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In a small garden off Avenue C, a long line of visitors patiently waited their turn to stand before a specially-designed, one-of-a-kind ATM that dispenses a new community currency: Puerto Rican pesos.

On the first scorching day of the season, visitors flocked to the 32nd Loisaida Festival downtown to enjoy music, dancing, special performances, food, artwork, books – and acquire pesos.

Originally offered on the island in February as an experiment in jumpstarting a conversation about value and the knowledge and resources of island residents, Valor y Cambio (Value and Change), as the currency project is known, was invited to bring its message to the Loisaida Festival this year. The objective: to spread word within the Puerto Rican community and to generate more interest and discussion in socially just solutions to the island’s economic challenges.

“In both Puerto Rico and New York, many assume that the talents of people without access to dollars have no economic, cultural, or social value. Our project questions that idea and suggests that crisis moments offer an opportunity to rethink an unjust economic system, and to explore creative and community-centered initiatives,” said Frances Negrón-Muntaner, a filmmaker and Columbia University professor of English and comparative literature who started the project a year ago with fellow artist Sarabel Santos Negrón. Valor y Cambio was one of the many projects on display at the 32nd annual Loisaida Festival, billed as the largest Latinx celebration in Lower Manhattan. This year’s theme was “Strong Roots, Healthy Branches: Harvesting Connections,” honored the Loisaida Inc. organization’s longstanding Puerto Rican roots and connection to the Lower East Side.

The festival’s principal sponsor, the Acacia Network, is the second largest Hispanic nonprofit organization in the country.

Valor y Cambio has only one ATM, which was donated to the project and which had to be retrofitted and designed especially for the project. Negrón-Muntaner said she used research funds, including support from the Nathan Cummings Foundation, to develop the project. Over a period of nine days in Puerto Rico, approximately 1,700 bills of all denominations circulated. A number of vendors in Puerto Rico said they would accept the currency, indeed, the project lined up participating businesses located in several neighborhoods and cities, including San Juan, Caño Martín Peña, Bayamón, Río Piedras, Cupey, Miramar and Humacao.

Still, said Negrón-Muntaner, it seems that for now adults value the currency more than whatever they could obtain for it at this time. They are hoarding the beautifully decorated bills, which come in six denominations and picture luminaries of historic importance in Puerto Rico, such as the siblings Gregoria, Celestina and Rafael Cordero; Ramón Emeterio Betances, Luisa Capetillo, Julia de la Barra and others.

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Second workplace sexual harassment hearing held

24 hours, 27 years.

When the state legislature held a hearing in February in Albany on workplace sexual harassment — New York's first in 27 years — Senate and Assembly members listened to 11 hours of testimony.

A second hearing, held this past Fri, May 24 in Manhattan, clocked in at 13 hours.

The combined 24 hours of testimony were the first sessions in over a quarter-century on workplace harassment.

“One hearing on this subject is insufficient,” said State Senator Alessandra Biaggi, who remarked that the February hearing revealed undependable reporting procedures for victims, and an inadequate manner for handling them.

“It was universally found that there is a lack of reliable policy and standard reporting structures that address victims in trauma-informed manner,” she said. “Critical gaps and obstructions impede timely and complete reporting of harassing behavior.”

Biaggi noted that key state agencies such as the Division of Human Rights (DHR) and the Governor’s Office of Employee Relations (GOER) were absent from the initial hearing.

 Those agencies provided testimony at the latest hearing on May 24th. Lawmakers Biaggi, Aravella Simotas, Latrice Walker, JoAnne Simon and Marcos Crespo all stayed until the very end to listen to testimony, just as they did in the February session.

Biaggi credited the work of the Sexual Harassment Working Group (SHWG), a coalition of former legislature staffers who experienced or reported sexual harassment while working for the state, with inspiring the hearings and “ensuring there will be action to address to the issue.”

At the hearing, DHR’s Deputy Commissioner for Enforcement Melissa Franco said that sexual harassment complaints to the agency have increased 62 percent since 2016, noting that DHR finds that 25 percent of claims have sufficient probable cause to be investigated.

Franco said DHR would ideally like to add an extra investigator in every regional office, as they are planning robust education and outreach in the near future and expect even more complaints could be filed.

“I know that my staff is very well-equipped and trained to handle these cases,” she said.

The lawmakers chairing the hearing promoted a 10-point legislative solution that, among other things, would increase the time to file a discrimination complaint with the DHR from one to three years, and end the “severe or pervasive” standard for discriminatory harassment.

The standard requires harassment to be consistent or extreme in order to meet the state’s threshold of what constitutes a violation.

Dana Sussman, Deputy Commissioner of Intergovernmental Affairs and Policy for the New York City Commission on Human Rights, explained that the city did away with the “severe or pervasive” standard in 2016 and currently defines harassment as when a person is “treated less well than other employees because of gender,” or the offending conduct goes beyond “petty slights or trivial inconveniences.”

Sussman called on the state to eliminate the “severe or pervasive” standard. Assemblymember Simotas has sponsored an anti-sexual harassment bill that ends the “severe and pervasive” standard.

“The truth is that some employers have gotten away with murder,” Simotas said. “Pulling bra straps, rubbing lubricant on people’s arms, or suggesting that somebody...
The Urgent Need for Rent Regulations

By Marcos A. Crespo and Hazel Miura

The Warranty of Habitability states that New York City tenants have the right to a livable, safe and clean apartment.

Unfortunately, it does not state that the rents have to be affordable or that owners can’t bend the rules.

The Rent Regulation Reform Act of 1997 extended the rent laws for six years. However, it gave owners a 20% vacancy increase, Luxury Decontrol (deregulates apartments that reach $2,000 or tenants making $175,000), four-year limit on rent overcharges, and limitations on succession rights to only certain family members and from only one generation to the next.

In 2003, Albany’s Republicans passed a (rushed) bill renewing the rent laws with a provision allowing property owners to terminate preferential rents upon the renewal of tenant leases. This provision has taken tenants’ rights away from them. Some property owners quickly realized that they could make a quick profit by taking advantage of and bending some of the new rules, which have resulted in an increase in housing court cases, tenant harassment and a huge turnover of tenants in our communities.

Working closely with the Neighborhood Initiates Development Corporation (NIDC), a local non-profit which offers housing services to the tenants not only in my district, but throughout the borough, I have seen what the erosion of the rent laws have done to the tenants in my district. The constituents that come into my office for help are facing rent overcharges, Major Capital Improvement (MCI) increases and termination to their preferential rents and other housing issues that affect their quality of life.

Within the last 3 years alone, we have seen an increase in Housing Court cases, small buildings being bought by property owners who illegally terminate leases, harass and illegally evict tenants, and owners who ignored repairs to the point that the Department of Housing Preservation & Development (HPD) and Attorneys from the Legal Aid Society have to get involved, as in the case of 1210 Stratford Avenue, where the tenants have had no gas for almost a year, elevator service was sporadic and violations were not getting addressed.

The Rent Laws are there to protect tenants, but lately it feels like the landlords are benefiting. Take, for instance, the preferential rents. Before 2003, the preferential rent was in effect for the length of the tenancy; now they can be terminated at the renewal of a tenant’s lease. Owners who feel that a tenant with a preferential rent has made one too many 311 complaints now has the tool to terminate the preferential rent and charge the legal rent – which can be an increase in rent of $100 to $800 in an instant.

And it’s perfectly legal.

Major Capital Improvement (MCI) increases is another benefit. MCIs were put into place as an incentive for owners to make necessary, and in some cases much needed, capital improvements to building systems such as decaying roofs, new plumbing, heating, and electrical systems, windows and exterior work. The cost for these improvements were then passed on to tenants, on a permanent basis.

Individual Apartment Improvements (IAs) are the most damaging because they can occur at every vacancy lease, whether they are needed or not, with increases as much as $36,000 as in the case of Mr. & Mrs. C from 1135 Boynton Avenue, who the Division of Home and Community Renewal (DHCR) found were overcharged by more than $40,000 and were awarded treble damages totaling over $140,000.

This case took five years to resolve and numerous visits to Housing Court, but the tenants’ commitment and the perseverance of my staff and NIDC paid off.

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The Urgent Need for Rent Regulations

La necesidad urgente de regulaciones del alquiler

La Garantía de Habitabilidad establece que los inquilinos de la ciudad de Nueva York tienen derecho a un apartamento habitable, seguro y limpio.

Desafortunadamente, no establece que las rentas deban ser asequibles o que los propietarios no puedan hacer excepciones.

La Ley de Reforma de la Regulación de la Renta de 1997 extendió las leyes de renta por seis años. Sin embargo, dio a los propietarios un aumento de vacantes del 20%, desregulación de opulencia (libera apartamentos que llegan a $2,000 dólares o inquilinos que ganan $175,000 dólares), un límite de cuatro años en los sobrecargos de alquiler y limitaciones en los derechos de sucesión solo de ciertos miembros de la familia y de una sola generación a la siguiente.

En 2003, los republicanos de Albany aprobaron un proyecto de ley (acelerado) que renovó las leyes de alquiler con una disposición que permitía a los dueños de propiedades cancelar los alquileres preferenciales tras la renovación de los arrendamientos de inquilinos. Esta disposición ha eliminado derechos de los inquilinos. Algunos propietarios se dieron cuenta rápidamente de que podían obtener un beneficio rápido sacando provecho y haciendo excepciones a las nuevas reglas, que han resultado en un aumento de los casos judiciales de vivienda, el hostigamiento hacia inquilinos y una enorme rotación de inquilinos en nuestras comunidades.

Trabajando estrechamente con la Corporación de Desarrollo de Iniciativas Vecinales (NIDC, por sus siglas en inglés), una organización local sin fines de lucro que ofrece servicios de vivienda a los inquilinos no solo en mi distrito, sino en todo el condado, he visto lo que la erosión de las leyes de alquiler ha hecho a los inquilinos en mi distrito. Los electores que acuden a mi oficina en busca de ayuda se enfrentan a sobrecargos en los alquileres, aumentos en la Mejora del Capital Principal (MCI, por sus siglas en inglés) y la terminación de sus alquileres preferenciales y otros problemas de vivienda que afectan su calidad de vida.

Tan solo en los últimos 3 años, hemos visto un aumento en los casos del Tribunal de Vivienda, pequeños edificios que son comprados por propietarios que terminan ilegalmente los contratos de arrendamiento, acosan y desalojan ilegalmente a inquilinos, y propietarios que ignoraron las reparaciones hasta el punto de que el Departamento de...
**The Bard in El Barrio**

**Shakespeare Festival returns to East Harlem**

The Bard is back.

The Third Annual El Barrio’s Shakespeare Festival is coming. A three-week festival featuring professional and student performances as well as masterclasses and workshops, the event will be held at El Barrio’s Artspace PS109 from May 30 to June 15.

Produced by The Shakespeare Forum, a nonprofit organization that provides low-cost classes and performances, the festival includes free performances by young actors trained by the group.

“The Shakespeare Forum and El Barrio’s Artspace PS109 provide an artistic and literal home for current and future generations of artists and actors,” said Tyler Moss, Artistic Director of The Shakespeare Forum. “This festival is a celebration of voices and how we can give words life and truth.”

This year, The Shakespeare Forum will debut *Othello* — which presents four versions of the classic play *Othello*, observed from the perspective of four different characters. It is directed by The Shakespeare Forum’s Executive Director Sybille Bruun-Moss.

“Seeing through the eyes of others is hard. It requires empathy, kindness, and a willingness to be wrong,” Bruun-Moss said. “It is my hope to engage the audience in a silent dialogue about perceptions of victimhood, villainy, and the act of being a bystander. In the words of Marcel Proust, ‘The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes.’”

The *Othello* cast features Amara James Aja, Kia Nicole Boyer, Ari Dalbert, Antonio Disla, Alice Kaba, Brian Linden, Sara Melinowski, Francis Mateo, Tyler Moss, and Miguel Rivera.

Other theater groups conducting performances will be Shrunken Shakespeare, Nick Mayfield, Turn to Flesh Productions, EMIT Theatre and Hamlet Isn’t Dead.

In addition, high schoolers from Manhattan Center for Science and Mathematics will present *Richard III*, and sixth graders from PS 108 will present *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare Abridged* (Revised). The Shakespeare Forum’s after-school program will present a variety of scenes and monologues from *Hamlet*, and participants of The Shakespeare Forum’s Youth Forum will present *Richard II*.

The festival also features host Masterclasses with Tracie Morris on voice and Nathan Winkelstein on auditions, as well free drop-in workshops.

The 2019 El Barrio Shakespeare Festival will be held from May 30 through June 15 at Artspace PS 109, located at 215 East 99th Street, New York, NY 10029.

*For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit www. theshakespeareforum.org.*
May 20 – May 25

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Listen up people, the good folks at the Washington Heights BID have put together a sweet event for all of the Uptown foodies. Make sure you hit up La Casa Del Mofongo (546 West 207th Street) on June 8 for an Uptown food extravaganza featuring FREE food from a plethora of Uptown’s best restaurants.

By the time you read this, the 2019 Uptown Arts Stroll will have already begun. So please hit up www.art stroll.com to make sure you don’t miss a moment of all the art awesomeness that the stroll has to offer. Remember to use the hashtag #UptownArtStroll on all your Uptown Arts Stroll pics and videos for a chance to win a free night’s stay at the Edge Hotel.

Restaurateur extraordinaire Fernando Mateo has done it again. Just in time for Memorial Day, Zona De Cuba (558 Grand Concourse) is now open for business and it is a game changer. This is your new go to spot, trust us on this one folks.

As usual, Harlem EatUp!, did not disappoint. The stellar Harlem food and culture extravaganza manages to somehow get bigger and better every year. Folks came from all over the city to partake in the gastronomical magic. Harlem icon Dapper Dan made an appearance and was instantly mobbed by his adoring supporters. All in all, Harlem EatUp was lit and if you missed it, you missed a lot. Make sure you don’t let that happen next year.

I took a really troubling picture recently on the little stretch of Cabrini Blvd that runs between 190th Street and Fort Tryon Park while I was walking the pooch. The image had the word Trump over the Star of David. I hesitated posting it because as a rule I do not like to highlight negativity of any kind and this was definitely hateful and bigoted. But to be honest, I really wasn’t sure what the enigmatic and odious image meant but if the Trump name is on it you know it can’t be good. Anyway, I decided against posting it and promptly forgot about it. 2 days later, I was pleasantly surprised to find that someone had taken the time to put a big, beautiful heart over the detestable chicken scratch. In the end, at least here in Uptown Manhattan, love does trump hate.

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Christie Edouard-Cleroge just wants a break.

“It would be good,” said the retail worker. “I would be able to spend more time with my kid.”

A recent death in the family exacerbated her concerns about risks associated with taking personal time.

“Now it’s too hard to take time off.”

It is the kind of worry that advocates of a bill currently under consideration in the City Council are seeking to address.

The legislation that would mandate paid time off workers and would make New York the first city in the nation to guarantee paid time off for workers.

A rally held at City Hall this past Tues., May 28th drew feminist activist Gloria Steinem; Public Advocate Jumaane Williams; Mayor Bill de Blasio and First Lady Chirlane McCray, among others.

De Blasio noted that New Yorkers are sometimes working as many as three jobs just to make ends meet.

“They don’t get time for themselves. They don’t get time for their families. They don’t have a quality of life worth all that effort,” he stated. “That’s what’s happening in richest country in the world. Well, we in New York City say it doesn’t have to be that way and we’re going to change it now.”

Among those most likely to be impacted are domestic workers, retail workers, and food service employees.

“We are behind other nations in forcing this impossible choice between, say, attending a parent-teacher conference or a funeral and losing a job, just as we are also behind in childcare and other areas,” said Steinem. “But with New York City taking the lead, I have confidence that others will follow.”

The legislation requires private employers with five or more employees to offer its workers 10 days per year paid personal time, which can be used for any reason, including religious observances, doctor’s appointments and bereavement.

Juniya Montgomery, a worker at JFK International Airport, said he is provided with five sick days per year, but runs into trouble if he should need additional days off for an emergency or doctor’s appointments.

“If I don’t work, I don’t get paid,” he said.

De Blasio called the legislation “historic,” naming countries such as Japan, Canada, Greece, Australia, Ireland, Germany, Italy and Spain that already provide at least two weeks off for workers.

The bill was first introduced in 2014 by Williams, then a City Councilmember, and lauded in January by de Blasio, who pledged to see the bill passed.

“New York City should lead the way on workers’ rights, especially amid a national environment that treats those workers less than people and more like a commodity,” remarked Williams, who said Americans forfeited 212 million vacation days in 2017.

“This bill will protect employees from retaliation for simply asking for something that human beings need,” he said.

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We spend a great deal of time speaking about Russia these days in a political context. Let’s shift gears.

I recently spent two weeks in Moscow and St. Petersburg, first working and then visiting a world that has been colored for me by great (and long) Russian novels filled with palaces and czars, and Bond films portraying Cold War drama and intrigue. Here’s what I found.

1. Bond, James Bond. From Russia with Love is the second Bond film. Based on Ian Fleming’s 1957 novel and released in 1963, it stars Sean Connery as Agent 007 of the British Secret Intelligence Service. In the film, SMERSH, the Soviet counter-intelligence agency aims to assassinate Bond in such a way as to discredit both the man and his government. It was a thin veil for the Cold War rivalries and propaganda that dominated the latter part of the 20th century.

2. Andrei Vladimirovich Snezhnevsky. As opposed to Bond, Snezhnevsky (1904-1987) was a real person. A psychiatrist who served as director of several psychiatric societies and Russian national institutions, he is also remembered as the key architect of broadly expanding the diagnosis of schizophrenia for political purposes. He invented the Soviet concept of "sluggish schizophrenia," a diagnosis that was used to discredit and remove political opposition from society. Dissidents were diagnosed with “sluggish schizophrenia” and then banished to faraway psychiatric wards. Such co-opting of psychiatric practice for covert political purposes peaked under General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev. Although no longer common practice, this history of political abuse of psychiatry has cast a long shadow that contributes to ongoing distrust of mental health systems in Russia.

3. Ivan Petrovich Pavlov. The tainting of psychiatry during the height of the Soviet Union stands in stark contrast to the 20th century.

En estos días pasamos mucho tiempo hablando sobre Rusia en un contexto político. Cambiemos de marcha.

Hace poco pasé dos semanas en Moscú y San Petersburgo, primero trabajando y luego visitando un mundo que me han coloreado grandes (y largas) novelas rusas llenas de palacios y zares, y películas de Bond que retratan el drama y la intriga de la Guerra Fría. Esto es lo que encontré.

1. Bond, James Bond. From Russia with Love es la segunda película de Bond. Basada en la novela de Ian Fleming de 1957 y lanzada en 1963, es protagonizada por Sean Connery como el Agente 007 del Servicio de Inteligencia Secreta Británico. En la película, SMERSH, la agencia de contrainteligencia soviética busca asesinar a Bond de tal manera que desacredite tanto al hombre como a su gobierno. Era un velo delgado para las rivalidades y propaganda de la Guerra Fría que dominaron la última parte del siglo XX.

2. Andrei Vladimirovich Snezhnevsky. Contrario a Bond, Snezhnevsky (1904-1987) era una persona real. Un psiquiatra que se desempeñó como director de varias sociedades psiquiátricas e instituciones nacionales rusas, también es recordado como el arquitecto clave de la amplia expansión del diagnóstico de la esquizofrenia con fines políticos. Inventó el concepto soviético de "esquizofrenia lenta," un diagnóstico que se utilizó para desacreditar y eliminar la oposición política de la sociedad. Los disidentes eran diagnosticados con "esquizofrenia lenta" y luego eran desterrados a salas psiquiátricas lejanas. Dicha cooptación de la práctica psiquiátrica con fines políticos encubiertos alcanzó su punto máximo con el secretario general Leonid Brezhnev. Aunque ya no es una práctica común, esta historia de abuso político de la psiquiatría ha arrojado una larga sombra que contribuye a la desconfianza continua de los sistemas de salud mental en Rusia.

3. Ivan Petrovich Pavlov. El deterioro de la psiquiatría durante el apogeo de la Unión Soviética contrasta con la contribución gloriosa de Rusia al estudio del comportamiento humano en la última parte del siglo XIX y principios del siglo XX. El más famoso entre estos científicos fue Ivan Pavlov (1849-1936), quien recibió el Premio Nobel en 1904 por su descubrimiento del condicionamiento clásico. Un fisiólogo y psicólogo, Pavlov comenzó su carrera estudiando el sistema digestivo de los perros. Observó que los perros salivaban naturalmente cuando aparecía la comida. También notó que, con el tiempo, comenzaron a salir tan pronto como vieron la bata blanca de laboratorio del investigador en previsión de ser alimentados. Basándose en estas observaciones, Pavlov desarrolló el concepto de condicionamiento clásico. La idea central es que un estímulo previamente neutral produce una "respuesta condicionada" como resultado de su asociación con otra cosa (el estímulo no condicionado) que naturalmente produce la respuesta. Comenzó con perros, comida y bata de laboratorio blancas. Hoy entendemos que el condicionamiento clásico se encuentra en la vida cotidiana.
Heady in the Heights

It was a giddy night at the gilted Palace.

Just days before In the Heights is performed live on stage by students from the George Washington Educational Campus, and a week before shooting for the film starts uptown, ITH creators Lin-Manuel Miranda and Quiara Alegría Hudes took a breather - and a bow - at the United Palace.

“Let this be fun,” squealed one young fan in tulle as she waited at the foot of the theater’s staircase.

Miranda and Hudes joined up at the opening reception of the Uptown Arts Stroll held on Tues., May 28th to accept an award on behalf of the film company Warner Bros., which is shooting ITH uptown.

Fellow honorees recognized by the Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance (NoMAA) for their contributions to the uptown arts scene included People’s Theatre Project’s Co-Founder and Executive Director Mino Lora; performing artist Obrien Luna; community wellness group Hike the Heights; and the Dance Theatre of Harlem.

Manhattan Times caught up with both Miranda and Hudes for their thoughts on adapting ITH from stage to screen, where inspiration strikes uptown, and what’s changed since ITH hit the Richard Rodgers Theatre in 2006.

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Alegría en El Alto

Fue una noche vertiginosa en el Palacio Dorado.

Solo unos días antes de que In the Heights se interprete en vivo en el escenario por estudiantes del Campus Educativo George Washington, y una semana antes de comenzar el rodaje de la película en El Alto, los creadores de ITH, Lin-Manuel Miranda y Quiara Alegría Hudes, tomaron un respiro, e hicieron una reverencia, en el United Palace.

“Esto es muy divertido”, gritó una joven fanática en túl mientras esperaba al pie de la escalera del teatro.

Miranda y Hudes se unieron a la recepción de apertura del Paseo de las Artes el martes 28 de mayo para aceptar un premio en nombre de la compañía de cine Warner Bros., que está filmando ITH en El Alto.

Los galardonados reconocidos por la Alianza de las Artes del Norte de Manhattan (NoMAA, por sus siglas en inglés) por sus contribuciones a la escena artística del Alto incluyen al cofundador y director ejecutivo del Proyecto de Teatro del Pueblo, Mino Lora; el artista y cantante Obrien Luna; el grupo de bienestar comunitario Hike the Heights; y el Teatro de Danza de Harlem.

Manhattan Times se reunió con Miranda y Hudes para conocer sus opiniones sobre la adaptación de ITH del escenario a pantalla, donde la inspiración llega, y lo que ha cambiado desde que llegó la obra al Teatro Richard Rodgers en 2006.

Léalo en manhattantanews.com.
They will shortly be gathered into a report.

The transcripts from responses gathered in answering three questions: what they value, want to hold onto.

When kids, they weren’t attached to the story “in Puerto Rico the only people using the bills were kids, they weren’t attached to the story...” — with the notable exception of the 21 peso bill, which pictures baseball great Roberto Clemente.

That one, children and adults alike seem to want to hold onto.

A person obtains a bill from the ATM by answering three questions: what they value, how Puerto Rico can support what they value, and what people or groups are already sustaining these values. The co-founder of the project says that she has reviewed the transcripts from responses gathered in different locations across Puerto Rico and that they will shortly be gathered into a report.

“I can tell you that there’s a huge gap between what people value and the ways that the Puerto Rican government is going about assuming or dealing with the debt crisis. The vast majority of the people say that the most important thing after family is education and health care and those are precisely the things that are being cut by the government in the austerity plans,” said Negrón-Muntaner.

She noted that different communities on the island have been inspired to think about whether community currency is a helpful tool, and she said she knows of two communities that are developing community currencies. Negrón-Muntaner notes in her writing on the topic that the bills would only circulate in Puerto Rico, so that “they can support local economies instead of enriching large corporations. This is the way they are used in places like Bristol in England and in Fortaleza, Brazil.”

Valor y Cambio grew out of discussions and questions that occurred to Negrón-Muntaner as she has co-directed the Unpayable Debt project at Columbia University, which wrestles with questions about the burden of debt on communities, peoples and countries around the world. On the books, Puerto Rico is saddled with more than $120 billion in debt. For the filmmaker and researcher, it seemed that the sometimes-abstract issues around the colonizing burden of that debt could be brought into sharper focus if the residents most deeply affected could talk about value, money, and what was truly important to them in their daily lives.

In the Carmen Pabón Garden between 7th and 8th Streets on Avenue C, a long line of people waited in the 86º degree heat on Sunday afternoon for their turn to approach the VyC ATM, answer the questions posed, and get their Puerto Rican pesos. As they waited, Negrón-Muntaner fielded questions and talked about the project. The 300-lb. ATM was moved to nine different locations in Puerto Rico in February, including at schools, farmer’s markets, a food truck, and other spots.

Another 200 bills went into circulation on Sunday at the Loisaida Festival, and the ATM will be accessible again during the opening of the “Pasado y Presente” (“Past and Present”) exhibit at Loisaida May 31, and plans are for the ATM to remain at the Loisaida Center until June 30. However, said Negrón-Muntaner, there have been a number of invitations to have the ATM travel to Brooklyn and Long Island, and if the resources are available to move it, then the project may visit other locations.

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Cultura y Cambio

Festival anual Loisaida llega a la avenida

Por Karen Pennar

Son 300 libras y cargadas.

En un pequeño jardín cerca de la Avenida C, una larga fila de visitantes esperó pacientemente su turno para presentarse ante un cajero automático único, especialmente diseñado, que dispensa una nueva moneda comunitaria: pesos puertorriqueños.

En el primer día abrasador de la temporada, los visitantes acudieron en masa al 32º Festival Loisaida en el centro de la ciudad para disfrutar de música, bailes, actuaciones, comida, obras de arte, libros, y adquirir pesos.

Originalmente ofrecido en la isla en febrero como un experimento para impulsar una conversación sobre el valor y el conocimiento y los recursos de los residentes de la isla, se invitó a Valor y Cambio como se conoce el proyecto de moneda, a llevar su mensaje al Festival Loisaida de este año. El objetivo: difundir el mensaje dentro de la comunidad puertorriqueña de la diáspora y generar más interés y discusión sobre soluciones socialmente justas para los desafíos económicos de la isla.

“Tanto en Puerto Rico como en Nueva York, muchos asumen que los talentos de las personas que no tienen acceso a dólares no tienen valor económico, cultural o social. Nuestro proyecto cuestiona esa idea y sugiere que los momentos de crisis ofrecen una oportunidad para repensar un sistema económico injusto y para explorar iniciativas creativas y centradas en la comunidad”, dijo Frances Negrón-Muntaner, cineasta y profesora de inglés de la Universidad Columbia quien comenzó el proyecto hace un año con la compañera artista Sarabel Santos Negrón.

Valor y Cambio fue uno de los muchos proyectos en exhibición en el 32º Festival Anual Loisaida, considerado como la celebración más grande de latinos en el Bajo Manhattan. El tema de este año fue “Raíces fuertes, ramas saludables: cosechando conexiones”, que honró las raíces puertorriqueñas de la organización Loisaida Inc. y su conexión con el Lower East Side.

El patrocinador principal del festival, la Red Acacia, es la segunda organización hispana sin fines de lucro más grande del país. Valor y Cambio tiene solo un cajero automático, que fue donado al proyecto y que tuvo que ser actualizado y diseñado especialmente para el proyecto.

Negrón-Muntaner dijo que utilizó fondos de investigación, incluido el apoyo de la Fundación Nathan Cummings, para desarrollar el proyecto.

Durante un período de nueve días en Puerto Rico, circularon aproximadamente 1,700 billetes de todas las denominaciones. Varios proveedores en Puerto Rico dijeron que aceptarían la moneda, de hecho, el proyecto alineó a las empresas participantes ubicadas en varios barrios y ciudades, entre ellas...
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Recipe: Tomato and Watermelon Basil Salsa

The hotter the day, the cooler the dish.

This spin on the salsa dip has watermelon as its star ingredient. The bright red fruit is nutrient-dense and rich in vitamin C and water. This flavorful preparation provides plenty of sweet-and-savory goodness, thanks to its medley of antioxidant-rich vegetables.

Feel free to flout the rules. You can add as much basil and onion as you wish to taste. This tangy dip can be served with fresh crunchy vegetables, whole wheat pita chips or even tossed onto grilled meats. Go on, be saucy.

INGREDIENTS
• 1½ cups tomatoes, diced
• 2½ cups watermelon, diced
• 2 Tbsp. red onion, finely diced
• 5 large basil leaves, chopped
• 1 Tbsp. apple cider vinegar
• ½ tsp honey
• Pinch of salt
• Dash of black pepper

NUTRITION FACTS FOR ONE SERVING
• (approx. 1 cup; makes 4 servings)
• 46 calories; 11 grams carbohydrate; .3 grams fat; 1 gram protein; 1 gram dietary fiber

DIRECTIONS
Combine diced tomatoes, watermelon, red onion, and basil leaves in a large mixing bowl. Add apple cider vinegar, honey, salt, and pepper and mix well. Serve with whole wheat pita chips or over fish or chicken.

Since its inception in 2012, Brighter Bites has delivered millions of pounds of fresh produce and nutrition education to children and families in multiple cities. The non-profit aims to bring fresh fruits and vegetables directly into families’ hands, while teaching them how to use and choose a different kind of fast food. The group also strives to offer recipes that are budget-conscious and relatable, while challenging families to try something new.

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Héctor Figueroa, President of 32BJ Service Employees International Union, pointed out that three out of four workers in New York don’t have union representation. He said the legislation would benefit union workers as well.

“We cannot hold onto the benefits and the gains that we have under our collective bargaining agreements if the rest of the labor market – those three out of four workers – don’t have the same things that we win through the unions,” said Figueroa. “So, this is vital for all workers to have,” he said.

“It’s not a question of entitlement, it’s about having to replenish our bodies, restore mental health, and keep connections,” he added. “This is a public safety issue.”

Workers would begin to accrue hours immediately after employment, earning one hour of paid personal time for every 30 hours worked. After 90 days of employment and after working at least 80 hours, workers would have access to these days off. Unused paid personal time could be carried over to the following year for a total maximum of 10 days of paid personal time.

Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Commissioner Lorelei Salas said her agency would enforce the law the same as it does with paid sick leave rules, and noted that DCA would perform education for both workers and employers if the bill is passed.

She said employers who failed to comply with the law would face fines.

“This is not about collecting fines, this is about changing the industry, making sure that we raise the standards. That’s what we want,” Salas said.

De Blasio scoffed that he expected naysayers to criticize the legislation.

“They will tell you, when we do this, the city will start to lose jobs. People will be laid off. The economy will go to hell,” he said.

“We heard that every single time we raised the minimum wage. We heard that when we all paid sick leave together...every time we heard the same refrain, it would hurt our economy and we would lose jobs. Well, guess what? We have more jobs in New York City than we’ve ever had in our history.”

If passed, the legislation is estimated to provide guaranteed time off for approximately 3.4 million New Yorkers.

Domestic worker Maurina Smith lamented that she helped raise many children in her 25-year career, but did not have time to spend with her own daughter.

“I had to choose between attending a PTA meeting and getting a full salary,” she said. “I had to choose between participating in an important family event, and losing my job.”

Smith said she was too fearful of asking her employers for time off. She lauded the new legislation as a way to provide all workers with greater rights.

“For the next generation of domestic workers, I would like them to have it better than I do,” she said.
SANWAR AHMED, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, v. CITY OF NEW YORK, 17 CV 3044

NOTICE TO NEW YORK CITY MOBILE FOOD VENDORS:
This settlement affects the rights of licensed or unlicensed New York City mobile food vendors who, in the three years preceding the filing of this lawsuit through and including the preliminary approval date of the stipulation, were issued a summons during the relevant time period and have had their nonperishable unpermitted vending equipment seized by the City of New York without the City of New York providing a voucher to enable retrieval of the seized property.

If the settlement is approved, the City of New York will pay $585.00 to each class member who files a successful claim, with the possibility of a supplemental payment up to $415.00. Additionally, the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene ("DOHMH") shall conduct one additional training session on how to properly document and notice properly seized food from mobile food vendors, and establish when applicable new DOHMH staff members will be trained in due course after they are hired on properly documenting and noticing property seized from mobile food vendors.

IF YOU WISH TO OBJECT TO THE FAIRNESS OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT, YOU MAY APPEAR AT AUGUST 13, 2019 AT 4:00 PM OR SUBMIT WRITTEN OBJECTIONS BY JULY 23, 2019 TO:
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For further information or to get a copy of the full settlement notice or the settlement agreement, contact the Urban Justice Center at 646-602-5681 OR mshapiro@urbanjustice.org.

Tribunal de Distrito de los Estados Unidos para el Distrito Sur de Nueva York
SANWAR AHMED, en nombre propio y de todos los demás que se encuentran en la misma situación, v. LA CIUDAD DE NUEVA YORK, 17 CV 3044

AVISO PARA LOS VENDEDORES AMBULANTES DE ALIMENTOS DE LA CIUDAD DE NUEVA YORK:
Este acuerdo de conciliación afecta a los vendedores ambulantes de alimentos con licencia o sin licencia de la Ciudad de Nueva York que recibieron, en los tres años anteriores a la presentación de esta demanda, una citación durante el periodo relevante y como resultado, la Ciudad de Nueva York incautó sus equipos expendidores no aprobados y no fungibles, sin que la Ciudad las haya proporcionado documento alguno que permita la recuperación de los bienes incautados.

En el caso de que se apruebe el acuerdo, la Ciudad de Nueva York le pagará USD 585,00 a cada uno de los miembros del Grupo de la demanda colectiva que haya presentado un reclamo satisfactorio, con posibilidad de un pago complementario hasta USD 415,00. Además, el Departamento de Salud y Higiene Mental (Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, DOHMH) de la Ciudad de Nueva York llevará a cabo una sesión de capacitación adicional sobre cómo documentar y notificar debidamente la incautación legal de bienes de los vendedores ambulantes de alimentos y, cuando sea aplicable, se comprometerá a capacitar a los nuevos miembros del personal del DOHMH en forma oportuna luego de su contratación, sobre cómo documentar y notificar debidamente la incautación legal de bienes de los vendedores ambulantes de alimentos.

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Tenants that live in private houses have it even worse because they have very little protections and can be evicted without cause at any time. With the protection of renewal leases, their rent increase would be set by the Rent Guidelines Board (RGB) as with other rent stabilized tenants throughout the city and state.

Many tenant groups throughout the city have been pushing for Universal Rent Control which addresses these and other provisions that have affected tenants. The platform being advocated by city-wide housing groups will level the playing field and bring much needed reform to our aged and crumbling rent regulations.

Expanding the Emergency Tenant Protection Act to allow more municipalities to elect to protect their housing stock in the event of a housing shortage by bringing rent control into their communities.

The “good cause” will allow tenants in private houses and buildings under 6 units to have the same protection as rent-stabilized tenants. This will combat rising rents, no-cause evictions and allow tenants to remain in their homes and communities.

Tying preferential rents to the length of the tenancy instead of the length of the renewal lease will keep owners from using this as a tool to increase rents and price out good tenants. It also returns rights to tenants and increases stabilization of the community with less turnover of tenants.

Every time an apartment becomes vacant, owners are allowed to receive an 18/20% vacancy increase, regardless of whether the owner has kept the building up to code or not. It is also a reason to get good tenants.

With owning any building or private house comes a responsibility to maintain the property and replace building systems that break down from age and wear. Owners should not be given a bonus to maintain their properties up to code.

Many of our rent-controlled tenants are paying much more in rent than our rent-stabilized tenants because of the yearly Maximum Base rent increase of 7.5% and fuel cost adjustments. Rent-controlled tenants should pay the same increases as rent-stabilized tenants making those rents affordable and stable.

Extending the 4-year rule on rent overcharges will result in owners who inflated rents to be held accountable.

After decades of the New York State Assembly championing the needs of tenants, we now have partners in the State Senate who share our values. Bills have been created in both the State Senate and Assembly that parallel the goals of the Universal Rent Control platform and, which will, for once, benefit tenants throughout New York State.

Marcos A. Crespo is a Member of the New York State Assembly, representing the 85th Assembly District. For more information from Assemblymember Crespo, please visit bit.ly/2HKtTlc or call 518.455.5514.

Hazel Miura is the Director of Housing and Community Development of the Neighborhood Initiatives Development Corporation (NIDC). For more information, please visit nidcny.org.

In accordance with Section 1-13 of the Rules of the Franchise and Concession Review Committee ("FRC"), the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation ("Parks") is issuing, as of the date of this notice, a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Renovation, Operation and Maintenance of a Snack Bar at the Harlem Meer, Central Park, Manhattan.

All proposals submitted in response to this RFP must be submitted no later than Friday, June 28th, 2019 at 3:00 pm. There will be a recommended on-site proposer meeting and site tour on June 10, 2019 at 12:00 am. We will be meeting in front of the Snack Bar. If you are considering responding to this RFP, please make every effort to attend this recommended meeting and site tour.

Hard copies of the RFP can be obtained, at no cost, commencing on Friday, May 24th, 2019 through Friday, June 28th, 2019, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., excluding weekends and holidays, at the Revenue Division of the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, which is located at 830 Fifth Avenue, Room 407, New York, NY 10005.

The RFP is also available for download, commencing on Friday, May 24th, 2019 through Friday, June 28th, 2019, on Parks’ website. To download the RFP, visit http://www.nyc.gov/parks/businessopportunities and click on the “Concession opportunities at Parks” link. Once you have logged in, click on the “download” link that appears adjacent to the RFP’s description.

For more information or to request to receive a copy of the RFP by mail, prospective proposers may contact the Revenue Division’s Project Manager, Angel Williams, at (212) 360-3490 or at Angel.Williams@parks.nyc.gov.

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Conservacion y Desarrollo de Vivienda (HPD, por sus siglas en inglés) y los abogados de la Sociedad de Ayuda Legal tuvieron que involucrarse, como en el caso del No. 1210 de la avenida Stratford, en el que los inquilinos no tuvieron gas durante casi un año e incrementos de ascensor que eran esporádicos y no se resolvían las violaciones.

Las Leyes de Renta existen para proteger a los inquilinos, pero últimamente parece que los propietarios se están beneficiando. Tomemos, por ejemplo, las rentas precaucionales: antes de 2003, la renta preferencial estaba vigente por la duración del arrendamiento, ahora se pueden rescindir al renovar el contrato de arrendamiento de un inquilino. Los propietarios que sienten que un inquilino con un alquiler preferencial ha presentado demasiadas quejas 311 ahora tienen la herramienta para cancelar el alquiler preferencial y cobrar al arrendatario lo que puede ser un aumento en el alquiler de $100 a $800 dólares en un instante.

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Los aumentos de Mejoras de Capital Principales (MCI, por sus siglas en inglés) son muy necesarios.

Los aumentos de Mejoras de Capital Principales (MCI, por sus siglas en inglés) son muy necesarios, y en algunos casos muy necesarios, mejoras principales en los sistemas de construcción, como techos en descomposición, nuevos sistemas de plomería, de calefacción y eléctricos, ventanas y trabajos exteriores. El costo de estas mejoras luego se transfería a los inquilinos, de manera permanente.

Las Mejoras Individuales de Apartamentos (IAI, por sus siglas en inglés) son las más dañinas porque pueden ocurrir en cada contrato, ya sea que se necesiten o no, con incrementos de hasta $36,000 dólares, como en el caso del Sr. y la Sra. C del No. 1135 de la avenida Boynton, a quienes la División de Renovación Comunitaria y de Hogar (DHCR, por sus siglas en inglés), descubrió que sufrieron cobros excesivos por más de $40,000 dólares y recibieron daños triples por un total de más de $140,000 dólares.

Este caso tardó cinco años en resolverse y numerosas visitas al Tribunal de Vivienda, pero el compromiso de los inquilinos y la perseverancia de mi personal y de NIDC dieron sus frutos.

Los inquilinos que viven en casas particulares tienen aún peor porque tienen muy pocas protecciones y pueden ser desalojados sin causa en cualquier momento. Con la protección de los contratos de renuencia, su aumento de renta será establecido por la Junta de Pautas de Renta (RGB, por sus siglas en inglés) al igual que con otros inquilinos con renta estabilizada en toda la ciudad y el estado.

Muchos grupos de inquilinos en toda la ciudad han estado presionando por el Control de Renta Universal, que trata estas y otras disposiciones que han afectado a los inquilinos. La plataforma defendida por los grupos de viviendas de la ciudad les permitirá competir en igualdad de condiciones y trae una reforma muy necesaria a nuestras viejas e incapacitantes reglamentaciones.

Ampliar la Ley de Emergencia de Protección de Inquilinos permitirá que más municipios elijan proteger su parque de viviendas en caso de una escasez de viviendas al llevar el control de los alquileres a sus comunidades.

La “buena causa” hará que los inquilinos en casas privadas y edificios menores de 6 unidades tengan la misma protección que los inquilinos con renta estabilizada. Esto combate el aumento de los alquileres, los psicópatas y la causa y dejará que los inquilinos permanezcan en sus hogares y comunidades.

La vinculación de alquileres para la duración del contrato de renovación evitará que los propietarios utilicen esto como una herramienta para aumentar los alquileres y sacar a los buenos inquilinos. También devuelve los derechos a los inquilinos y aumenta la estabilización de la comunidad con una menor rotación de los vecinos.

Cada vez que un apartamiento queda vacío, los propietarios pueden recibir un aumento del 18-20%, independientemente de si el propietario ha mantenido el edificio al día o no. También es una razón para conseguir buenos inquilinos.

Ser propietario de cualquier edificio o casa privada conlleva la responsabilidad de mantener la propiedad y reemplazar los sistemas de construcción que se descomponen por antigüedad y desgaste. Los propietarios no deben recibir una bonificación para mantener sus propiedades al día.

Muchos de nuestros inquilinos con renta controlada pagan mucho más en renta que nuestros inquilinos con renta estabilizada debido al aumento anual de alquiler base del 7.5% y los ajustes de costos de combustible. Los inquilinos con renta controlada deben pagar los mismos aumentos que los de renta estabilizada para que esos alquileres sean asequibles y estable.

La extensión de la regla de 4 años de los sobrecargos de alquiler dará como resultado que los propietarios que inflaron los alquileres sean responsables.

Después de décadas de la Asamblea del Estado de Nueva York defendiendo las necesidades de los inquilinos, ahora tenemos socios en el Senado del Estado que comparten nuestros valores. Se han creado proyectos de ley tanto en el Senado estatal como en la Asamblea que son paralelos a los objetivos de la plataforma de Control Universal de Alquiler y, que, para variar, beneficiará a los inquilinos en todo el estado de Nueva York.

Marcos A. Crespo es miembro de la Asamblea del Estado de Nueva York, que representa al Distrito 85 en el Partido Demócrata. Para obtener más información del asambleísta Crespo, por favor visite bit.ly/2HKtTlc o llame al 518.455.5514.

Hazel Miura es la directora de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario de la Corporación de Desarrollo de Iniciativas Vecinales (NIDC, por sus siglas en inglés). Para obtener más información, por favor visite nidcny.org.
Russia's gloriéd contribution to the study of human behavior in the latter part of the nineteenth century and early twentieth century. Most famous among these scientists was Ivan Pavlov (1849-1936) who was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1904 for his discovery of classical conditioning. A physiologist and psychologist, Pavlov began his career studying the digestive system of dogs. He observed that dogs salivated naturally when food appeared. He also noted that, over time, they began to salivate as soon as they saw the white lab coat of the researcher in anticipation of being fed. Based on these observations, Pavlov developed the concept of a classical conditioning. The core idea is that a previously neutral stimulus produces a "conditioned response" as a result of its association with something else (the unconditioned stimulus) that naturally produces the response. It started with dogs, food, and white lab coats. Today we understand that classical conditioning sits at the foundation of a range of psychological disorders including trauma-related conditions. It is classical conditioning, for example, that accounts for the sweaty palms and racing heart we might experience in anticipation of getting behind the steering wheel when we resume driving after a car accident. These associations originate in the cerebral cortex of the brain, and our understanding of how these conditioned responses are mapped in the brain informs many of today's treatment strategies.

4. Maya Kulygina, Valery Krasnov, and Olga Karpenko George Kostyuk. Professors Kulygina and Krasnov have been the leading mental health professionals to represent Russia in the development of the new WHO classification system, the ICD-11. They have enlisted the participation of their colleagues and hundreds of Russian psychologists and psychiatrists in studies that were conducted in Russian on the Global Clinical Practice Network, an online community of over 15,000 mental health professionals from 156 countries. And they spearheaded the two-day ICD-11 training for mental health professionals from around the country. Drs. Olga Karpenko and Kostyuk served as the scientific chair and co-chair of the international conference that followed the ICD-11 workshop. As Director of the Mental Clinic No. 1 named after N.A. Alexeev and Chief Psychiatrist of Moscow Healthcare Department, Dr. Kostyuk is poised to advance the science and integrity of mental health research and care in Russia. Collectively, their leadership is shaping Russia's national and international mental health agenda.

5. I don't know their names. But they are the future of psychiatry in Russia. I am speaking of the hundreds of medical residents and young mental health professionals who attended the 2-day ICD-11 Workshop and the international conference that followed. Their questions about changes in the diagnostic system were well-informed, challenging, and scientifically grounded. Their familiarity with global standards of treatment and state-of-the-art research was evident. Their commitment to advancing research and delivering appropriate care was unmistakable in the programs they are developing and evaluating. The fate of mental health in Russia is in their hands.

It was an honor to be among the invited faculty for this set of milestone meetings in Russia. Bond would not recognize this Russia, and that's probably a good thing.

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Un artista muestra un retrato de don Pedro Albizu Campos.

San Juan, Caño Martín Peña, Bayamón, Río Piedras, Cúpey, Miramar y Humacao. Aun así, dijo Negrón-Muntaner, parece que por ahora los adultos valoran la moneda más de lo que podrían obtener en este momento. Están acarreando los billetes bellamente decorados, que vienen en seis denominaciones y luminarias ilustradas de importancia histórica en Puerto Rico, como los hermanos Gregoria, Celestina y Rafael Cordero; Ramón Emeterio Betances, Luisa Capetillo, Julia de Burgos, y Roberto Clemente.

Por otro lado, Negrón-Muntaner dijo: “en Puerto Rico las únicas personas que usaban los billetes eran niños, no estaban apegados a la historia [detrás de los personajes en los billetes], con la notable excepción del de 21 pesos, que muestra al gran beisbolista Roberto Clemente. Eso, los niños y los adultos parecen querer mantenerlo. Una persona obtiene un billete del cajero automático respondiendo a tres preguntas: qué valoran, cómo Puerto Rico puede respaldar esos valores y qué personas o grupos ya sostienen estos valores. La cofundadora del proyecto dice que revisó las transcripciones de las respuestas recopiladas en diferentes lugares de Puerto Rico y que pronto se reunirán en un informe.

“Puedo decirles que existe una gran brecha entre lo que las personas valoran y las formas en que el gobierno de Puerto Rico asume o trata la crisis de la deuda”. La gran mayoría de la gente dice que lo más importante después de la familia es la educación y la atención médica, y esas son precisamente las cosas que el gobierno está recortando en los planes de austeridad”, dijo Negrón-Muntaner.
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At one point, State Senator John Liu slammed DHR’s testimony as being too neutral on the laws. “It’s all about how proud you are, how happy you are about the work that you do, how efficient you do things,” Liu remarked.

“Sexual harassment is a manifestation of power imbalance,” remarked Ávila. “So many women are forced to leave their place of employment because of these incidents.”

She called on the lawmakers to pass one fair wage legislation to give servers a basic minimum wage. “We think it’ll be one way the women wouldn’t have to grapple with all the harassment they do now.”

“The ‘one fair wage’ issue has mostly been looked at under the premise of labor protection and wage theft,” said Crespo. “We should look at it from [the harassment] lens as well.”

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Seis legisladores permanedieron hasta el final.

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Hasta el final para escuchar los testimonios, tal como lo hicieron en la sesión de febrero. Biaggi reconoció el trabajo del Grupo de Trabajo sobre Acoso Sexual (SHWG, por sus siglas en inglés), una coalición de ex funcionarios de la legislatura quienes experimentaron o denunciaron acoso sexual mientras trabajaban para el estado, inspiraron las audiencias y “aseguraron que habrá acciones para enfrentar el problema.”

En la audiencia, la comisionada adjunta de cumplimiento del derecho del DHR, Melissa Franco, dijo que las denuncias por acoso sexual a la agencia han aumentado un 62 por ciento desde 2016, señalando que el DHR encuentra que el 25 por ciento de las demandas tiene una causa probable que sea suficiente para investigar.

Franco dijo que lo ideal sería que el DHR agregara un investigador adicional en cada oficina regional, ya que están planificando una sólida educación y divulgación en el futuro cercano y esperan que se puedan presentar aún más quejas.

“Se que mi personal está muy bien equipado y capacitado para manejar estos casos”, dijo.

Los legisladores que presidieron la audiencia promovieron una solución legislativa de 10 puntos que, entre otras cosas, aumentaría el tiempo para presentar una queja por discriminación ante el DHR de uno a tres años, y terminaría con el estándar “severo o generalizado” de acoso discriminatorio.

La norma requiere que el acoso sea constante o extremo para cumplir con el umbral estatal de lo que constituye una violación.

Dana Susman, comisionada adjunta de Asuntos Intergubernamentales y Política de la Comisión de Derechos Humanos de la ciudad de Nueva York, explicó que la ciudad eliminó el estándar “severo o generalizado” en 2016 y actualmente define el acoso como cuándo una persona es “tratada menos bien que otros empleados por razones de género”, o la conducta ofensiva va más allá de “desaires mezquinos o inconvenientes triviales”.

Susman instó al estado a eliminar el estándar “grave o generalizado”. La asambleísta Simotas ha presentado un proyecto de ley contra el acoso sexual que pone fin a la norma “severa y generalizada.”

“La verdad es que algunos empleadores se han salido con la suya”, dijo. “Tirar de las correas del sostén, frotar lubricante en los brazos de las personas o sugerir que alguien se haga implantes mamarios no se ha considerado un comportamiento ofensivo. Es una locura.”

Su proyecto de ley también extendería el plazo de prescripción para presentar una queja por acoso sexual de un año a tres años.

Sin embargo, los funcionarios estatales se negaron a tomar un lado con respecto a la posible legislación durante la audiencia.

“Deberemos permanecer neutrales y hacer cumplir las leyes tal como son. Cualquier opinión que demos sería inapropiada”, dijo Gina Martínez, comisionada adjunta de Asuntos Regionales y Programas Federales del DHR, un comentario que pareció frustrar a los legisladores.

“En realidad no estaría de acuerdo”, respondió Biaggi. “Es su trabajo no ser neutral en esta legislación. Les inspiraría que no sean neutrales con las leyes.”

En un momento dado, el senador estatal John Liu criticó el testimonio del DHR por ser demasiado autocumpliente sobre sus procedimientos.

“Se trata de lo orgullosos que están, de lo eficientes que están el trabajo que hacen, de lo que hacen las cosas”, comentó Liu. “Sé que la agencia no crea que todo esté bien y excelente”.

“No”, afirmó. “Hacemos cumplir la ley de derechos humanos más antigua del país y la hacemos cumplir de manera agresiva, pero sabemos que existe discriminación”.

Daniela Contreras, una trabajadora doméstica, declaró que experimentó una agresión sexual mientras trabajaba como una niñera para una familia con un niño pequeño. “Dijo que el padre del niño la atacó, pero su estatus de indocumentada la hizo sentir que no podía denunciar el acoso a las autoridades”.

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Contreras explicó que las trabajadoras domésticas han sido excluidas de muchas protecciones laborales como las leyes de salario mínimo. “Tomamos esto como una falta de respeto”, dijo. “Necesitamos mejores protecciones.”

Verónica Ávila, organizadora del Centro de Oportunidades para Restaurantes de Nueva York, dijo que las meseras de restaurantes y bares son particularmente vulnerables al acoso sexual en el trabajo.

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