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CHILD CARE IN NYS



Governor Kathy Hochul announced efforts to help working families access child care throughout New York State, including launching a new online screening tool for them to check eligibility and re-establishing a statewide task force to develop an implementation plan for universal child care. These efforts are part of the Governor's sweeping plan to make New York's child care system fairer, more affordable and easier to access.

The new online screening tool will help parents determine their eligibility for financial support from the state's Child Care Assistance Program for low or no-cost child care. Developed by the state Office of Children and Family Services, the tool is aimed at accelerating and streamlining the application process for families, so that they can quickly determine the services they may be eligible to receive.

Families can complete an optional online questionnaire, which immediately lets them know whether they meet the basic criteria for eligibility and then directs them to the local department of social services to apply for funding. The new online tool is available to the general public in 12 languages on the New York State Office of Children and Family Services' website (ocfs.ny.gov) and can be accessed anywhere, anytime with a computer or mobile device.

Governor Hochul announced the statewide electronic pre-screening tool as part of her State of the State address in January, when she called for streamlining and centralizing the child care application process. The Governor also committed to accelerating the application process for families in her continuing effort to expand access to high-quality child care, including an unprecedented \$7.6 billion investment over four years.

In addition, Governor Hochul announced the re-establishment of the New York State Child Care Availability Task Force, which will help develop a framework for how the state could implement universal child care. Co-chaired by OCFS Acting Commissioner Suzanne Miles-Gustave and Department of Labor Commissioner Roberta Reardon, the task force met earlier this week for the first time since releasing its final report in May 2021.

The re-established Child Care Availability Task Force will advise the state on developing a phased-in rollout of universal child care and is charged with issuing its new report by the end of the year. In addition to developing this plan, the task force will also evaluate the state's child care needs, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the delivery of child care, recommend ways to address the child care workforce crisis, and assess the implementation of policies supported by federally funded pandemic-related programs.

The task force is composed of representatives from the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, Council on Children and Families, Department of Taxation and Finance, Regional Economic Development Council, State University of New York, City University of New York, State Education Department. The task force membership also includes child care providers and unions, advocacy groups and stakeholders, the business community and local departments of social services.

Governor Hochul served as co-chair of the task force when it was initially convened in December 2018 and developed a comprehensive plan to make quality child care affordable and accessible for all New Yorkers. New York State's social services law was amended to reconvene the task force and with a new charge, in addition to reviewing the progress of recommendations made in the 2021 report.

GIVING STRENGTH TO OUR COMMUNITY

New York City Mayor Eric Adams signed five pieces of legislation – two that will provide support and accountability for criminal justice programs and Crisis Management System (CMS) providers that receive city funding, one that will create a juvenile justice board, one that will ensure mental health services are provided in shelters serving families with children, and one that will lower interest rates for property tax arrears owed by low- and moderate-income homeowners.

Intros. 439 and 756 will ensure greater accountability of and support for CMS providers by requiring the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice (MOCJ) to evaluate the performance of criminal justice programs receiving city funding and to provide training and operational support to CMS providers. Intro. 436 will strengthen the juvenile justice system by establishing a juvenile justice board. Intro. 522 will ensure greater mental health resources for New Yorkers living in shelters by requiring mental health professionals to provide either onsite or telehealth support to families with children living in shelters. Intro. 524 will provide relief for low- and moderate-income homeowners by lowering interest rates for property tax arrears owed by properties assessed at \$250,000 or less that have entered into a payment plan with the city.



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6 TIPS ON BALANCING YOUR FAMILY, CAREER, AND YOUR ANXIETIES

by Stan Popovich

It can be difficult for adults to take care of their families, careers, and stresses at the same time. Many times, worry and fear can get the best of you when your overwhelmed with everything that needs to be done. As a result, here are six work life balance tips on how to take care of your family and your career without getting overly stressed.

- 1. Set goals:** An important way to remove stress is to set goals for yourself when you manage your family or career. When you get up in the mornings, try to set some daily goals for you to accomplish. When you accomplish these goals, you will feel happier and more confident to do more things.
- 2. Delegate:** When taking care of your family, get your spouse to help you out. If your kids are older, get them to assist you. If you are at work, only take on what you can handle. Don't try to do everything all at once. Learn to delegate and work with other people.
- 3. Evaluate your situation:** If you try to do everything, you will get stressed out and anxious. A person can only do so much in a given day. Learn to manage your responsibilities. If you feel like you are doing too much, then take a break and evaluate your situation.
- 4. Learn to calm down:** Take a deep breath and try to find something to do to get your mind off of your anxieties and stresses. A person could take a walk, listen to some music, read the newspaper, watch TV, play on the computer, or do an activity that will give them a fresh perspective on things. This will distract you from your current worries.

5. Prioritize: Try to do things in terms of their importance. Let's say that you have to clean the living room, go to the supermarket, and wash the dishes. You decide to go to the supermarket since that is the most important thing that needs to be accomplished. You make the choice to do the other two tasks later on. Determine what needs done right away and do those things first.

It is much easier to accomplish something if you know what you are going to do ahead of time. Proper planning will help reduce your everyday stresses and help you to stay organized.

6. Communication is important: It is important to talk to your friends and family in order to avoid any potential problems. Get into the habit of talking to others in order to get things accomplished. Do not get upset when things don't work according to plan. Learning how to work with others can save you a lot of time and prevent any worrying.

Worrying can make things worse. All you can do is to do your best each day, hope for the best, and when something does happen, take it in stride. If you still have trouble dealing with the stress and anxiety of everyday life, then talk to a mental health counselor who can give you additional advice.

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THE TALE OF TWO CITIES: LIC HAVES AND HAVE NOTS?

by Dr. Sharon M. Cadiz

I recently saw a story involving a local artist named Lashawn “Suga Ray” Marston who launched an effort to bring attention to the creeping, crawling development that has put “For Sale” signs on just about everything in Long Island City and Astoria. He was camped out at the most recent scene of the ‘crime’; namely, 44th Drive where plans for the area have been heavily contested. He pledged to be engaged in a hunger strike from February 28th until March 14th which marked his 39th birthday. Marston has used a form of peaceful protest to raise awareness of what he refers to as a “tale of two Long Island Cities.” When I saw a social media post about him on Sunday, March 12th, he immediately got my attention. It reminded me, especially during Women’s History Month, the suffragettes who used this method to express public outrage while bringing attention to the plight of women. Mohandas Gandhi began a hunger strike to protest use of the caste system in matters of government. Dick Gregory used hunger strikes and fasting to make his points about social issues and civil rights. Cesar Chavez used hunger strikes to champion the cause of farm workers struggling for fair treatment. Many others have also used this nonviolent means to raise awareness of social justice issues involving human rights; equality; civil rights and labor challenges.

I visited Marston on Monday morning; the day after seeing a social media post on Oscar night. I was impressed as I listened to his responses to a reporter who kicked off an interview asking him how he was able to brush his teeth, shower and pee. I was intrigued by his simple approach to this line of questioning that seemed to overlook the reason for him being out there subjecting himself to hunger; the elements; and a

first-hand experience of homelessness to make a point about the mass appropriation of community land for profit making endeavors. The questions seemed to ignore and devalue the presence of those who already live and work in the area, as well as their different needs and related ideas for use. The lines that are drawn are familiar ones separating the haves from the have nots; displacing people from their land; disconnecting public housing and its residents from the rest of the community; and presuming to rescue all with plans that develop it out of the public domain. Meanwhile, everyone in the community is likewise at-risk for being displaced as a result of sales that purchase large segments of the community with plans to attract high end buyers, renters and commercial enterprises. The goal on 44th Drive appears to be one of using public space and acquiring buildings to add cache to the likes of those who already won a victory with Innovation QNS. Perhaps the collective impact was too much for the Marston to tolerate without taking action.

While the rain came down on that dreary Monday morning, as I saw parents usher children to school and others braving the usual traffic and train issues, Lashawn “Suga Ray” Marston was in a tent covered in a brown tarp as I approached and called out to him from just outside on the corner just a few feet from a food cart serving breakfast. Before arriving there, I sat in my car for a few minutes to see if there was any activity or anyone stopping. The brown mound covered in tarp was seemingly normalized. No one stopped and nothing stopped on this hectic first day of the work week. The only stillness came from Marston who was shrouded in the brown tarp as he emerged at the opening of his tent that was lined with heavy weights and water bottles to keep things secure and prevent water from getting into his tent. He was amazingly calm and hospitable as I introduced myself and explained that I came to show support for his cause. He was cordial and sincere as he shared how he grew up in the community and was a longtime resident. It was an honor for me to acknowledge this young person taking a personal stand regarding a public concern. I felt that I was visiting a head of state because he exuded a kind of dignity, respect and stewardship commensurate with compassionate leadership. It didn’t take long for me to be convinced of his determination and commitment that apparently has no market value for those who continue to see dollar signs and not people and communities.

On that Monday morning as I crouched at the entrance to his tent home, I was humbled and inspired to write something about his actions. If one is sleeping on the ground, the time that passes from February 28th until March 14th can easily feel like a lifetime. In sharing these small facts that I acquired first-hand, I am now in a position to better understand why he left the comfort of his home to occupy a few feet of concrete on the corner of 44th Drive and Vernon Blvd. I am also recalling a “photo op” for community residents, local leaders and politicians that took place about three years ago, on the opposite corner, where they asked for a community plan for usage of this parcel of property that rests on public land. In 2023, I guess no one heard. Perhaps someone will hear Lashawn “Suga Ray” Marston, although he may be competing with the Oscar after-party banter. Or maybe I am not alone in prioritizing a shared desire not to see public lands taken. If they are, I must presume that they were given or sold, like the Municipal Parking Lot on 31st Street between 34th and Broadway in Long Island City, in order to make way for something else. In the case of the Municipal Parking Lot, it is senior housing which will presumably be affordable. Or, like the little parcel of property with a house and garage on 11th Street that charms my husband and I every time we pass because of a lovely pathway leading to a house and garage painted green with white trim, and a view that suggests that they both are wooden structures. The scene is clearly pastoral and romantic in a rustic way compared to the blocks of concrete and glass that occupy almost every inch of Long Island City and Astoria. Even before seeing Marston’s post, I awoke early on Sunday morning to dress and steal away to the site of that tiny house and yard to photograph it because I feared that it would shortly be gone. On Friday before leaving for a short trip, I called the real estate agent and he said: “It’s already gone,” and then uttered something I can’t exactly recall except for the word, “contractor,” and I wrote both things down. Although I didn’t know the address, the realtor knew exactly what I was talking about, and he explained that the house is between 10th and 11th Streets. We were always looking at the back portion. I hope that my pictures will suffice to reassure me about the existence of places that serve a community’s need for biodiversity and human diversity, not as a commodity to be bought and sold, but as a culmination of what a community values and preserves with regard to our shared connection to nature and each other. We can always improve and make progress, but I take my hat off to “Suga Ray” and his supporters for stepping up and taking a stand to preserve and conserve our community spaces and public lands. Well done! I look forward to what he might do next...

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by Cyclo Pete

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To start with the obvious, Spring is very much the opposite of Fall. But what is less obvious is how to dress for variable weather. If you have been biking throughout this mild winter, but especially if you have not, beware dressing too warm. In the fall we needed to bring that light packable jacket, now we might start the day with it and remove a mid-layer underneath it if the temperature rises above 55 during the day or pack it up if gets even warmer. The big thing about March is the wind, and the big thing about April is the rain, so if you haven't gotten one yet, a light waterproof and windproof jacket will go a long way in the Spring.

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The Editor



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Dear Editor:
It was one year ago that the Jackson Heights White Castle which opened in 1935 was closed. Did you know that March 10th marked the 102nd Anniversary of White Castle?. Bill Ingram and Walt Anderson opened their first store in Wichita, Kansas with only \$700 dollars on March 10th, 1921. It became the first national fast food hamburger chain. The original price was only 5 cents. In the early 1960's, my parents would take me to the Kitty City Amusement Park which was just west of today’s Alley Pond Golf Center on Northern Blvd. Our next stop would be the Bayside White Castle on the corner of Bell and Northern Blvd. It was originally opened in

1932 and is still in business today. Even in the 1960's, there was no seating area, just one long counter. It was a simple menu offering seven cents burgers or fourteen cents for a double slider, french fries and soda at low cost.. As I got older, White Castle would become a late night stop for a quick snack before going home. Prior to my 1997 wedding, Frank Sinatra was quoted in GQ Magazine saying he would always have White Castle hamburgers flown in to any performances in Las Vegas. My wife and I decided to honor the “Chairman of the Board” and had 200 sliders delivered to the Sky Line Princess in Flushing as part of our wedding reception. Every Valentine’s Day, they offer a special menu and treat for customers. Today White Castle faces many other competitors such as McDonalds, Burger King, Wendys, Five Guys, Checkers, Hardees, Roy Rogers, Sonic, Shake Shack, Smash Burger and others. For me, nothing beats a half dozen White Castle Hamburgers topped with cheese, extra onions and pickles!
Sincerely,

Larry Penner
Long Time Fan of
White Castle
Belly Bombers for 60 Years!

this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (SUN WEST MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Kevin J. Kerrigan, J.S.C. Dated: January 17, 2023 Filed: January 23, 2023. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage and covering the premises known as 178-44 Leslie Road, Jamaica, NY 11434. Dated: August 10, 2022 Filed: February 16, 2023 Greenspoon Marder LLP., Attorney for Plaintiff, By: Meir Weiss, Esq., 590 Madison Avenue, Suite 1800, New York, NY 10022 P: (212) 524-5000 F: (212) 524-5050 (No Service by fax) Please respond to Cypress Creek Office: Trade Centre South, 100 W. Cypress Creek Road, Suite 700, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309 P: (888) 491-1120 F: (954) 343-6982 E: H Y P E R L I N K “mailto:meir.weiss@gmlaw.com” meir.weiss@gmlaw.com

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