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CONSUMER ALERT:

Attorney General James Warns New Yorkers to be Cautious of Practices Targeting Jewish Communities Before Passover

New York Attorney General Letitia James today issued a consumer alert urging New Yorkers to be cautious of potential discriminatory pricing practices at car washes in advance of Passover. In previous years, there have been reports of car wash businesses in predominantly Orthodox Jewish communities in New York City raising prices by as much as 50 percent for Jewish customers seeking cleaning services close to Passover. In the days leading up to Passover, many Jews clean their homes, cars, and other spaces to remove "chametz" (leavened products). According to reports provided to the Office of the Attorney General (OAG), some companies have advertised "specials" for car washing services related to Passover, but instead, charged higher prices to customers. To protect New Yorkers from these practices, Attorney General James has previously sent letters to organizations representing car wash owners in New York to remind their members that any such business practice is illegal and should be reported to OAG.

"Taking advantage of someone's religious observances and practices is offensive, discriminatory, and absolutely unacceptable," said Attorney General James. "For millions of observant Jews in New York and beyond, Passover is an important holiday, and their preparations should be respected, not manipulated for profit. I urge any New Yorker who is concerned that they have been a victim of discriminatory behavior because of their religion, race, or background to contact my

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NYS Governor Kathy Hochul Holds St. Joseph Day Feast at CCF



NYS Governor Kathy Hochul held a St. Joseph Day Feast at the Columbus Citizens Foundation (CCF) in NYC where Gov. Hochul presented a St. Joseph Day Citation to the CCF. After the presentation Gov. Hochul is pictured with (l to r) Robert Ferrito, National President of the OSDIA Commission for Social Justice; John Fratta, Chairman NYS Commission for Social Justice; James C. Lisa, President of Italian American PAC and Editor of GIA (Giornale Italo Americano); Gov. Hochul; Angelo Vivolo, President of Columbus Heritage Coalition; John Calvelli, the Executive Vice President of Public Affairs for the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS); Min. Plen. Fabrizio Di Michele, Consul General of Italy in New York and Dr. Joseph Scelsa, President and Founder of the Italian American Museum. Not pictured Robert Fonti I AM PAC VP.

District Attorney Melinda Katz Receives Endorsement of NYC District Council of Carpenters And SMART Local 28

Two of New York's largest building trades unions endorse Melinda Katz for four more years as District Attorney

District Attorney Melinda Katz's campaign for re-election proudly announced the endorsements of the New York City District Council of Carpenters, who represent nine local carpenters unions, and SMART Local 28 Sheet Metal Workers. These unions, who represent thousands of New Yorkers, living and working throughout the city, are speaking with one voice to call for four more years of District Attorney Melinda Katz. They join a long list of other labor organizations endorsing the DA.

"The hardworking men and women of organized labor build this City and keep it moving every



day. They make their voices heard for fair working conditions, safe streets, and fair courtrooms and

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office immediately.”

“Last year, we brought this matter to the attention of Attorney General Letitia James and she swiftly issued a consumer alert for which we are grateful,” said Assemblymember Simcha Eichenstein. “As Passover approaches again, the Attorney General is being proactive and has issued another consumer alert. Let’s be clear. Car wash establishments who shamelessly overcharge their Jewish customers for services before the Passover holiday are clearly discriminating against one religious community.

That is unacceptable and illegal. Car wash operators, you have now been warned. Don’t do it.”

“The holiday of Passover is a joyous time for those celebrating,” said Assemblymember Daniel Rosenthal. “It can also be a stressful time as there is often a lot of preparation that goes into it. Unnecessary financial pressure should never be placed on any religious community by those seeking to profiteer. I commend Attorney General James for proactively protecting the people of New York from discriminatory price gouging.”

“Scammers constantly try new methods to trick consumers, even

during religious holidays,” said Assemblymember Nily Rozic. “As the Jewish community prepares for Passover, it’s essential that consumers are cognizant of scammers and look out for holiday-related price gouging. I’m thankful to Attorney General James for her continued efforts to crack down on discriminatory practices.”

Anyone who is aware of businesses using discriminatory practices or believes that they were charged more for services because of their religion, race, or background is encouraged to file a complaint with OAG online or call 1-800-771-7755.

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I’m honored to heed their calls,” said District Attorney Melinda Katz. “It has been my honor to deliver for them over my first three years, and with their partnership, we will continue to deliver for Queens in my next four.”

“Our over twenty thousand members demand a safe workplace, a safe home, and a District Attorney bold enough to pursue wage theft crimes that are far from victimless,” said NYC District Council of Carpenters Executive Secretary-Treasurer Joseph A. Geiger. “Melinda Katz’s leadership in the Queens District Attorney’s office is exactly what we need to make our city safe for workers and all New Yorkers.”

“SMART Local 28 is excited to endorse District Attorney Melinda Katz for another term,” said Local 28 Sheet Metal Workers President and Business Manager Eric Meslin. “Melinda Katz has always fought for organized labor, never shying away from picking the tough fights for our working class. Over her first term she has made our neighborhoods safer and kept fraud off our job sites. We’re looking forward to building on this progress in her second term.”

District Attorney Katz launched Queens’ first-ever Housing and Worker Protection Bureau which has recovered millions of dollars for workers who were cheated by management, enforces prevailing wage laws, and sends Assistant

District Attorneys and Investigators to any construction site with an on-the-job death to make sure worker safety is always paramount.

Melinda Katz was elected District Attorney in 2019 and inaugurated in 2020. Despite taking office in the most turbulent of times, she’s provided a steady hand as she’s worked to keep Queens families safe and taken on crime head on. She’s led the effort to take illegal and ghost guns off the streets and held human traffickers and domestic abusers accountable. DA Katz launched Queens’ first-ever Conviction Integrity Unit to ensure justice for those wrongfully convicted. And she’s taken a community-first approach to public safety.

33 Reputed Gang Members Indicted on Murder, Gun Violence Charges

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Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz, joined by NYPD Commissioner Keechant L. Sewell, announced one of the largest gang takedowns in the history of the office, a 151-count indictment brought against 33 alleged gang members, five of whom are charged with murder. The murder charges are for the shooting death of 14-year-old Aamir Griffin, gunned down in 2019 by a reputed gang member who mistook him for a rival; and the slaying of Sean Vance on New Year’s Eve 2020. The indictment is the culmination of a nearly three-year investigation into gun and gang violence in and around Baisley Park Houses and nearby communities.

District Attorney Melinda Katz said: “Whether it was a young man playing basketball with friends, a schoolteacher walking his dog, or a mother running out for milk for her children, we have seen law-abiding New Yorkers peacefully going about their business killed by mindless gang gun

violence. We must do absolutely everything we can to get illegal firearms off of our streets. It is why the work of the NYPD’s Gun Violence Suppression Unit and my Violent Criminal Enterprise Bureau is critically important. I commend them for their outstanding work in bringing these extremely violent and dangerous individuals to justice.”

Police Commissioner Keechant Sewell said: “The people of New York City are safer because of the meticulous investigation and sustained effort of the NYPD officers and Queens prosecutors involved in this important case. Our pledge is always to achieve justice for crime victims and to hold violent gang members who undermine public safety accountable for their crimes. We will work every day to protect every city neighborhood and I want to thank the Queens district attorney’s office and everyone else whose dedication to justice and public safety is reflected in today’s indictment.”

The defendants were arraigned by Queens Supreme Court Justice Kenneth C. Holder on a 151-count indictment variously charging them with conspiracy in the first, second and fourth degrees,

murder in the second degree and additional charges. Justice Holder ordered the defendants, who range in age from 17 to 40, to return to court the second week of May.

At the center of the conspiracy unveiled today is the blood feud between Southeast Queens street gangs Money World and rivals Local Trap Stars and Never Forget Loyalty. While the gang war was set off by a slashing in April 2019, the tensions and violence between the warring factions escalated after the murder of 14-year-old Aamir Griffin in October 2019.

Since Griffin’s murder, there have been more than 22 shootings, one fatal. The feud has been fueled through social media and rap videos, with both sides bragging about violent exploits and taunting their rivals, including disrespecting deceased family and friends. Some 34 firearms have been recovered pursuant to search warrants and arrests.

The joint investigation was conducted by the Violent Criminal Enterprise Bureau of the Queens County District Attorney’s Office, along with Detectives John McHugh and George Boden-

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Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar's Statement on Fatal Shooting at Illegal Smoke Shop in Richmond Hill



The robbery that ended in a fatal shooting this week at Plug Smoke Shop in Richmond Hill is a wakeup call for the need to shutter illegal smoke shops. Each of our city's estimated 1,400 illegal smoke shops is a powder keg for criminal activity, putting all of us at risk. When they are not being robbed, these shops are selling illegal cannabis products, some marketed to children and some containing fentanyl or deadly contaminants. Of note, there was another fatal shooting last month at a smoke shop in Harlem. The cash and drugs filling these shops create an irresistible two-for-one combo for anyone looking to commit a

robbery, which now cost one man his life in my district.

These shops must close now. Warnings, fines or permission to keep operating pending a hearing are not going to stop these tragic incidents. We must force the shops to cease operations, the same as our city would force a restaurant to close for health code violations. I applaud Mayor Eric Adams for his ongoing work to shutter these shops, and as a state representative I will push for the resources and expanded enforcement powers the Mayor, the NYPD, and the Sheriff's Office need to close these shops once and for all.

Senator Gillibrand, Representative Meng & Advocates Lead Call For Action to Address The Underreporting of Hate Crimes

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and Representative Grace Meng call on the Department of Justice to provide an overview of National Incident-Based Reporting System compliance by law enforcement agencies throughout the nation

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and U.S. Representative Grace Meng (D-Queens) were joined by community leaders in calling for the Department of Justice (DOJ) to look into the compliance of law enforcement agencies with the national system to report data on hate crimes.

Senator Gillibrand and Representative Meng led their colleagues, Representatives Don Beyer (D-VA), Dan Goldman (D-NY), Ritchie Torres (D-NY), Nydia Velázquez (D-NY), and Nicole Malliotakis (R-NY), in sending a bipartisan letter to the Department of Justice (DOJ) requesting an overview of the status of National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) compliance among law enforcement agencies across the country. The letter also requests recommendations to increase participation in order to ensure the accuracy of future federal hate crimes data.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) 2021 Hate Crimes Statistics report, originally released late last year, found that a significant number of law enforcement agencies had failed to report hate crimes through the FBI's NIBRS data collection system, resulting in unreliable data and artificially low numbers of hate incidents as compared to previous years. 2021 was the first year that the FBI fully transitioned from its original reporting mechanism, the Summary Reporting System (SRS), to NIBRS. While SRS allowed agencies to aggregate totals of several categories of crime, NIBRS captures greater specificity and context about each individual crime, including victim and offender demographics, location and timing, and information on separate offenses within the crime incident. Bringing law enforcement agencies into

compliance with NIBRS will help capture accurate and timely crime data that both local and federal law enforcement agencies can use to evaluate and identify solutions to mitigate further hate crimes and incidents.

"Keeping up-to-date data for these incidents is imperative for law enforcement agencies to be able to do the work needed to combat hate crimes," said U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand. "While we commend the steps local law enforcement and the Department of Justice have taken in responding to such incidents, reporting, collecting and maintaining the most accurate data available is crucial in evaluating and responding to hate-related crimes as well as keeping our neighborhoods safe from such reprehensible attacks. Hate has no place in New York and it takes everyone, working together, to defeat it."

"There is no place for hate in New York or anywhere in our country, and to help combat hate crimes, we need accurate and updated data to help law enforcement keep our communities safe from these despicable and heinous acts," said Congresswoman Grace Meng. "We look forward to receiving answers from the Justice Department to better understand the status of law enforcement agencies transitioning to NIBRS, and I thank Senator Gillibrand for partnering with me on this crucial effort to better protect people from bias crimes."

"Senator Gillibrand, Congresswoman Meng and members of New York's Congressional delegation are advancing crucial work to confront hate crimes and the fear they cause in our communities," said Karol V. Mason, president of John Jay College of Criminal Justice. "Their efforts will ensure that our researchers, practitioners and the public have a vital tool -- accurate and robust data -- to inform solutions, including victims' services, that support safety for all the residents of a community."

"We cannot allow antisemitism, a pernicious hatred based on conspiracy theory and fear monger-

ing, to metastasize threatening not only the Jewish community but the fabric of our democracy," said Elana Broitman, Senior Vice President, Public Affairs, Jewish Federations of North America. "We believe government has a critical role to play which is why Jewish Federations applaud Senator Gillibrand and Congresswoman Meng for leading this call for action, and have supported the passage of the Jabara-Heyer No Hate Act, advocate for annual NO HATE appropriations, and are working every day with local law enforcement across the country to accurately identify, prevent, and respond to antisemitism - especially against individuals who are more visibly Jewish and likely to be harmed."

"Anti-Asian hate is widespread and bias crimes continue to impact all marginalized communities at alarming levels. It has always been difficult for victims to come forward and report what has happened to them," said Asian American Federation Executive Director Jo-Ann Yoo. "What shouldn't be difficult for our communities is getting accurate insights when our community members do report on what has happened to them. We're grateful for Senator Gillibrand's and Congresswoman Meng's leadership in inquiring on this matter and look forward to better compliance when it comes to reporting on the hatred impacting our community."

"The Asian American Foundation (TAAF) joins Sen. Gillibrand and Rep. Meng in calling for accurate data collection of hate crime incidents," said Norman Chen, CEO of The Asian American Foundation. "These issues have been decades long and we fear that without immediate action, we will continue to have incomplete data. Without the full picture, we cannot build effective strategies to protect our communities from future hate crimes. Impacted communities need to see full participation by law-enforcement agencies with the National Incident-Based

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Consumer Alert: AG James Reminds Veterans and Servicemembers to File Claims to Receive Refunds From Harris Jewelry Settlement

New York Attorney General Letitia James today issued an alert reminding servicemembers and veterans to file claims to receive refunds from the Harris Jewelry settlement before the April 15th deadline. In July 2022, Attorney General James and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) recovered \$34.2 million for servicemembers and veterans who were scammed by the jewelry retailer. The agreement required Harris Jewelry to provide more than \$12 million in refunds for more than 46,000 servicemembers who paid for lifetime protection plans. Eligible servicemembers and veterans should file a claim online for a refund before April 15.

"I encourage active-duty servicemembers and veterans who were misled by Harris Jewelry to apply for a refund from our settlement," said Attorney General James. "This is an opportunity for servicemembers and veterans to get the justice they deserve after being defrauded. Our military members put our protection above their own and my office will continue to protect them from predatory businesses."

Harris Jewelry used deceptive marketing tactics to lure active-duty servicemembers to their financing program, falsely claiming that investing in this program would improve servicemembers' credit scores. Instead, servicemembers were tricked into obtaining high-interest loans on overpriced, poor-quality jewelry that saddled them with thousands of dollars of debt and worsened their credit. Attorney General James and FTC co-led an 18-state agreement that requires Harris Jewelry to refund tens of thousands of servicemembers for warranties they were tricked into purchasing, stop collecting millions of dollars of debt, correct bad credit scores, and dissolve all its businesses.

Through the agreement, Harris Jewelry has stopped collecting \$21,307,229 in outstanding debt held by 13,426 servicemembers. The agreement required the jewelry retailer to provide \$12,872,493 in refunds to 46,204 servicemembers who paid for lifetime protection plans. Eligible individuals can file a claim online on Harris Jewelry's website to obtain a refund.



The NYS Tax Department Website Has Free Resources Available To Help Ensure Timely And Accurate Returns Before The April 18 Deadline

The New York State Department of Taxation and Finance has reminded taxpayers that information available on its website, www.tax.ny.gov, can help make filing personal income tax returns simple, fast, and free for qualifying New Yorkers.

Federal and state tax returns must be filed by Tuesday, April 18, this year. That's because the usual April 15 deadline falls on a Saturday and the following Monday is Emancipation Day, a holiday in Washington, D.C.

Taxpayers can take advantage of an array of helpful and money-saving resources on the Tax Department's website, including free tax preparation and filing software, answers to common questions, and checklists to ensure a smooth process.

"We want to provide the most convenient tax filing experience possible," said New York State Department of Taxation and Finance Acting Commissioner Amanda Hiller. "The resources available at www.tax.ny.gov can help taxpayers quickly and easily meet their filing obligations and receive any refunds they're owed."

Visit the Tax Department's filing season resource center webpage for helpful information about how to prepare and file your federal and

state income tax returns.

Make it simple - To get started, gather the information and documents needed to file a return:

- an active email account (enables you to file electronically and keep track of the status of your return)
- a copy of last year's tax return or your prior-year federal adjusted gross income (FAGI)
- a driver license or state-issued nondriver ID (for you and your spouse, if filing jointly)
- birth dates and Social Security numbers for you, your spouse, and your dependents
- proof of income and tax withheld (wages, interest, and dividend statements):
- Forms W-2, 1098, 1099
- if you received unemployment payments, your Department of Labor Form 1099-G
- any other documents showing additional income
- the total of any estimated payments you made throughout the year, as well as any overpayment from last year's return you asked to have applied to your taxes this year (more information is available at tax account balance)
- Forms 1095-A, B, or C, Affordable Healthcare Statement
- information related to any credits you're claiming
- your banking information (the account number and the routing

number for your bank, which you can find on a blank check)

- NY 529 College Saving Account information (if requesting refund to be distributed)

Make it fast - E-filing is safer, faster, and more efficient than sending paper returns through the mail. And those who e-file and use direct deposit will receive any refund owed faster and without the worry of a lost or undelivered check.

Taxpayers can quickly view the status of their New York State tax refund anytime by using the Check your Refund application on the Tax Department website: www.tax.ny.gov. It's the fastest and most convenient way to know when to expect your refund.

Make it free - Many New Yorkers qualify to electronically prepare and file their taxes online for free. The Tax Department partners with the Free File Alliance to save eligible taxpayers the cost of buying tax software or hiring a tax preparer.

To ensure you're not charged a fee, you must access Free File through the Tax Department's website to complete your return.

If you do not qualify to use one of New York's Free File software providers, you still have choices. See Other e-file options on the Tax Department website to learn more.

Statement From Speaker Adrienne Adams And Criminal Justice Chair Carlina Rivera on The Closure of Rikers Island by 2027

"New York City is required by law to close Rikers by 2027, and the City Council remains committed to ensuring this Administration adheres to that deadline. We know there's been significant progress in the procurement of contracts for borough-based jails, and physical work began at each site in early 2022. Any borough-based jail contract must align with the 2027 mandate for Rikers' closure. The inconsistent statements from the Administration over the past days have unacceptably created questions where there should be none - Rikers must close by 2027 and we cannot allow it to continue undermining public safety across our city.

"Last year, 19 people died in

our jail system, making it the deadliest year in a decade. The City's failure to effectively address the mental health crisis has allowed Rikers to become a de facto mental health facility without the appropriate services. Half of its population has a mental health diagnosis, too often worsened by cycling through the criminal legal system. The staff and New Yorkers detained there are subjected to continuing levels of violence and trauma that perpetuate cycles of harm. This cannot continue.

"The evidence is clear on programs that reduce recidivism and improve public safety, but a passive approach that fails to deepen the City's use of them

will lead to failure and a less safe city. The Administration and all stakeholders must commit to solutions that prevent crime, reduce the excessive jail population, make our jails safer, and stop the revolving door. Among these are increased interventions that divert people to effective mental health treatment, as well as re-entry programs that provide job opportunities, supportive housing, and stability for people to return successfully to communities. The path forward is continuing towards the closure of Rikers by 2027, and investing in our communities and programs that create and sustain a safer city. This is the only plan that serves our city."

Assemblywoman Nily Rozic Appointed to The New York State Assembly's Budget Committee For Education



On the first day of General Conference Budget Committees, NYS Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie announced the appointment of Assemblywoman Nily Rozic (D, WF-Queens) as a member of the Budget Conference Committee for Education.

"I am honored to be appointed to the Assembly's Budget Conference Committee for Education and thank Speaker Heastie for entrust-

ing me to carry out this crucial work," said Rozic. "I have long advocated schools and students and will ensure that every student has access to a high-quality education, regardless of where they live, what language they speak, or what community they come from."

As a member of the Budget Committee for Education, As-

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Project Will Place Micromobility Chargers at Four NYCHA Developments

Test Project Will Also Provide Secure Storage For e-Bikes and e-Scooters

Con Edison and the New York City Housing Authority will place chargers and storage for e-bikes and e-scooters at NYCHA developments to see how much riders like the concept.

The chargers and secure storage areas will be at four developments in Manhattan, Queens and Brooklyn under the demonstration project that Mayor Eric Adams announced today.

The project will test whether the use of e-bikes and e-scooters would increase if New Yorkers had suitable charging and storage. Increasing the use of these devices would reduce reliance on fossil fuel-powered transportation, meaning cleaner air and safer streets.

The partners also want to determine whether providing safe, secure charging and storage outdoors would reduce indoor charging, which can be dangerous.

It's also a test of a business model. Con Edison will gather information from the chargers to see how many unique riders use them, how long riders use the chargers and the times of day when riders charge. In addition, the company will determine the amount of carbon that would have been emitted if the users had driven passenger cars instead of their micromobility devices.

"As electric bikes and scooters grow in popularity, we want to explore ways to ensure that New Yorkers have access to safe, convenient charging and secure storage," said Raghu Sudhakar, vice president, Distributed Resource Integration, for Con Edison. "Making micromobility safer and easier will be a plus for the many hard-working people who earn their living delivering food to our homes and businesses. Our demonstration project with NYCHA will provide us with information on how we can support these forms of transportation, which provide environmental benefits, convenience and enjoyment when used safely."

"The safety of NYCHA residents is our chief priority and central to the work we do every day," said NYCHA Interim CEO Lisa Bova-Hiatt. "We are pleased to partner with Con Edison on this pilot program, which will provide NYCHA residents with a safe outdoor charging and storage alternative, while supporting the growth of this sustainable mode of transportation."

The first chargers and storage areas will be at these NYCHA developments: Queensbridge North

and South in Queens, De Hostos in Manhattan, and Van Dyke I in Brooklyn. The parties hope to begin the demonstration project by the end of this year.

Con Edison has posted a request for information, a step toward finding a vendor to provide and operate the chargers once they are installed. Con Edison and the chosen vendor will visit the NYCHA developments and determine how many chargers to place at each site.

The goal is to provide chargers that will accommodate all e-bikes and e-scooters, regardless of the manufacturer.

Along with environmental benefits, micromobility devices contribute to urban quality of life in other ways. They are quiet and reduce traffic congestion.

Electric micromobility devices are an affordable alternative to cars for low-income New Yorkers, many of whom have jobs delivering food or other goods to customers throughout the city. But food delivery app companies usually do not provide workers with transportation devices.

That has resulted in many workers using their own devices to make deliveries to New Yorkers and charging those devices in their apartments.

Con Edison and the chosen vendor will seek charging locations that are away from residences. The locations will be designated in accordance with Fire Department of New York guidelines for safety.

Con Edison urges anyone using a lithium ion battery to make sure the battery has been certified by UL or another safety testing lab, comply with FDNY safety rules, use only charging cables that the manufacturer recommends, and stop using a battery that is damaged. The FDNY offers these and other safety tips. The National Fire Protection Association also offers safety advice for lithium ion batteries.

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ARIES
 (Mar. 21 - April 20)
 You must not make unnecessary changes this week. Your emotional attitude with respect to your status and direction in society may be unrealistic. Your lucky numbers are 1,3,4.

TAURUS
 (Apr. 21 - May 21)
 Emotional confusion will cause you to make wrong decisions. There might be a problem with a will or with an insurance policy. Your lucky numbers are 3,9,2.

GEMINI
 (May 22 - June 21)
 Avoid any intimate involvement with coworkers or employers. Don't accept empty promises. It may be a disappointing week emotionally. Your lucky numbers are 5,2,7.

CANCER
 (June 22 - July 22)
 Emotional relationships will be plentiful. Your outgoing, aggressive nature will attract someone you've been anxious to meet. Your lucky numbers are 7,8,1.

LEO
 (July 23 - Aug. 22)
 Social gatherings will be conducive to meeting new potential mates. Someone you live with will be quite unreasonable this week. Your lucky numbers are 6,8,1.

VIRGO
 (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23)
 Take care of any pressing medical problems. Get involved in creative projects that will enhance your earning power. Your lucky numbers are 6,3,1.

LIBRA
 (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
 You will be popular and will attract members of the opposite sex. Do not lend money to friends. If you don't trust someone, question him or her. Your lucky numbers are 4,7,9.

SCORPIO
 (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
 You will be subject to pushy individuals if you get involved in dubious organizations. You have the ability to motivate others. Your lucky numbers are 5,4,2.

SAGITTARIUS
 (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)
 You find some acquaintances exceptive. Try to communicate with others this week. Discuss your objectives with partners or peers. Your lucky numbers are 4,9,1.

CAPRICORN
 (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)
 Look out for those wanting to push you into a disagreement. You should sign up for creative courses. Concentrate on your work. Your lucky numbers are 6,3,2.

AQUARIUS
 (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
 Be sure not to reveal private information to the wrong individuals. Investment decisions look positive. Your lucky numbers are 9,1,4.

PISCES
 (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)
 Someone in a higher position is watching to see how busy you are. Refuse to get involved in idle chatter. Your lucky numbers are 1,2,9.

Did You Know?

- Peru has more pyramids than Egypt
- Christmas trees originated from Germany
- more people die from falling coconuts than from shark attacks
- the original design of Monopoly was circular
- the Earth is struck by lightning over 100 times every second
- over 2,500 left handed people are killed a year from using right handed products
- gorillas sleep 14 hours a day
- the lifespan of a squirrel is 9 years
- the stomach acids found in a snakes stomach can digest bones and teeth but not fur or hair
- the word racecar can be spelled the same way backwards
- a giraffe can go longer without water than a camel
- you burn more calories sleeping than watching television
- the word 'underground' is the only word that begins and ends with the letters 'und'
- 56% of typing is completed by your left hand
- there are more chickens than people
- for every human there are 200 million insects
- the average bed contains over 6 billion dust mites
- an iguana can stay under water for 28 minutes
- emus can't walk backwards
- the Eifel Tower has 2,500,000 rivets

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Answer to Last Weeks Puzzles

"Sudoku"

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"Crossword Puzzle"

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"Try And Find"

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TRY AND FIND

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- ACROSS**
- Platter
 - Propelled through the water
 - Ascent
 - Mormon state
 - Whale
 - Eagle's home
 - Resignation
 - Existence
 - Refine
 - Cross
 - Intestinal infection
 - Relating to stars
 - N N N
 - Past tense of To be
 - Swerve wildly
 - Sleeping platform
 - Road shoulder
 - Equips
 - Pursue
 - Fifty-three in Roman numerals
 - Freudian topics
 - Craggy peak
 - The need to drink
 - Consume food
 - Mister
 - Non-seated rider
 - Inshore
 - Womanly
 - S S S
 - Antelope of India
 - Woman's undergarment
 - A long narrow passage
 - Parcels of land
 - Darling
 - Woody plants
 - Otherwise
 - Celtic language
- DOWN**
- Garb
 - Any thing
 - Identical
 - Without offspring
 - Mayday
 - Author
 - Fruit of the oak tree
 - Aquatic mammals
 - Poles tossed by Scots
 - Apprehensive
 - Colored part of the eye
 - Not yours
 - N N N
 - Plead
 - Flair
 - Bitter feud
 - Approve
 - Landslide detritus
 - Coniferous forest
 - Grain disease
 - Strange
 - Come up
 - Strike
 - Tavern
 - Catch unawares
 - Ghastly
 - Rabbits
 - Gleams
 - Perspires
 - Grin
 - Enlist
 - Carnival
 - Being
 - Fortune teller
 - Ages
 - Arid
 - Seated oneself
 - South southeast

Queens Chamber Of Commerce Hosts Annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

Honoring Fire Commissioner Laura Kavanagh & New York City Football Club Coo/Chief Legal & Administrative Officer Jennifer O'sullivan

Recently, the Queens Chamber of Commerce honored New York City Fire Department (FDNY) Fire Commissioner Laura Kavanagh and Jennifer O'Sullivan, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Legal and Administrative Officer of the New York City Football Club (NYFC), at its annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon.

Hundreds of business and community leaders from across the borough gathered at Antun's in Queens Village to celebrate the contributions of Irish-Americans to Queens, enjoy delicious corned beef and cabbage, listen to great live music by the FDNY Emerald Society Pipes and Drums and the band The Cobblers, as well as network with each other.

"The month of March is always a great time to reflect on our Irish heritage. It is a time to be proud and humbled by everything Irish-Americans have done in our city and our country. I am honored to be here to celebrate with you all,



Pictured are the Honorees Laura Kavanagh (L)... Jennifer O'Sullivan (R). Photo credit Dominick Totino.

and all you have accomplished," said Fire Commissioner Laura Kavanagh.

"I'm honored to be recognized alongside a strong female leader like Commissioner Kavanagh as

we come together to celebrate Queens' rich and storied Irish heritage," said Jennifer O'Sullivan, COO at NYFC. "New York City

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Rozic Hosts Queens Bus Redesign Meeting



Assemblywoman Nily Rozic (D,WF-Fresh Meadows) hosted a meeting of the Queens Delegation with New York City Transit planners and staff to discuss the MTA's revamped Queens Bus Network Redesign Project. At the meeting, legislators discussed the impact the redesign would have on their communities, relayed constituent concerns directly and ensured that there will be plenty of time for the public-at-large to weigh in with their feedback. Pictured is Assemblywoman Nily Rozic (D,WF-Fresh Meadows) with members of the Queens Delegation and New York City Transit staff.

NYC School Construction Authority Breaks Ground on New Addition For P.S. 26 in Fresh Meadows

New York City School Construction Authority (SCA) President and CEO Nina Kubota was joined recently by education and elected officials, and community leaders to celebrate the construction of a state-of-the-art, 399-seat addition for P.S. 26 in eastern Queens.

The 4-story addition will be a fully air-conditioned, accessible facility for pre-k through grade 5 students and will contain two pre-k and six kindergarten classrooms, eight standard classrooms, and four special education classrooms. The addition will also include two reading/speech resource rooms and a science resource room. Some classrooms in the existing building will also be renovated in order to add 24 new District 75 seats.

"The 399 seats coming to P.S.



Opening in Sept. 2025, the New Addition will Add 399 Seats in District 26.

26 is only a fraction of the seats we're adding to District 26 as part of our current capital plan. This project is emblematic of our collaborative efforts and ongoing commitment to reduce overcrowding and provide students with

world class educational facilities so that they can grow, learn, and thrive," said Nina Kubota, President and Chief Executive Officer of the New York City School Con-

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CM Linda Lee Hosts Neighborhood Forum to Explore the Impact of Hate and Extremism on the Community

On Sunday, March 19th, Council Member Linda Lee hosted a forum in partnership with Senator Toby Ann Stavisky, Assembly Member Ed Braunstein, and the Simon Wiesenthal Center to discuss the effects of hate, extremism, and anti-Semitism on young people and the community. This event was made possible through collaboration and funding from the Office of New York City Council Speaker Adrienne Adams.

"New York City has witnessed a devastating rise in violence rooted in racism, xenophobia, and anti-Semitism," said Council Member Linda Lee, Chair of the Commit-



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Assemblyman Colton Celebrated International Women's Month With The Women Of Distinction Award Ceremony

Assemblyman William Colton (D – Gravesend, Bensonhurst, Bath Beach, and Dyker Heights) celebrated his annual 2023 Women of Distinction Award event at Il Centro on 18th Avenue in Brooklyn on Sunday, March 12th, 2023.

“Every year I present New York State Assembly citations at my annual Women of Distinction Event to the women who have given so much to our community. These women represent the best of our neighborhood’s values and traditions. The honorees were nominated by numerous community leaders and community organizations. About 45 women received citations as women of distinction. Approximately 200 individuals including their family members attended the Women of Distinction Award event,” Colton stated.

“I would like to give a special



thank you to Jack Spatola, for allowing us to hold this celebration in Il Centro. I also thank Susan Zhuang and Sarah Sarawat for organizing it and all the distinguished women and their families for participating. Our Distin-

guished Women’s Event demonstrated the best in all the women of our community from the youngest to the oldest. The 2023 Women of Distinction Award event was a big success and I can’t wait until next year’s celebration,” Colton added.

Resorts World New York City Honors Women's History Month With Inspirational Exhibit Featuring Female Artists From NYC And Philadelphia



Pieces will be showcased in Resorts World’s Red Wall Art Gallery through June

Queens, NY – Resorts World New York City (RWNYC) will unveil a new Red Wall Art Gallery exhibit and host a reception to honor Women’s History Month on Saturday, March 18 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. See story on page 9

CM Paladino Visit to Veritas Academy

Council Member Vickie Paladino visited Veritas Academy located in Flushing High School. Although Veritas Academy is not in District 19, many of my constituents have children who attend the school. CM Paladino said “I was so grateful to be invited by their Dean of Students, Mr. Haralambos Thomatos. The facility is beautiful and the staff was so welcoming. I hope to attend future events at Veritas Academy and continue our friendship.”



New Temporary Exhibit Unveiled at Local Queens Museum



Never presented outside of Greece, special collection seen for the first time in over 100 years.

The Heritage Museum of Epirus, in Astoria, NY, is located on 25-14 Broadway, 3rd Floor. The temporary exhibit is open to the public by appointment only starting on March 1 and ending on April 30th 2023. Contact Curator Peter S. Giakoumis for more details.

This new exhibit is dedicated to the 1913 liberation of Epirus and its unification to the Greek Kingdom. The conclusion of the Balkan Wars of 1912-1913 changed the history of the Greek narrative and Epirus forever, directly helped by Greek-Americans of the early 1900s.

The Balkan Wars of 1912-1913 heavily impact many different points of cultural and historical heritage of the Greek and Greek-American collective spirit. The impact and legacy of those that fought for Greece including the Americanized Greeks, and foreign volunteers have seldom been told, and this exhibit helps bring their story and the bigger picture to life.

By using original and one-of-a-kind pieces, as well as museum grade reproductions, the collection on display at the Epirus

Museum is the backdrop for the story of sacrifice and glory that took place in Greece during the pivotal time of 1912-1913.

The display itself focuses on three different Military uniforms from the Greek forces of 1912 which fit in perfectly with the theme of the Museum’s folklore costumes.

Along with the uniforms there are original military medals, original photographs, reproduction color posters from the period, and flags, all of which have never been publicly presented in one place.

The items on display are from the private collection of Curator, Peter S. Giakoumis, author of the book: The Forgotten Heroes of the Balkan Wars: Greek Americans and Philhellenes 1912-1913.

Quotes:

Society of Epirotes NY President Chris Pantazis, “Our museum staff, Director Vicki Kantils and Curator Peter Giakoumis have done a magnificent job. The new Temporary Exhibit covering Epirus and the Balkan Wars of 1912-1913 is beyond expectations, special thanks to Mr. Giakoumis for lending us pieces from his private collection. We hope that everyone gets an opportunity to visit our museum and see the

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IT'S IN QUEENS

It's In Queens! (March 24 to March 30)

Spring sprang on Monday, and Queens embraces the warmer weather with gardening, parades, walks, veggies, and waterways. Stay inside for opera, theater, jazz, performing art, and a frog. (An indoor frog.)

- March 24, Five Women Wearing the Same Dress, April 2. City Gate Productions presents this comedy set at a wedding reception at a Tennessee estate in the early 1990s. Five identically clad bridesmaids hide in an upstairs bedroom, each with a reason to avoid the proceedings below. As the afternoon advances, they discover a common bond. Shows are 8 pm on Fridays and Saturday, 3 pm on Sundays. Moose Lodge Theatre, 72-15 Grand Ave., Maspeth.

- March 24, Octogenarian Women of Jazz, 8 pm. Flutist/tenor saxophonist Carol Sudhalter celebrates her 80th birthday by leading a special quintet of octogenarians. She'll jam with world-renowned pianist Bertha Hope (86), drummer Paula Hampton (87) of the legendary Hampton family, popular vocalist Keisha St. Joan (84), and revered bassist Bill Crow (95). Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd.

- March 24, Architecture of a Common Man, March 26. CreArt Box presents an opera-ballet-film about a world-recognized photographer working on an autobiographical documentary. While creating it, he unveils a fascinating retrospective of his life. Three consecutive nights at 7:30 pm. Culture Lab LIC, 5-25 46th Ave., Long Island City.

- March 24, Book Characters & Abstract Painting 6 pm. Create comic book characters and abstract paintings using mixed media with Fashion Institute of Technology Professor Ed Murr. Al Oerter Recreation Center, 131-40 Fowler Ave., Flushing.

- March 24, Total Soul, 8 pm. This high-energy, multi-piece band specializes in getting audiences on the dance floor. Resorts World New York City, 110-00 Rockaway Blvd., South Jamaica.

- March 24, Drawing & Painting Nature, 6 pm. Kanika Khurana teaches how to paint and draw nature-themed pieces. Supplies provided. All levels welcome. ARROW Field House, 35-30 35th St., Astoria.

- March 25, Raymond Ramnarine with DiLENadan & Friends, 7 pm. These musicians present a night of Indo-Caribbean Chutney-Soca crossover music. Queens College's Colder Auditorium, 153-49 Reeves Ave., Flushing.

- March 25, Bayside St. Patrick's Parade, 1 pm. Revelers head down Bell Boulevard from 35th Avenue to 42nd Avenue. As always, many attendees will stay on Bell Boulevard for post-parade restaurant and bar specials.

- March 25, A Frog's Life, March 26. Celebrate Kermit the Frog's 60+ years on the scene with a



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compilation of Jim Henson's most memorable performances as Kermit. The program covers his guest appearances, career in journalism, great musical moments with guest stars, and long-running romance with a certain pig. Screenings are March 25 at 1 pm and March 26 at 12:30 pm. Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria's Kaufman Arts District.

- March 25, Nice One Comedy Night, 8 pm. This biweekly standup program continues with Alvin Kuai, Kate Sisk, Peter Revello, Erick Esteban, Andrew Ginsberg, and Patricia Dinglasan. Culture Lab LIC, 5-25 46th Ave., Long Island City.

- March 25, Planning Your Veggie Garden, 10 am. Attendees build skills to harvest food with an emphasis on organic methods. Topics include backyard layout prep, propagation, seedling care, and pollinators. Queens County Farm Museum, 73-50 Little Neck Pkwy., Glen Oaks.

- March 26, Black Doll-Making Workshop, 2 pm. Textile artist and master quilter Thadine Wormly leads a workshop on 19th-century Black dolls. Flushing Quaker Meeting House, 137-16 Northern Blvd., Flushing.

- March 26, Oy Father, 2 pm. A musical love story about a Catholic priest and a Jewish cantor...who are the two performers. Maple Grove Cemetery Celebration Hall, 127-15 Kew Gardens Rd., Kew Gardens.

- March 26, Artist Workshops for Flushing Creek, 1 pm. One of a series of artist-led workshops that visualize the possibility of daylighting (restoring underground portions of a waterway). Flushing Creek was forced underground at sections for the construction of the 1939 World's Fair grounds and now runs beneath the center of Flushing Meadows Corona Park. Other upcoming workshops are on April 30, May 21, and June 25, always at 1 pm. Queens Museum, NYC Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- March 26, Sunnyside Swap, noon. This exchange returns after a three-year hiatus. Drop of clean "preloved" items (i.e. clothes, accessories, housewares) and shop for items that others have "preloved." 37 Plaza Building,

37-10 Queens Blvd., 2nd Floor, Sunnyside.

- March 26, Famous People of Queens, 2:30 pm. The Queens Historical Society hosts a slideshow presentation by Rob MacKay on his new Arcadia Publishing book about famous people from the borough. Kingsland Homestead, 143-35 37th Ave., Flushing.

- March 26, Summer Veggies Workshop, 11 am. An introductory workshop on harvesting summer vegetables indoors. Participants take home a starter garden. Queens Botanical Garden, 43-50 Main St., Flushing.

- March 28, Famous People of Queens, 7 pm. The Greater Astoria Historical Society zooms a virtual slideshow presentation by Rob MacKay (that guy again!?) on his new Arcadia Publishing book about famous people from the borough.

- March 29, Angels Caribbean Band, 8 pm. A night of free live music with Angels Caribbean Band, which consists of dynamic and talented musicians and singers from various West Indian islands. Jamaica Performing Arts Center, 153-10 Jamaica Ave.

- March 29, Aaron Landsman: Night Keeper, April 8. This new show is staged throughout the host venue's stark industrial space, juxtaposing spoken text with choreography, live music, and projections. Shows are Wednesday to Saturday at 7 pm with a preview on March 27 at 7 pm. The Chocolate Factory Theater, 38-33 24th St., Long Island City.

- March 30, National Take a Walk in the Park Day, 3:30 pm. An APEC Educator leads a guided walk along Alley Pond Park's trails. Alley Pond Environmental Center, 224-65 76th Ave., Oakland Gardens.

- March 30, Literary Thursdays, 6 pm. Caleb Smith discusses Thoreau's *Axe: Distraction and Discipline in American Culture* as part of Queens Public Library's virtual Literary Thursdays program. His meditative work focuses on distraction (i.e. beeping and blinking digital devices), noting that it was also a serious concern in American culture two centuries ago. By phone: +1-408-418-9388 with Access Code 2336 364 1191.

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Resorts World New York City Honors Women's History Month . . .

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The exhibit, "Center Stage: The Power of Women Artists in New York and Philadelphia," was curated by Danny Simmons, who grew up in Jamaica, Queens, and along with his brothers, music mogul Russell Simmons, and hip-hop legend Joseph "Rev Run" Simmons, co-founded the Rush Arts Gallery. Danny is also the founder and VP of the Rush Philanthropic Arts Foundation.

"This powerful exhibit highlights the importance of women artists in the cultural landscape," said Danny Simmons, Founder and Vice President, Rush Philanthropic Arts Foundation. "I am honored to have the opportunity

to feature creators from NYC and my new home of Philadelphia who are deeply dedicated to their art careers and have demonstrated having unique artistic voices perfected over years working in their art studios, pushing limits and creating beautiful works of art."

"Women are so often seen as the subject of artwork, rather than the creative force behind it," said Michelle Stoddart, Vice President of Community Development, Resorts World New York City. "We could think of no better time than Women's History Month to give these artists the recognition they deserve. Danny has launched the careers of some of the world's top artists today

and we're excited to give these women a place to display their meaningful and creative works."

Rush Philanthropic Arts Foundation has partnered with Philadelphia-based women-owned gallery and resource center 1040 Creative to help pull this show together. Two of the artists featured in the exhibit, Pauline McCall and Marcy Morris, are founding members of 1040. Our other exhibiting artists are Kate Fauvell, Lusmerlin, Ellen Tiberino, Charlotte Mouqin, Wanda Payne and Sheena Vaughan.

"Center Stage: The Power of Women Artists in New York and Philadelphia" will be on display at the casino's famed Red Wall Art Gallery through June 16.

Queens Chamber Of Commerce Hosts Annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

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Football Club (NYFC) is proud of our longstanding work in the Queens community creating free soccer programming, building community soccer pitches, and investing almost \$800 million to build the first soccer-specific stadium. We look forward to expanding on that work by continuing our relationship with impactful local organizations like the Queens Chamber of Commerce."

"Irish immigrants and Irish-Americans helped build New York City from its start and continue to make amazing contributions to our business community everyday," said Tom Grech, President and CEO, Queens Chamber of Commerce. "These contributions ensure Queens is a beautiful, thriving, safe place to live, work, and play. We are grateful to be able to honor two extraordinary Irish-American Women, Fire Commissioner Laura Kavanagh and Jennifer O'Sullivan, and thank them for all they have done for Queens."

The luncheon featured a Presentation of Colors by the 2nd Battalion 25th Marines, led by Color Sergeant Ibarra; the National Anthem, sung by Scarlett Levin; a benediction from Reverend Monsignor Alfred P. LoPinto, President and CEO of Catholic Charities of Brooklyn & Queens; a performance by the FDNY Emerald Society Pipes and Drums; and remarks by Mayor Eric Adams, Queens Borough President Donovan Richards, FDNY Commissioner Kavanagh, O'Sullivan and Queens Chamber Board Chair Howard Graf. Also in attendance were Council-

member Vickie Paladino, Councilmember James Gennaro, and Councilmember Robert Holden.

"I'm proud to be here to celebrate the wearing of the green - and the earning of it," said New York City Mayor Eric Adams. "Irish immigrants came here for the American dream, and on Saint Patrick's Day we honor everything they have done for our city and our communities. My administration reflects the diversity of this city, and we are proud that a proud Irish-American and the first woman to lead the FDNY, Laura Kavanagh, is being recognized at today's luncheon. Lá Fhéile Pádraig sona duit!"

"The Queens Chamber of Commerce once again hosted a fabulous St. Patrick's Day Luncheon that recognized the many contributions made by the Irish American community in Queens," said Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. "The World's Borough' would not be the special place it is today without the hard work and dedication of our Irish American residents. I wish them and everyone in Queens a Happy St. Patrick's Day and extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Chamber's distinguished honorees."

"The annual Queens Chamber St. Patrick's Day Luncheon represents an opportunity to celebrate and uplift the contributions of our Irish American community," said City Council Speaker Adrienne Adams. "Irish Americans have shaped New York into the city it is today, and it is important to continue highlighting their indelible impact. I congratulate Fire Commissioner Laura Kavanagh and NYFC Chief Legal and

Administrative Officer Jennifer O'Sullivan on their well-deserved recognition, and the Queens Chamber of Commerce for hosting a successful St. Patrick's Day Luncheon."

"The Queens Chamber is a leader and partner in lifting up the immigrant-owned small businesses that comprise Queens, one of the most ethnically diverse urban areas in the world," said Kevin D. Kim, Commissioner of the NYC Department of Small Business Services. "The contributions of Irish Americans to our economy, culture, and infrastructure can be felt throughout the city each and every day. I am proud to join with the Chamber in honoring the historic leadership of Commissioner Laura Kavanagh, who helps to keep our businesses operating safely each day."

"Irish-American have made some truly incredible contributions to this country, and especially to this borough," Councilwoman Joann Ariola said. "Today, we have a chance to honor all those sons and daughters of the Emerald Isle who have made their mark on our communities, and we recognize two in particular for the work they've done to better New York City."

About the Queens Chamber of Commerce: - The Queens Chamber of Commerce is the oldest and largest business association in Queens, representing more than 1,400 businesses and more than 150,000 Queens-based employees. Its mission is to foster connections, educate for success, develop/implement programs and advocate for members' interests. www.queenschamber.org

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Assemblywoman Rozic will focus on fully funding schools, school based health centers, and expanded Teacher Centers. She will also advocate for early college program funding and support for nonpublic schools for STEM and art instruction.

The Assembly's State Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget proposal would provide \$34.3 billion in funding to General Support for Public Schools, an increase of \$3 billion or 9.7 percent, over the 2022-23 school year. The Assembly's proposed spending plan includes \$2.6 billion to fully fund Foundation Aid for the first time

since the formula was created in 2007. The Assembly's budget would also eliminate the governor's proposals to remove the regional charter cap in New York City and to reissue the authorization of "zombie" charters.

The proposal also includes

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wonderful display."

Museum Director Vicki Kantlis, "The hard work was worth it. Our new limited time exhibit is a success and was a wonderful opening for hosting the delegates of the Pan Epirotic Association amongst many others."

Museum Curator Peter S. Giakoumis, "After researching for 7.5 years and completing my book three years ago, I find myself in the unique position of being able to further the historical goals of the Heritage Museum of Epirus in Astoria. The temporary exhibit is the culmination of hard work and I am very proud of that. I hope all our visitors to the exhibit leave with a better understanding and appreciation for the history and dedication of the wonders of learning and cultural awareness that this museum and exhibit represent."

Epirus is a province in the northwestern corner of Greece.

Epirus has an area of 3551 square miles, and borders Albania to the north.

The liberation of Ioannina, capitol city of the region, is commemorated the 21st of February.

Founded in 2003, the museum was renovated and officially reopened in 2022.

The museum permanent collection includes traditional costumes from the various regions of Epirus, Greece.

About The Heritage Museum of Epirus in Astoria, NY: Located in the heart of the Greek community of Queens, the Heritage Museum of Epirus is the only museum in New York City devoted to preserving Greek heritage. Under the auspices of the Society of Epirotes Anagenesis and Ladies Auxiliary "Souliotissai", the museum specifically focuses on the culture and traditions of Epirus, a region located at the Northwest corner of Greece. <https://anagenesisny.org/heritage-museum-of-epirus/about-the-museum/>

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tee on Mental Health, Disabilities, and Addictions. "These sentiments have no place anywhere in our City - let alone Queens, where our great diversity of faith and culture gives us the moniker of the 'World's Borough'. I believe that the best policies are curated from the ground up, so I am proud to work collaboratively with experts and community members to create initiatives that will keep our neighborhoods safe. I thank Speaker Adams, Senator Stavisky, Assembly Member Braunstein, Commonpoint Queens, and the Simon Wiesenthal Center for their partnership in this community forum as we combat hate crimes and create safer communities."

"The Council has not sat back in the face of increased hate," said Speaker Adrienne Adams. "Instead, we have been a leader in taking proactive steps to address hate within our communities. The Council has allocated funding to invest in local programs like Sunday's hate crime prevention community forum. Community safety is achieved through a comprehensive approach that engages New Yorkers, and I thank Council Member Linda Lee and the Simon Wiesenthal Center for their partnership to combat hate so that all our communities remain safe."

"In recent years, New York City has seen a disturbing uptick in hate crimes, and we must continue working together to reverse this unacceptable trend," said Assembly Member Ed Braunstein. "It is incumbent on every one of us to speak up when we witness any form of hate, whether observed in our neighborhoods or seen in our digital communities. I want to thank Council Member Lee for spearheading this event and Commonpoint Queens for hosting, as well as the Simon Wiesenthal

Center for putting together an engaging presentation."

"The rise in hate crimes isn't just alarming, it's disheartening and discouraging, and we're grateful for the partnership and support of Council Member Lee and Speaker Adams to help us educate and advocate within our communities," said Danielle Ellman, CEO of Commonpoint Queens. "Forums like these - as well as opportunities for collaboration - are key to bringing our community closer together to combat ignorance, racism, and hate and provide a safer place for all of our neighbors."

"At a time of surging anti-Semitism and hate in our city, the Simon Wiesenthal Center is proud to partner with both Speaker Adams and Councilmember Lee to bring a powerful program on hate crime prevention to the local community. We need to do all we can to ensure that our communities are SAFE, and well-equipped with the necessary skills and resources to combat hate in all of its forms. Today was a critical step in that process. We commend Speaker Adams and Councilmember Lee for their incredible leadership," said Michael D. Cohen, Eastern Director of the Simon Wiesenthal Center.

The event included presentations from the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Associate Director of Research, Emily Thompson, who provided an in-depth analysis of Digital Terrorism and Hate across social media online, how seeing hate and propaganda online can affect the minds of young people, and measures to prevent this harm from occurring. This presentation was followed by the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Director of Research, Rich Eaton, who detailed trends in hate crime reporting

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Senator Gillibrand, Representative Meng & Advocates Lead Call For Action to Address The Underreporting of Hate Crimes

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Reporting System. In alignment with WHIAANHPI, TAAF urges DOJ to condition federal funding grants on law enforcement participation in the collections and reporting program.”

“We applaud Senator Gillibrand and Representative Meng for writing this letter and bringing light to this critical issue,” said Gideon Taylor, Executive Vice President and CEO of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York. “It is monumentally important to the Jewish community and all New Yorkers that hate crimes are reported fairly and correctly by the Department of Justice. JCRC-NY stands ready to work with Senator Gillibrand and Representative Meng in calling for the Department of Justice to look into their compliance in reporting hate crimes.”

“Drag Out The Vote is encouraged that Senator Gillibrand, Congresswoman Meng, and members of Congress are speaking out in light of increasingly violent anti-LGBTQIA+ rhetoric,” said Chris Diaz, Executive Director of Drag Out The Vote. “The culture wars have never ended even though the majority of Americans are pro-LGBTQIA+, are supportive of our trans siblings, and believe in tackling social inequality. We need our elected officials to continue to speak out like this and furthermore we need Attorney General Garland and Attorneys General across the country to combat the rising tide of hate crimes and violence aimed at the LGBTQIA+ and other minority and underrepresented communities.”

“The Muslim American Society of NY is honored to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the diverse array of community leaders to support the impactful efforts of Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and US Representative Grace Meng to combat hate crimes across the U.S.,” said Taher Abdelhadi, Executive Director, Muslim American Society of New York. “We must remain resolute until people of all ethnicities and faiths can live amongst each other in safety and tranquility, forming inclusive communities for the millions of families that call this land home.

God willing, we will achieve that dream together.”

“As the leader of an organization dedicated to supporting immigrant survivors of gender-based violence, we wholeheartedly endorse and applaud Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and Representative Grace Meng’s efforts to call on the Department of Justice to provide a comprehensive overview of hate crime compliance through the National Incident-Based Reporting System,” said Jeehae Fischer, Executive Director of the Korean American Family Service Center. “It is crucial that law enforcement agencies nationwide adopt a unified and transparent approach to addressing hate crimes to ensure the safety and well-being of all communities, including the most vulnerable among us. Noncompliance with reporting standards undermines the integrity of data collection and obscures the true extent of hate crimes in our nation. Accurate and consistent reporting is vital in informing policy decisions, allocating resources, and fostering a culture of accountability. Only then can we work collectively towards eradicating hate, prejudice, and violence in all its forms.”

“MCN thanks Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Congresswoman Grace Meng and all MOC that have drafted and signed this letter. In July 2022, MCN published a hate crime report that surveyed Muslim New Yorkers on their experience with hate crimes. We found that 76% of Muslim New Yorkers we surveyed witnessed a hate crime and 46% were victims of a hate crime. It was equally devastating to hear from community members that majority of times their experiences have been minimized by LEAs and not reported. Hate crimes are a serious threat to faith based and minority communities and must be adequately reported by LEAs for the right preventative measures to be taken. Since 9/11 Muslims have been wrongfully associated with terrorism and targeted with verbal abuse, harassment, threats, physical assault, and vandalism. More alarming, both MCN and other national surveys, found that half of school age Muslim youth have been bullied and harassed based

on their faith. Hate crimes are a serious issue plaguing our communities and must be prevented from the micro to the macro levels. While we are grateful for all the resources that have been allocated towards fighting hate crimes, we kindly ask the DOJ to honor this request and provide information on local LEAs compliance with NIBRS including agencies that remain in noncompliance and potential impact of noncompliance in future Hate Crimes,” said AjiFanta Marenah, Advocacy Program Manager, Muslim Community Network (MCN).

Senator Gillibrand’s and Representative Meng’s call for compliance of law enforcement agencies with the national system to report hate crimes is also supported by Asian American Federation, Chinese-American Planning Council, CACF - Coalition for Asian American Children and Families, The Korean American Family Service Center, OCA Asian Pacific American Advocates New York Chapter, The Asian American Foundation, Garden of Hope, Hispanic Federation, Rainbow Access Initiative, Inc., Equality New York, Drag Out The Vote, Muslim Community Network, UJA-Federation of New York, New York Immigration Coalition, Translatinx Network, Albany Damien Center, Asian American Business Development Center, Jewish Federations of North America, Muslim American Society of New York, The Ali Forney Center, The Sikh Coalition, and Jewish Community Relations Council of New York.

Senator Gillibrand has been a longtime advocate of legislation that addresses hate-crimes, having been an original co-sponsor of the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act and the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act. Senator Gillibrand also proudly cosponsored the Jabara-Heyer NO HATE Act, which created grants for state and local governments to implement the NIBRS. Senator Gillibrand has also successfully pushed to include funding for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program, which supports religious and community-based organizations most at risk of terror and hate attacks.

NYC School Construction Authority Breaks Ground . . .

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struction Authority. “As a result of our strong partnerships with the Mayor, City Council and our other local elected leaders, we’re setting the bar for a strong academic foundation and nurturing learning environments for our kids.”

Other amenities at the school will include:

- Art classroom
- Full kitchen complex
- Student dining area
- Guidance suite
- Staff work room
- Parent/community room
- Bicycle storage
- Exercise room
- Outdoor Playground

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng said: “This addition will go a long way towards reducing overcrowding by providing much needed new seats for current and future students of P.S. 26. Its new and modern classrooms and many amenities will provide an improved learning environment for children, and I’m thrilled to congratulate the entire P.S. 26 community. Our students are our future. We must make the investments they need to ensure success and a bright future. I look forward to the project’s completion.”

Borough President Donovan Richards said: “There should be no higher priority for us as a city than ensuring our children receive the highest-quality education possible right in their own communities. This expansion and improvement project at P.S. 26 will help us realize that mission, while also adding 399 much-needed seats to our borough’s school system. I am excited for what the future holds for the students who will benefit from this project, and I look forward to the ribbon cutting.”

State Senator John Liu said: “This expansion at the Rufus King School will finally bring the building into ADA compliance, add 399 seats of desperately needed instructional space, and improve the existing playground. As with all construction, there have been temporary inconveniences for the community, but the enhanced school facility and forthcoming improved amenities for the beloved Farm Playground will be

worth the wait.”

Assembly Member Nily Rozic said: “The much needed expansions of our existing public schools is vital to the lasting success of our students. The addition of 399 seats, the creation of specialty classrooms, a fully accessible building (inside and out) and improvements to the existing building will allow students and faculty at Rufus King P.S. 26 to continue reaching new heights and ease the existing pressures that the building and school community were experiencing.”

Council Member Linda Lee said: “Investing in a brighter future for our City’s next generation means providing our children with all the possible tools for educational success inside and outside of the classroom. The new addition will provide a much-needed 399-seat expansion and specialty rooms to uplift the experiences of students attending both P.S. 26 and P 224Q. In addition, this project also provides the community with a new playground for our students to enjoy between hitting the books. Thank you to the School Construction Authority for prioritizing the well-being of our children, as we continue to fulfill the vision of advancing the educational infrastructure of our schools and communities in Eastern Queens.”

The SCA’s 2020-2024 Capital Program includes more than \$2 billion in funding for 32 buildings adding 18,735 seats in Queens. In District 26, the SCA is adding more than 2,300 seats including a 435-seat addition at P.S. 46 that will open later this year and a 473-seat addition at P.S. 41 that is slated for completion in 2024.

A \$59.9 million contract was awarded to Navillus Tile Inc. for the new addition, which was designed through a collaboration with the SCA and DiDomenico & Partners, LLP.

As part of the SCA’s Public Art for Public Schools program, artist Daru Jung Hyang Kim has been commissioned to create site-specific artwork inside the lobby of the new addition. For additional information on the New York City School Authority, please visit www.nycsca.org

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across law enforcement agencies throughout the nation. The information was sorted by demographic according to data collected by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Following the directors, Jeff Schoep, a consultant for the Simon Wiesenthal Center, shared his story about his entry and exit from the life of extremism, and the ways he is working to combat bigotry and hate across the country. Jeff Schoep was the former leader of the National Socialist Movement which was once the largest and most active Neo-Nazi group in the United States. He now leads

Beyond Barriers, a nonprofit dedicated to countering violent extremism and helping others change their lives.

The forum was then concluded with a Q&A between the Simon Wiesenthal Center and the community in attendance. The Simon Wiesenthal Center recently released their 2023 Digital Terrorism and Hate Report Card <<https://www.digitalhate.net/index.php>>

The Simon Wiesenthal Center (SWC) is a leading international Jewish human rights organization founded in 1977 by Rabbi Marvin Hier. With 400,000 member families, the SWC confronts anti-Semitism, hate, and terrorism. The

Wiesenthal Center is an accredited Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) by the United Nations, UNESCO, the OSCE, the Organization of American States, the Latin American Parliament, and the Council of Europe. Headquartered in Los Angeles it has offices in New York, Chicago, Miami, Toronto, Paris, Jerusalem, and Buenos Aires. Moriah Films is the two-time Academy Award-winning film division of the Simon Wiesenthal Center. The Museum of Tolerance Los Angeles, founded in 1993, is the educational arm of the Simon Wiesenthal Center and the Museum of Tolerance Jerusalem is scheduled to open in 2023.

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\$280 million in funding to make school meals free for all students in the state, as well as \$2 million to expand the Specialized High School Test Preparation program to sixth graders in New York City. Also included in the plan is an increase of \$6.5 million in funding for Adult Literacy Education for a

total of \$14.3 million, an increase of \$5 million over last year.

Rozic added, “A budget is a statement of values that shows support for students by investing in their education and expanding access to test preparation and resources. I look forward to continuing the work ahead as we approach the April 1st state budget deadline.”



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TWINS 2588 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/08/23. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 35-08 30th Avenue, 2nd Floor, Astoria, NY 11103. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 2/16,23,3/2,9,16&23/2023

AMERICAN BANGLADESHI COMMUNITY HUB LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/09/23. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Abul H Bhuiyan, 15626 95th Street, Howard Beach, NY 11414. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 2/16,23,3/2,9,16&23/2023

DB4116 LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 9/17/2018. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 213-38 40th Ave., Bayside, NY 11361. General Purpose. 2/23,3/2,9,16,23&30/2023

Notice of Formation S Family Dream, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/7/23. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Luis Salazar, 7-28 124th St., College Point, NY 11356. Purpose: any lawful activity. 2/16,23,3/2,9,16,&23/2023

Notice of Formation of CATEGORY 1 MUSIC, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/18/2023. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: P.O. Box 8532, New York, NY 10150. Purpose: any lawful activities. 2/23,3/2,9,16,23&30/2023

Notice of Formation of YI TONG LLC Articles of Organization. filed with Secretary of State of NY. ("SSNY") on 03/14/2023. Office location in QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC to: 1129 127TH ST, COLLEGE POINT, NY 11356. Purpose: any lawful activity. 3/16,23,30,4/6,13&20/2023

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK – COUNTY OF QUEENS INDEX # 700483/2020 FILED 2/15/2023

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Plaintiff designates Queens County as the Place of Trial. Designation of Venue is based upon the situs of the Subject Property. Subject Property: 34-17 101st Street a/k/a 3417 101st Street, Corona, New York 11368.

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF THE HOME EQUITY MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET- BACKED TRUST SERIES INABS 2007-B, HOME EQUITY MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES SERIES INABS 2007-B, UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED JUNE 1, 2007, Plaintiff, JESUS ANTONIO PELAEZ, if living, and if dead, the respective heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignors, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and their respective husbands, wives or widow, if any, and each and every person not specifically named who may be entitled to or claim to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the verified complaint; all of whom and whose names and places of residence unknown, and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained by the Plaintiff, ALMA NORA PELAEZ AS ADMINISTRATOR TO THE ESTATE OF ISOLINA PELAEZ A/K/A ISOLINA A. PELAEZ, GLORIA POMARICO AS ADMINISTRATOR TO THE ESTATE OF ISOLINA PELAEZ A/K/A ISOLINA A. PELAEZ, MARIA ARCINIEGAS AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN TO THE ESTATE OF ISOLINA PELAEZ A/K/A ISOLINA A. PELAEZ, NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, Defendants. To the above-named defendants: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the plaintiff's attorneys within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); in the event the United

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States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until sixty (60) days after service of the Summons; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, LLC, Attorneys for Plaintiff, 1 Huntington Quadrangle, Suite 4N25 Melville, NY 11747. 631-812-4084. 855-845-2584 facsimile HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE New York State requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT You are in danger of losing your home. If you fail to respond to the Summons and Complaint in this foreclosure action, you may lose your home. Please read the Summons and Complaint carefully. You should immediately contact an attorney or your local legal aid office to obtain advice on how to protect yourself. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies, and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by New York State Department of Financial Services' at 1-877-BANK-NYS (1-877-226-5697) or visit the Department's website at WWW.BANKING.STATE.NY.US. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. You have the right to stay in your home during the foreclosure process. You are not required to leave your home unless and until your property is sold at auction pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale. Regardless of whether

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you choose to remain in your home, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY and pay your taxes in accordance with state and local law. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. File# 272-5697 3/2,9,16&23/2023

Notice of Formation of JD AVERY DEVELOPMENT LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/19/2023. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1568 Union Turnpike, #3701, New Hyde Park, NY 11040. Purpose: any lawful activities. 2/23,3/2,9,16,23&30/2023

Notice of Formation of YIGA DESIGN STUDIO LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/13/2023. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 97-45 Queens Blvd, Unit# 502, Rego Park, NY 11374. Purpose: any lawful activities. 3/9,16,23,30,4/6&13/2023

105-47, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 3/15/23. Office in Queens Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 102-10 66th Rd., Unit 24D, Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 3/16,23,30,4/6,13&20/2023

MTA Alliance LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 3/6/2023. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to PO BOX 313243, JAMAICA, NY, 11431. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 3/16,23,30,4/6,13&20/2023

Notice of Formation of O.R.O CATERING AND EVENTS LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/22/2023. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 4111 40th Street, Apt 3K, Sunnyside, NY 11104. Purpose: any lawful activities. 3/16,23,30,4/6,13&20/2023

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NOTICE FOR FORMATION of a limited liability company (LLC). The name of limited liability company is DUZIL 3180 36TH STREET, LLC. The date of filing of the articles of organization with the Department of State was February 7, 2023. The County in New York in which the office of the company is located Queens. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the company upon whom process may be served, and the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the company served upon him or her to The LLC, 18 Andrew Road, Manhasset, New York 11030. The business purpose of the company is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under the laws of the State of New York. 3/9,16,23,30,4/6&13/2023

Notice of Formation of GREEN WOOD & DUFF, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/28/2023. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 3111 33rd St., Apt 2R, Astoria, NY 11106. Purpose: any lawful activities. 3/9,16,23,30,4/6&13/2023

Notice of Formation of HB KNIGHT SERVICES, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/09/2015. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 3519 100th Street, Corona, NY 11368. Purpose: any lawful activities. 3/9,16,23,30,4/6&13/2023



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HMR HAQUE TAXI LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/17/2023. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Mohammed A. Haque, 9225 93rd Ave., Woodhaven, NY 11421. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 3/23,30,4/6,13,20&27/2023

GREYROCK DEVELOPERS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/02/23. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 28-18 Steinway Street, Astoria, NY 11103. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 3/23,30,4/6,13,20&27/2023

Notice of Formation of MEHAR REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/07/2022. Office location: QUEENS County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 104-40 QUEENS BLVD APT 22 B, FOREST HILLS, NY, UNITED STATES, 11375. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 3/23,30,4/6,13,20&27/2023

Notice of formation of All In Mode, LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/14/23. Office located in Queens County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of process served against the LLC to 72-11 Austin St. Suite 328, Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: Any lawful activity or purpose. 3/23,30,4/6,13,20&27/2023

Goodfellas Detailing LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 2/22/2023. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Vincenzo Castelli, 7103 Central Ave., Glendale, NY 11385. General Purpose. 3/16,23,30,4/6,13&20/2023

New York State Assemblywoman
Jenifer Rajkumar
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Sunday, March 26th
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Preventing Deed Theft & Fraud



Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz talked with Ruschell Boone on NY1 about strategies homeowners can use to protect themselves from deed theft and fraud, including registering with the New York City Department of Finance ACRIS system for notification any time a document related to your property is registered To view the interview visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h6mG-ZvNcy0>

Assemblywoman Nily Rozic And Assemblyman Edward Braunstein With UFT Members in Albany



Assemblywoman Nily Rozic (D,WF-Fresh Meadows) met with educators from the United Federation of Teachers (UFT) Districts 25 and 26, who were in Albany for their annual lobby day. They spoke about the need for fully funded schools, school based health centers, and expanded

Teacher Centers. UFT represents nearly 200,000 members and is the sole bargaining agent for New York City public school educators. Rozic continually advocates for students and teachers throughout her district and continues to support initiatives that improve education for all.

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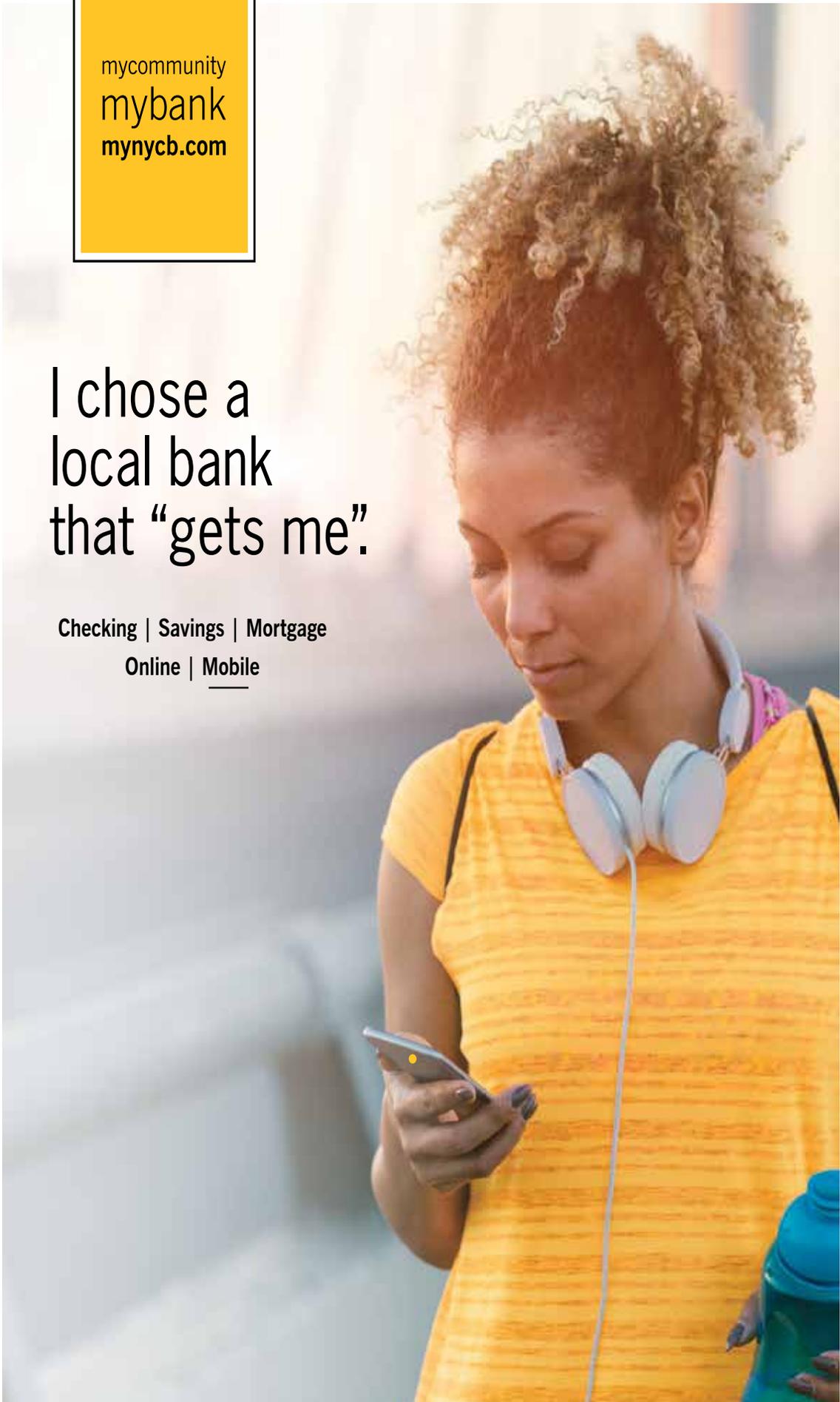
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