."

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# Bus route plan divides leaders

Politicians fear traffic jams if Flushing-Jamaica line approved

BY MADINA TOURE

Two northeast Queens lawmakers have expressed concerns about a proposal for a Select Bus Service route in and between Flushing and Jamaica.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the city Department of Transportation are proposing a Flushing to Jamaica Select Bus Service connecting three corridors: Main Street, Kissena and Parsons boulevards and 164th Street in and between Flushing and Jamaica.

City Councilman Rory Lancman (D-Fresh Meadows) and state Assemblyman Michael Simanowitz (D-Flushing) said a travel or parking lane could possibly be eliminated to accommodate the service, hurting motorists, residents and small businesses.

They met with the DOT and the MTA last Friday, where the agencies updated them on the proposal. The lawmakers expressed support for ideas such as offboard ticketing, synchronizing lights and reconfiguring left-turn signals.

"The final proposal could include a menu of strategies for improving bus service and we are only opposed to the closing of a travel or parking lane," Lancman said.

Simanowitz said other



A proposal would bring Select Bus Service to three corridors between Flushing and Jamaica.

Photo Courtesy DOT

parts of the proposal such as on-street fare collection and displays indicating bus times do not necessitate SBS.

"The rest of the aspects of a BRT proposal are all legitimate things, but things they could be doing anyway," he said.

SBS is the city's version

of Bus Rapid Transit, an ameliorated bus service that provides fast and frequent service on bus routes that typically have a large number of riders.

The project is currently in the design phase, according to a DOT spokeswoman. The DOT, which

plans to meet with other stakeholders in the coming weeks, has held one public workshop and intends to hold another soon.

In a statement, the BRT for NYC Steering Committee, an advocacy coalition, said bus riders in eastern Queens need better transit options.

"By reducing congestion, speeding up travel times, and making busy avenues safer ... BRT is a win-win for riders, drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists alike," a BRT for NYC spokeswoman said.

The MTA and the DOT conducted studies in 2006 and 2009, which identified Main Street and Kissena and Parsons boulevards between Flushing and Jamaica as corridors that could benefit from SBS.

According to the studies, bus trips on the Q20A/B and Q44LTD on Main Street as well as the Q25LTD and Q34 on Kissena and Parsons boulevards were described as long and slow, affecting roughly 68,000 daily raiders. The agencies also formed a Community Advisory Committee to offer guidance on the project.

But in a letter dated Jan. 8 to DOT Commissioner Polly Trottenberg and MTA President Carmen Bianca, 11 Queens lawmakers expressed support for the proposal.

# Sutphin BID wins grant to spruce up

BY SADEF KULLY

The Sutphin Boulevard BID received a grant award of \$95,000 as a winner of the city's Neighborhood Challenge initiative, part of major local efforts being made to renovate and beautify the area to bring in consumers from around the borough and beyond.

The grant was awarded by the city Department of Small Business Services and the city Economic Development Corporation as part of the Neighborhood Challenge initiative. Council members Rory Lancman (D-Hillcrest), I. Daneek Miller (D-St.Albans), state Assemblyman William Scarborough (D-Jamaica), and SBS joined community leaders to announce the grant in front of a couple of stores on Sutphin Boulevard that will receive the funding to improve their physical appearance.

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"This grant will be transformative in attracting more economic interest, investment and development in a booming neighborhood in Queens," Lancman said. "Downtown Jamaica has an incredibly bright future and this is just the latest in a line of great news for the community."

The Sutphin Boulevard BID is one of the seven groups out of 80 applicants that received the grant this year and the only group from Queens to get the award. Businesses that participate in the program must be within 500 feet from a subway station and have to show a financial commitment to the program because each will be required to contribute 20 percent towards the renovation costs.



The Sutphin Boulevard Business Improvement District was awarded \$95,000 to renovate the facades of storefronts and beautify the street in downtown Jamaica.

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# Meng cautions Queens immigrants on scams

Some 91,000 newcomers in borough could benefit from Obama's executive orders, study shows

BY JUAN SOTO

The executive orders issued by President Barack Obama will offer protection from deportation to about 91,000 Queens residents, according to a study released last week by the Washington-based Migration Policy Institute.

The D.C. think tank noted that in the most ethnically diverse county in the country, 37 percent of the 246,000 unauthorized immigrant population in the borough will benefit from the new deferred action federal measures.

The Migration Policy Institute estimated that 61,000 borough residents would be free from deportation because they are a parent of a U.S. citizen or a legal resident (DAPA program), while another 30,000 will



U.S. Rep. Grace Meng is warning borough immigrants about scams related to President Obama's executive orders.

Photo by Michael Shain

have protection because they entered the country as a child (DACA), known as "Dreamers."

More than 50 percent of them come from Central and South America.

DAPA refers to the ex-

ecutive order known as Deferred Action for Parent Accountability, while DACA stands for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. Both are temporary measures.

In New York City, the number of those who will be protected is about 236,000, according to the study. Nationwide, the number of unauthorized immigrants who will get protection is more than 5 million.

"The president's programs could have a significant effect on the lives of millions unauthorized immigrants," said Michael Fix, president of the Migration Policy Institute, an independent, non-partisan group that keeps track of migration trends worldwide.

Immigration experts pointed out the deferred

action programs would benefit the unauthorized immigrants with better job opportunities and enrich the communities they live in. They will be authorized to work and stay here legally.

The New York City Immigration Coalition said the new programs will also add to the already heavy workload of service providers.

"This will be an extreme challenge," said Betsy Plum, director of special projects for the immigration advocacy group. "You have providers who are almost to their capacity and now more New Yorkers potentially will be eligible for a new forms of relief."

She noted that as more people need help, funding for services remains at the same levels. "Funding is not where it used to be," Plum

said.

Plum pointed out the city allocated \$18 million to provide services for people who can benefit under the DACA program. She added the funding will expire in June.

"I hope the city renews the funding to reach new people under the program," she said.

Randy Capps, director of research for the Migration Policy Institute, noted that Queens is home to the largest number of unauthorized immigrants from Asia countrywide, with a population of about 80,000, including 26,000 from China.

"Our analysis shows that deferred action is likely to affect counties differently," Capps said.

The study indicates Mexicans represent the highest number of undocumented immigrants in the borough.

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over to the podium with a paper and announced:

"I am holding in my left hand a document dated April 21, 1918. This is a document from the War Department of the United States. In this document it states clearly that the black man is not strong enough to stand up and fight for what he believes in - his brain is small and because it's small he can't be taught how to do things such as fly a plane and an attempt to teach him to fly is a waste of time and this is an official document. Well, I am standing here and saying this is not the end."

Montgomery was drafted into the Army Air Corps during World War II and served in the 1051st Quartermaster Company of the 96th Air Service Group, attached to the 332nd Air Fighter Group, as a ground crewman with the Tuskegee Airmen in Southern Italy from 1943 to 1945. To name just a few, Montgomery was awarded a Good Conduct Medal, the WWII Victory Medal, the European African Middle Eastern Service Medal with two Bronze Stars, a Service Award and the Honorable Service Medal.

"When we were attacked - we stood together and and said 'We will fight, we will fight, we will fight' and



Dabney Montgomery, a Tuskegee Airmen and an activist in the 60s, speaks at Merrick Academy. Photo by Sade Kully

we fought and won," said Montgomery as the students began chanting "We will fight, we will fight," along with him.

"You must believe in yourself - as we believe in you. Fight for the rights of men," he said. "When you know you are right, do not compromise and you will make this world a better place."

After the war ended and he completed his education, Montgomery became an activist in the civil rights movement and marched with King from Selma to Montgomery, Ala. in 1965 for the right to vote. He served as one of King's bodyguards. He brought up a frame to the podium. Set set inside were two heels, a piece of paper and a neck tie.

"These are the heels I wore when I arrived [in Montgomery] as evidence that someone fought for you before and wanted you to have the right to vote. This is the neck tie I wore. And Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. guided my hand as I wrote his Atlanta address on this piece of paper," Montgomery explained. "People have died for you and people have suffered for you. Give back to your communities - you can make it and you can make it big."

Students and other audience members responded with a standing ovation and cheers. Montgomery, who has had a long relationship with the King family, recalled one of his most vivid memories of King at an afternoon supper.

## 7 Train

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especially senior citizens, they don't drive," Koo said. "They don't even know how to take the bus. On the 7 train, it's easy because they just get on it and they arrive."

Koo noted the Chinese tradition calls for individuals to get a haircut before the holiday to symbolize the new year.

In 2012, Koo, state Sen. Toby Stavisky (D-Flushing), state Assemblyman Ron Kim (D-Flushing) and U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Flushing), along with local small business owners and community leaders, had meetings with the MTA in

which they described the significant disruption that 7 line service changes had on area businesses whose customers could not travel easily to Flushing.

"It was a long meeting," Koo said. "We told them this is very important in our community to have the service."

Other Flushing lawmakers praised the decision as well. Kim said Flushing is known throughout the world for its Lunar New Year celebrations.

"The 7 train is essential for all those traveling to Flushing and the Main Street hub is one of the busiest in New York City," he said in a statement. "I hope that the MTA will continue to keep this tradition

throughout the rest of the 7 line construction in the next few years."

Stavisky acknowledged that overhauling the entire 7 line is an enormous endeavor but said the MTA move to provide service gives the holiday value.

"They're sending a message that keeping this line open without interruption for this holiday is just as important as transporting fans to a Mets game or the US Open," she said in a statement. "This is an example of the religious and cultural tolerance New Yorkers are famous for, and I am delighted to wish everyone a very happy Lunar New Year free of transit hassles."



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# Suicide

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naturalized U.S. citizen — and he had been in and out of mental care facilities for several years. He was charged with assaulting a federal officer, which carries a 20-year prison term. But Ahmad was never convicted.

“The assistant U.S. attorney assigned to the case and the judge all agreed from the facts of the case that he was mentally ill,” said his former lawyer, William Tunkey. “There weren’t even any arguments presented.”

The judge declared Ahmad mentally unfit to stand trial and ordered him committed to a federal psychiatric hospital in Butner, N.C., next to the prison hospital where Wall Street scammer Bernard Maddof is serving a 150-year sentence.

Eventually, Ahmad was released in late 2010 under strict parole conditions. A math teacher at Miami Central High School when he was arrested, Ahmad was barred from working with children, traveling without

the consent of his parole officer and drinking or taking drugs — which, as a practicing Muslim, he never did anyway, he told the court.

Technically, his case is still open.

Ahmad moved back to East Elmhurst with his mother to a two-story rowhouse just off Northern Boulevard, reconnected with friends from Stuyvesant and got to know the young players on the school’s football team — who call themselves Peg-legs — according to his Facebook page. As his favorite slogan, he listed a line from John Wooden, the legendary basketball coach of UCLA famed for his inspirational pep talks: “Success is never final, failure is never fatal. It’s courage that counts.”

Then in September, Ahmad surfaced again — writing to the Florida judge who had presided over his case, Federico Moreno. He asked that the terms of his release be modified — or better yet, terminated.

“I have come a long way in growing as a person and demonstrating maturity,” he wrote. “I would like to re-

turn to my passion, coaching football.”

Judge Moreno, who in the intervening years had become chief judge of the Southern Florida district, took three months to make a decision. He turned down the request.

“In this day and age, that wasn’t going to happen,” Tunkey said. Ahmad got the bad news Jan. 15, the lawyer said.

Three days later, the young man went online and booked a room on Airbnb, the Internet service that connects people who want to rent rooms in their apartment to tourists. He rented a room, according to police, in a 32nd-floor apartment in building called the Court Plaza in Kew Gardens. The ad (now pulled) said the room had a balcony. Shortly after checking in on Sunday afternoon, in the midst of a driving rain storm, police say he leapt.

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# Zoning

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residents in neighboring Sunnyside who fear development of the 160-acre Sunnyside Yards.

Carl Weisbrod, the chairman of the City Planning Commission, has studied proposals for decking over the enormous Sunnyside Yards space for the relocation of the Javits Center and building affordable housing but found it was “enormously” complicated. In a recent speech to the Citizens Budget Commission, he cited ownership issues, operational challenges and economics as too prohibitive at least for now.

“It’s so complicated that we’re a ways away from coming up with a recommendation for the yards, but it is very high on our priorities list,” Weisbrod said. “It’s obviously an area of growth for the city.”

The chairman spoke of the more immediate challenges faced by a city

that is home to 8.4 million people, an all-time record, and will further swell to 9 million in the next quarter century. With 40 percent of renters currently experiencing “renter’s stress” and 59,000 people in homeless shelters, nearly half of them children. “And that’s unacceptable,” he said.

The de Blasio administration has mandated the need to create or preserve 200,000 units of affordable housing to alleviate the housing crisis. “Unlike the Ed Koch housing plan, today we don’t have vacant land and empty buildings,” Weisbrod said. “The only way that the city is able to grow is if we grow upward.”

Weisbrod called it “going vertical” during a panel discussion at the LIC Summit last June. The city rezoned 34 blocks of Long Island City for large-scale development in 2001 resulting in nearly 10,000 new housing units built since 2006, with nearly 20,000 more planned or already under construction.

Rezoning will take a fresh look at nearly 100 additional blocks along Jackson Avenue, Northern Boulevard and Queens Plaza.

“It’s indeed going to happen,” John Young, director of the Queens Office at City Planning, said. “We see housing, mixed-use, industrial and commercial plus space for new technology companies. With all that housing there’s need for more retail. All that new development would leverage the creation of new affordable housing for low-income and working class families.”

The plan is called the Queens Plaza-Long Island City Core Study.

“It has many parts in a sprawling area starting at the western edge of the Sunnyside rail yards,” Young said. The early stages, now being planned, include the formation of a community advisory group that will incorporate elements of Community Board 2 as well as the Long Island City Partnership.

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