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Adams is set to propose that the city spend \$4.8 million to

reach out to those most impacted, especially minority entrepreneurs impacted as a result of past usage. The plan would help them learn about the industry and set up their

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### If You See Something, Say Something

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## Elmcor, HPD, CPC, And Elected Officials Break Ground on Supportive Affordable Housing Development in Corona, Queens

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Elmcor Youth and Adult Activities, Inc (Elmcor), New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD), Community Preservation Corporation (CPC) and elected officials broke ground on a new supportive housing development bringing 30 affordable homes to Corona Queens. The development will serve those recovering from substance use and/or mental health issues as well as older adults. The project's architect, Monica Lopez Uran is NYC and NYS M/WBE Certified, and Queens-based Penta Restoration Corp. is the general contractor.

Located at 104-10 Northern Boulevard, Queens, the project includes 21 supportive homes and 9 homes for low-income senior households. Elmcor, the developer and supportive service provider, is a Queens-based non-profit providing a variety of comprehensive programs that serve all populations from preschool aged children to older adults. For over 55 years, Elmcor has fostered positive life changes for individuals and families through skills development leading to self-sufficiency, a sense of accountability, and a strong, empowered community.

"Our local elected officials, spearheaded by the late Honorable Helen Marshall, worked with us to build the funding for this initiative with so many others over decades because they believed in us," said Executive Director Saeeda Dunston, "because they are us, and because they saw Elmcor effectively respond to our community's needs. Now, we are breaking ground on a mixed-use housing project for which we have fought and fundraised for many years.

This building will be a home that is consistent with who we are; a community that doesn't separate people but integrates groups to support the healing and recovery that happens when we see each other as one community. We will provide supportive housing both for individuals in recovery and affordable housing for older adults. We know the impact that the lack of affordable housing has on the physical and mental health of people. Elmcor wants to place our 57 years of serving with a human justice approach into homes for our community."

"For more than 55 years, Elmcor has been on the frontlines of supporting our most vulnerable neighbors" said MichaelSean Spence, Board Chairman at Elmcor "Providing access to critical resources and programs for our older adults, youth, and friends in recovery, while scaling community-centered initiatives like our food pantry in response to the critical issues that disproportionately impact Black and brown communities like ours, and have only been exacerbated in recent years – like food insecurity, gun violence and housing inequity. With this transformational project, we will build upon Elmcor's legacy of service at a most urgent time - as New Yorkers fight their way back from the pandemic and seek affordable housing to better their path forward."

"Safe, affordable housing equipped with supportive services is KEY to getting people get back on their feet," said HPD Commissioner Adolfo Carrión Jr. "Projects like the one we are celebrating today address our city's dire need for more holistic and compassionate solutions to our affordable housing crisis. Thank you to our

partners Elmcor, Community Preservation Corporation, and elected officials for making this project possible. We look forward to welcoming new residents to this terrific project."

"It's been a pleasure working with our partners at Elmcor to help make their first mixed-used development project a reality," said Andrew Giglio, Vice President & Mortgage Officer, The Community Preservation Corporation. "At CPC we believe that it's important to collaborate on housing projects that provide our most vulnerable citizens with an affordable place to call home, and a supportive environment where they can get their lives back on track. My thanks to Elmcor, HPD, our local elected officials, and to the Comptroller and our funding partners at NYCRC for their commitment to making New York City more affordable and equitable for everyone."

"Safe and affordable housing is a basic human need" said Assemblyman Jeffrion Aubry. "It also serves as the foundation of a healthy and prosperous community. I am excited and grateful for the construction of a new 30 units, multi-use supportive, affordable housing project which will provide housing to some of our most vulnerable residents. I want to thank all who have worked tirelessly to make this possible"

"Elmcor has diligently and effectively served the families of Queens for decades, a mission that continues with Thursday's critically important groundbreaking. By providing those recovering from substance abuse and mental health issues, as well as our older residents, with supportive, affordable housing right here in

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## Attorney General James Reminds Landlords to Not Raise Rents if They Accept Pandemic Rental Assistance

*Landlords Who Receive Payments from the Emergency Rental Assistance Program Cannot Raise Rents for 12 Months*

New York Attorney General Letitia James has issued an advisory to landlords reminding them that they cannot raise rents if they accepted or plan to accept funding from the state's Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP), which was recently expanded in the state's budget. Landlords who accept payments from the program are prohibited from raising rents for a year after they receive the funds. Attorney General James is ready to take action to protect tenants if landlords fail to abide by ERAP's rules.

"The rules are clear: Landlords who accept ERAP payments cannot raise rents for 12 months," said Attorney General James. "This program was created to support struggling tenants and keep New Yorkers in their homes during the pandemic. Landlords who accepted payments from the state yet are still raising rents are double dipping and breaking the law. I urge any tenant who accepted ERAP payments and received a new lease with rent increases from their landlord to contact my office."

ERAP is a rent relief program that provides support to low- and moderate-income tenants across the state who could not pay rent during the pandemic. Since the state started accepting applications in June 2021, it has provided hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers with financial support to pay off back rent. It pays up to 12 months of rental arrears accrued on or after March 13, 2020 as well as up to three months of additional rental assistance going forward. In addition, the program pays up to 12 months of electric or gas utility arrears that accrued on or after March 13, 2020. The program was recently infused with an additional \$800 million.

Landlords who accept ERAP payments agreed:

- Not to increase the monthly rental amount for one year from receipt of the ERAP payment;
- To waive any late fees due on any rental arrears covered by the ERAP payment; and

- Not to evict ERAP recipients when their lease expires. This does not apply if the apartment is in a building of four or fewer units and the property owner or owner's immediate family members intend to immediately occupy the unit for use as a primary residence.

The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) has received reports from tenants that landlords who accepted ERAP payments are sending them renewal leases with rent increases amid the 12-month grace period. While these leases may be generated automatically by management, landlords are cautioned not to seek rent increases in renewal or new leases that commence during the 12-month period.

"Now more than ever, it is critical for tenants across New York to empower themselves and know their rights under ERAP, and for landlords to adhere to the law," said Judith Goldiner, attorney-in-charge of Civil Law Reform Unit, The Legal Aid Society. "We applaud Attorney General James for putting property owners on notice and reinforcing that there will be serious consequences for unscrupulous landlords."

"The Emergency Rental Assistance program has been an effective tool in ensuring tenants can remain housed during a global health crisis," said Meghan Zickl, legal tenant advocate, PUSH Buffalo. "Continuing to fund ERAP is a decision we are relieved the New York state legislature made a priority in the most recent state budget. However, we remain concerned about landlords who will take advantage of this mutually beneficial program and seek to undermine the tenant protections in it by raising the rent during the first year, apply excessive late fees, or even trying to move their tenants out, all while accepting ERAP. We have seen this happen in the prior round of ERAP funding, and we must remain aware of those patterns and address them if our goal is to stabilize our communities."

"The state law that implemented ERAP took measures to promote housing stability," said Jill Bradshaw-Soto, Esq., chief program officer, Legal Services of the Hudson Valley. "Our cli-

ents face numerous obstacles to maintaining safe and sustainable housing and these challenges have increased during the pandemic. As the majority of tenants in housing court are unrepresented, it is critical that both tenants and landlords are informed and understand the ERAP program and its protections."

"During the COVID19 pandemic hundreds of families in North Brooklyn struggled with staying safe and healthy but lost income had difficulty meeting housing costs," said Frank Lang, housing director, St. Nicks Alliance. "In 2021 St. Nicks Alliance assisted over 200 households apply to the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) so these families don't become homeless. We remind landlords that received ERAP funds to comply with the program regulations. To tenants that received ERAP assistance we encourage them to seek Housing Counseling assistance to ensure that their housing rights are protected."

Attorney General James offers the following tips and guidance to tenants who have received funding from ERAP:

- Return leases that have a rent increase. Leases that include an increase within 12 months of your landlord receiving ERAP payments should be returned to your landlord with a note explaining that the landlord received ERAP payments and cannot increase the rent. Tenants should follow up with management to explain why the lease is improper and ask for a new lease to be issued.
- Monitor your rent statements. Check your rent statements to make sure that your rent hasn't been increased or that your landlord is charging you late fees for any of the months covered by the ERAP payment.
- Do not ignore court papers. Even if your landlord received an ERAP payment or you submitted an ERAP application, do not ignore court papers.
- Speak with an attorney. If your landlord is taking you to court or you have questions about your lease, you should speak with an attorney. You can visit OAG's tenant help website to find free legal representation.

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our community, we are creating a model of human justice through housing for the rest of the city to follow," said Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. "Congratulations and thank you to Elmcor for its efforts to uplift Queens residents, as well as all our elected and community partners who helped make this day possible."

"Elmcor Youth and Adult Activities Inc. boasts a proven track record of providing positive, impactful programming for the community" said District Attorney Melinda Katz. "Anyone from preschool aged children to senior citizens can access much needed assistance through this organization, including recreation activities, summer camp options, workforce development, food pantries, and drug rehabilitation. I am thrilled to see Elmcor expand its reach throughout the Borough and I look forward to continuing our strong partnership to ensure that Queens residents have access to quality community-based services."

"A lot of the issues that our city is facing stems from the lack of affordable housing, which is why when I set foot in the City Council creating a true path has been a priority. The construction of these new supportive and affordable housing units means less people struggling to put a roof over their head. Grateful to Elmcor and all involved for their work and partnership to have this right here in Corona, one of the hardest hit neighborhoods by COVID," said Council Member Francisco Moya, who represents district 21 including Corona.

"CSH is thrilled to be an early funding partner for Elmcor, and we congratulate them on starting construction on their first supportive housing development. This project, combining Elmcor's quality services and deep ties

in the community will create healthy vibrant homes where their residents can thrive," said Jen Trepinski, Director of Loan Originations at Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH).

Giovanna Reid, District Manager Queens Community Board 3 said "Community Board 3 is honored to be a part of this historic occasion, to see our community's hard fought dream come to fruition. The development of affordable housing for our at-risk families and seniors couldn't have come at a better time. This miracle is happening because of the vision of former Borough President Helen Marshall, esteemed elected officials and the dedication and outstanding work of Elmcor Youth and Adult Activities, Inc. Community Board 3 is proud to have played a small role in this endeavor."

To support the project, CPC is providing a \$1.7 million construction loan, and a \$2.5 million permanent loan through its funding partnership with NYCERS. HPD is providing \$2.9 million in subsidy through its Supportive Housing Loan Program. The office of the Queens Borough President is providing \$5.4 million in ResoA funding and the City Council is providing an additional \$2.5 million ResoA funding. The project also utilizes the NYC 15/15 program which provides rental assistance and supportive service operating support.

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new small businesses — things like navigating the licensing process and obtaining financing, among other areas.

"The cannabis industry could be a major boon to our economic recovery — creating new jobs, building wealth in historically underserved communities, and increasing state and local tax revenue," Adams said.

The announcement coincides with April 20 — also known as 4/20 — the date known for celebrating marijuana, and a day before neighboring New Jersey begins its own recreational pot sales.

Gov. Hochul used Wednesday

as a hook to launch a public service ad campaign to inform New Yorkers about the benefits of legal marijuana and building the Empire State as a global center of the cannabis industry.

"Part of us building the strongest cannabis industry in the nation is making sure New Yorkers have relevant facts at their fingertips," Hochul said.

Adams' economic blueprint says the cannabis industry will generate nearly \$1.3 billion in sales this year alone and create around 20,000 jobs within three years. It calls weed a significant driver of the city's recovery from the COVID pandemic, which exacerbated inequality.

## New York International Auto Show Features Cutting-Edge MTA Electric Bus

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The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) has provided an electric bus for display at the 2022 New York International Auto Show's electric vehicle pavilion at Jacob K. Javits Convention Center through April 24. The bus, a zero-emission New Flyer XD60 model operated by MTA New York City Transit, showcases the MTA's commitment to sustainability and pledge to transition to a zero-emission bus fleet by 2040. MTA supervisors are available to speak to auto show participants about the benefits of hybrid bus technology. It is also generating visibility to promote the MTA as an employer of choice. MTA

recruiters from multiple agencies are available to discuss MTA career opportunities.

"I am thrilled to see the hundreds of thousands of attendees at the New York International Auto show witness firsthand the MTA's commitment to operating a fully zero-emissions bus fleet by 2040," said New York City Transit Interim President Craig Cipriano. "I welcome any opportunity to highlight the \$1.1 billion in funding as part of the 2020-2024 MTA Capital Plan for 500 electric buses, and the charging infrastructure at up to eight depots to support these buses. As we continue to work with state and local government, the private sector, and utility companies to produce the technol-

ogy and infrastructure needed for an all zero-emissions fleet, I am encouraged by the enthusiasm our electric bus has generated amongst attendees, and I look forward to having more electric buses on New York City's streets in the coming years."

"Working at the MTA is an opportunity to be at the cutting-edge of public transit while being part of the team that moves the greatest city in the world," said MTA Chief Administrative Officer Lisette Camilo. "There are currently good-paying jobs available throughout the MTA, and we are thrilled that our new fleet of zero-emissions buses can help

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## Hour Children Announces 'Hour Mother's Day' Luncheon

### Event to Support Hour Children's Summer Programs

Hour Children, a leading provider of services for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated women and their children in New York State, will host a Mother's Day luncheon to support their summer programs on Wednesday, May 11 at Le Chateau located at 1410 NY-35 in South Salem, NY from noon to 2 p.m. Doors will open at 11:30 a.m. for registration.

Hour Children's summer programs are designed to meet the unique needs of children and young people who have been affected by their mothers' incarceration, and to nurture strong family connections. Funds raised will support Hour Children's programs in both Long Island City and Westchester County, New York. Programs include week long visiting programs for chil-

dren whose mothers are in prison, mother-child bonding activities, support families hosting children to visit their mothers and a summer day camp. These programs maximize a child's stability and a woman's chance of success upon reentry.

Luncheon attendees will enjoy a three-course lunch, with wine, beer and non-alcoholic beverages, while listening to inspiring Hour Children speakers. Attendees can also participate in Hour Auction. The auction will also be available virtually, and will launch Friday, May 6 at 5:30 p.m. (ET) and will run through the event, ending at 1:30 p.m. (ET) on May 11 – <https://hourmothersday.givesmart.com/>

About Hour Children - Hour Children is a leading provider of services to incarcerated and formerly incarcerated women in New York State. Focused on women and their children, Hour Children

supports families during and after and equips them with the tools they need to build their futures. It does this by providing housing, childcare, and vocational, educational and mental health services. Founded in 1992 by Sister Tesa Fitzgerald, the not-for-profit provides prison-based services such as infant nursery, transportation and visiting programs and parenting education and advocacy. Community programming includes supportive housing, job training, childcare support, mentoring for children, a community food pantry and Hour Thrift Shops to benefit the organization's work. For more information visit: <https://hourchildren.org/> or call 718-433-4724. Follow at <https://www.facebook.com/HourChildrenInc>, [https://www.instagram.com/hour\\_children/](https://www.instagram.com/hour_children/) and <https://twitter.com/hourchildreninc>

## MTA & Partners Announce Plan for Crime Stoppers Rewards

### Several Members of the Public Who Came Forward with Tips to Share Credit

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and New York Police Department (NYPD) today announced with its partners, the Transport Workers Union Local 100 and the New York City Police Foundation, that several members of the public who provided critical information about a suspect in Tuesday's subway shooting are in line to share a combined \$50,000 worth of Crime Stoppers Rewards.

After a recent morning's attack on the subway in Brooklyn, the NYPD issued a plea for help in locating a suspect identified by detectives – and several members of the public came forward with timely, accurate information that helped locate and apprehend the alleged shooter, Frank R. James.

"The NYPD is a great partner in protecting millions of subway riders every day," said MTA Chair and CEO Janno Lieber. "Witnesses who came forward with tips that helped detectives and federal agents put away the maniac accused of a horrific attack on our city, acted the way we encourage New Yorkers to help each other – See Something, Say Something."

"Thanks to the help of these five good Samaritans, the NYPD was able to do its job and get a dangerous suspect off the streets

just hours after his picture was released," said New York City Mayor Eric Adams. "The bravery of these five individuals are what truly make New York City the greatest city in the world. Thank you to the MTA, the Transport Workers Union Local 100, and the New York City Police Foundation for providing this \$50,000 reward."

"The public is who we serve, but they are also often our best partner," said Police Commissioner Keechant L. Sewell. "We appreciate all of those who responded to our call for information to locate this suspect, including all of those whose tips did not pan out. We urged the public to join us in this effort to find this suspect, and New Yorkers stepped up."

NYPD detectives traced the many tips that streamed into the NYPD and constructed a timeline of events leading to Mr. James's apprehension on Wednesday afternoon in Lower Manhattan. Members of the department's Detective Bureau identified five individuals whose information contributed directly to the arrest of Mr. James – approximately 30 hours after the mass attack.

Each of the five individuals performed actions that, under the established Crime Stoppers procedures, elevate them to be considered for receiving reward money. The plan is for the combined \$50,000 reward – comprised

of contributions from the Police Foundation, the MTA, and TWU Local 100 – to be split evenly among those identified individuals.

"Transport Workers Union Local 100 applauds these alert tipsters," said Transport Workers Union Local 100 President Tony Utano. "They helped police pinpoint the location of this very dangerous criminal, so he could be taken into custody. We now look forward to prosecutors taking the next step: Ensuring he never has the freedom to walk our streets or ride our subway trains again."

"The New York City Police Foundation is proud to have stepped forward with immediate funds to increase the reward and drive more attention to the urgent need to capture the person behind a terrible attack on New Yorkers," said President and CEO of the New York City Police Foundation, Susan L. Birnbaum.

The proceeds will flow to those five individuals in line with the standard criteria for distribution of all Crime Stoppers rewards, which is only upon the arrest and indictment of an individual. The Crime Stoppers process affords tipsters anonymity. Federal officials have charged Mr. James, 62, with carrying out an attack on a mass transit system, and he has been ordered held without bail after a brief, initial appearance on Thursday in Brooklyn federal court.

## Liu Statement on AAPI Funding

Senator John Liu stated the following about Governor Hochul's announcement regarding funding for AAPI communities in New York State.

"This year the AAPI Equity Budget Coalition detailed a \$64.5M community-sourced budget to address the horrific surge in hate crimes, the disproportionate impacts of COVID-19, and the historic underfunding

of AAPI communities. The \$20 million budget reported today by the governor is inadequate albeit a step in the right direction, and I hope to see that she will further commit her administration to providing the community-informed, culturally-relevant, and language-accessible services and community programming that AAPIs in New York so desperately need."

## Statement by Senator James Sanders Jr. Condemns Multiple Attacks on Sikhs in Richmond Hill

State Senator James Sanders Jr. said: "It is disgraceful that three of our Sikh brothers were viciously attacked in Richmond Hill recently and this type of behavior, and any type of hate crime, will not be tolerated in this community. It is heartbreaking that here, in Queens, the melting pot of so many cultures, that two young men, ages 19 and 20, would beat,

and in some cases rob, peaceful residents for no reason other than their religion and wearing of religious garb. Now these victims have been traumatized and these young men are facing 25 years in prison. This is senseless foolishness and it needs to stop. We are better than this. We should be teaching our young people respect for all races and religions."

## Statement From Speaker Adrienne Adams on Mayor Eric Adams' Waste Containerization Pilot Program Announcement

In response to Mayor Adams and the Department of Sanitation announcing a waste containerization pilot expansion to all five boroughs, Speaker Adrienne E. Adams released the following statement:

"New Yorkers deserve to live in communities that are safe and clean. I applaud Mayor Adams and the Department of

Sanitation for moving forward with this pilot program for containerization, which the Council prioritized in its Preliminary Budget Response. This can be a critical part of the city's waste management landscape, and we look forward to our continued partnership in achieving the necessary sanitation investments for New York City."

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recruit the next generation of the MTA workforce."

The MTA has 15 all-electric buses in its fleet. The MTA removes 17 million metric tons of carbon emissions from the air per year by providing public transit services as an alternative to personal vehicle use, and a zero-emission bus fleet will further reduce New Yorkers' carbon footprint. Zero-emission propulsion technology also results in quieter operations in addition to the benefits of

zero tail-pipe emissions, which make it ideal for operating vehicles in densely populated areas such as New York City. All-electric buses use an electric motor powered by a battery pack, and their propulsion systems recapture energy normally wasted in braking. Articulated buses, which are higher-capacity 60-foot-long buses used on Select Bus Service as well as on higher ridership routes, are ideal for electrification when used in densely populated urban areas where carbon emissions and traffic noise are public concerns.

## Meng Encourages Local High School Students to Enter Congressional Art Contest

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens) encouraged local high school students to enter her annual congressional district art contest, a competition where teens compete to have their artwork displayed in the U.S. Capitol.

Meng's contest, which consists of entries from students in her congressional district in Queens, is part of "An Artistic Discovery," which is the national art contest held each year by the House of Representatives to showcase the artwork of all congressional district art contest winners from across the nation.

The winning artwork of Meng's competition – along with the winning pieces from art contests in

Congressional districts throughout the United States – will be displayed for one year in the halls of the U.S. Capitol for all to see including visitors to Capitol Hill, House Members, Senators and maybe even the President.

The winner of Meng's competition, as well as second and third place runners-up, will be announced during a reception that the Congresswoman will host for students and their families, art teachers, principals and school administrators.

"Each year, students from throughout Queens submit exceptional pieces of art for the

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## Statement From Speaker Adrienne E. Adams on 32BJ SEIU And Realty Advisory Board Door Staff Deal

"Today is a tremendous day for 32,000 of New York City's hard-working building workers who successfully secured a fair, just, well-deserved, and long overdue contract. As the daughter of two union workers, I am proud to join the fight for fair wages and bene-

fits for essential workers who kept our city running and our residents safe throughout the pandemic, despite the health risks posed to them and their families. They are there for us during our toughest moments, so we must stand up in solidarity for them. This deal

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**ARIES**  
 (Mar. 21 - April 20)  
 Your tendency to talk to loud will drive everyone crazy. You must not make unnecessary changes in your financial holdings this week. Your lucky numbers are 1,8,9.

**TAURUS**  
 (Apr. 21 - May 21)  
 You enjoy taking courses. Don't dwell on past regrets. Spend time with youngsters this week. Financial deals look good this week. Your lucky numbers are 2,7,5.

**GEMINI**  
 (May 22 - June 21)  
 Your involvement in sports or entertainment will lead to meeting new friends. Be professional, and you will advance much more quickly. Your lucky numbers are 5,3,9.

**CANCER**  
 (June 22 - July 22)  
 Spend time with friends and relatives. You are best to do something energetic this week. Take the whole family on an enjoyable outing. Your lucky numbers are 7,4,3.

**LEO**  
 (July 23 - Aug 22)  
 Property in vestments should payoff. Make sure that you have covered yourself legally and try not to let your temper get out of hand. Your lucky numbers are 5,9,3.

**VIRGO**  
 (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23)  
 Try to avoid family squabbles. Time is money and you must be ready to take action in order to reach your highest potential. Your lucky numbers are 8,1,2.

**LIBRA**  
 (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)  
 Don't start any arguments, they may lead to a major fight. Listen to the complaints of others. Plan a nice evening for two. Your lucky numbers are 6,3,2.

**SCORPIO**  
 (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)  
 Work on yourself, try losing a little weight. Don't do things because someone else thinks you should. Attend to unfinished business. Your lucky numbers are 2,8,6.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
 (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)  
 Don't be too pushy at work. You can win points with family if you take the time to show interest in their accomplishments. Go out with friends. Your lucky numbers are 9,1,7.

**CAPRICORN**  
 (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)  
 Your best efforts will come through hard work. You would be best to work late in order to avoid such disharmony. Your nerves are frazzled. Your lucky numbers are 3,8,7.

**AQUARIUS**  
 (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)  
 Your own small business on the side sounds pretty lucrative. You will be viewed as a sensitive, compassionate individual. Your lucky numbers are 7,3,2.

**PISCES**  
 (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)  
 Your courage and willpower will enable you to get rid of destructive habits as well. Enjoy the company of relatives this week. Your lucky numbers are 3,1,8.

**Did You Know?**

- Rain contains vitamin B12
- Your liver has over 500 functions
- Your brain uses 25% of all the oxygen you breathe
- After Hawaii, New York is the state surrounded by the most water
- Ice skating rinks always go counter clock wise (for the majority of people that are right handed needing to hang onto the rail)
- A flea can jump 350 times its body length
- Cucumbers are 96% water.
- A full moon is 9 times brighter than a half moon
- A honeybee's top speed is 24kph (15mph)
- A humming bird flaps its wings up to 90 times a second (5,400 times a minute)
- Flies always launch backwards for a quick getaway
- Horses have 18 more bones than humans
- A cheetah's top speed is 114kph (70mph)
- Horses sleep standing up
- A jellyfish is 95% water
- Bats are the only mammals that fly
- A cat uses its whiskers to determine if a space is too small to squeeze through
- Every day 7% of the US eats at McDonalds
- A snail can sleep for 3 years
- Tigers have striped skin as well as fur
- 'Bookkeeper' and 'book-keeping' are the only 2 words in the English language with three consecutive double letters
- Venetian blinds were invented in Japan

**Answer to Last Weeks Puzzles**

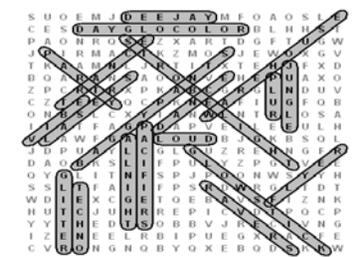
**"Sudoku"**

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**"Crossword Puzzle"**

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**"Try And Find"**



**SUDOKU**

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**CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

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**ACROSS**

1. Deadly snake
6. Passed with flying colors
10. Old flatboats
14. Labor organization
15. Back of the neck
16. Ruination
17. Pathfinder
18. Voyage
19. Not closed
20. Plague
22. Contends
23. Soft drink
24. You sew with this
26. Misplaced
30. Sprocket
31. Apply gently
32. Apiece
33. Gorillas
35. Perch
39. A sudden involuntary movement
41. Punishment
43. Trio
44. Dirty air
46. Raise a stink
47. Fire residue
49. Beer
50. Covered stadium
51. Depressed urban area
54. Essence
56. Adoration
57. Out of breath
63. Any minute
64. Short hit, in baseball
65. American symbol
66. Apollo astronaut Slayton
67. Put \_\_\_\_ words
68. Scoundrel
69. Got a good look at
70. Russian emperor
71. S S S

**DOWN**

1. Astrological transition point
2. One single time
3. Lives, in brief
4. Defeat decisively
5. Caper
6. Gazelles or hartebeests
7. Slaughter
8. Majestic
9. Rely
10. In the open
11. Speedy
12. Show obeisance
13. Feeling
21. Neighborhood
25. Deserve
26. For fear that
27. Pledge
28. Cicatrix
29. Menaced
34. Plunderer
36. Margarine
37. Flower stalk
38. Kid
40. Exam
42. Cast out
45. Shade of red
48. Tolkien creature
51. A clearing
52. It comes from bees
53. Call forth
55. Not here
58. Flees
59. Neighbor of Vietnam
60. They come from hens
61. Turn on a pivot
62. Notices

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## Comedies Spark Community Theater Revival in Queens

Over the next few weeks, a brand new community theater company will launch and a time-honored Queens troupe will return after a Covid-enforced break.

City Gate Productions will present Lobby Hero six times from Friday, April 29, to Sunday, May 8, at the Moose Lodge Theatre at 72-15 Grand Avenue in Maspeth.

Kenneth Lonergan's Tony-winning play follows a luckless young security guard, Jeff, who is drawn into a murder investigation. Truth becomes elusive and justice proves costly as Jeff's tightly wound supervisor is called to bear witness against his troubled brother and an attractive rookie cop must stand up to her seasoned partner.

General admission is \$20, and shows are on the Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm and the Sundays at 3 pm.

Meanwhile out in northeastern Queens, Douglaston Community Theatre returns with Social Security at Zion Church Parish Hall (243-01 Northern Blvd.) from



Friday, May 6, to Sunday, May 22.

The Andrew Bergman comedy is about married art dealers Barbara and David Kahn, who live in domestic tranquility on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. Then Barbara's nerdy suburban sister Trudy deposits their eccentric, archetypal Jewish mother Sophie on the couple's doorstep before rushing to Buffalo with

her uptight accountant husband Martin to deal with their college-student daughter's issues. Add a nonagenarian artist to the mix, and hilarity ensues.

Tickets cost \$22 for adults, but students and seniors can attend for \$20. The eight shows are on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm with two presentations on May 14 and May 22 at 2 pm.

## Council Member Linda Lee Makes Statement on Mayor, Chancellor Announcement on Gifted and Talented Program



New York City Council Member Linda Lee (District 23) has made the following statement in response to New York City Mayor Eric Adams and Schools Chancellor David Banks announcing that the Department of Education would expand the Gifted and Talented Program for the coming school year:

"Today the Mayor and Chancellor showed once again that they don't just talk, they get stuff done," said Lee. "Since the fall, parents, community leaders, and elected officials have

consistently called for G&T to be restored, and today the Mayor and Chancellor demonstrated that they are listening. By not just expanding the number of seats available citywide, but also expanding programs to every school district in the City, and allowing students to test into the program at later ages, this new program will prove that we can have equity and educational excellence at the same time. I thank the Mayor and Chancellor for this announcement and look forward to working closely with them to ensure smooth implementation in the months to come.

Lee, whose oldest son is not enrolled in the G&T program at his school while her youngest will be eligible to test-in next year, has been a consistent advocate for the restoration and expansion of the program in schools throughout New York City. In October, following former NYC Mayor Bill de Blasio's announcement that the G&T Program would be discontinued, Lee led a rally

com/2021/10/queens-lawmakers-and-parents-protest-elimination-of-gifted-and-talented-program/> alongside concerned parents and elected officials to protest the move. The Chair of the City Council's Committee on Mental Health, Disabilities, and Addictions, she also sits on the Council's Committee on Education and has made an effort to visit all 47 schools in her district within her first 100 days in office.

The announced plan would add approximately 100 new Kindergarten seats to the ~2,400 existing Gifted and Talented seats across DOE schools. Due to the de Blasio administration discontinuing testing for G&T classrooms, teachers will evaluate their pre-K students for admissions, with admissions for non-DOE students being conducted through interviews with DOE staff. All pre-K students will be evaluated for G&T admissions under the new plan. The plan also adds over 1,000 new third-grade seats across programs to be located in each school district citywide.

## Queens Post Offices Host "Grow Your Business" Events Supporting Small Businesses

This spring, the Postal Service is hosting a series of events to help small businesses grow. These Grow Your Business events recognize the importance of supporting small businesses.

To add convenience to shipping solutions, Post Offices around New York are hosting events during April to demonstrate how the Postal Service continues to create easy and affordable services designed to help small businesses grow.

Visit the following Post Offices to learn from experts on business development:

- April 21 — South Ozone Park Station, 12615 Foch Blvd., South Ozone Park, noon – 2 p.m.



- April 28 — Linden Hill Post Office, 2950 Union St. - Ste A, Flushing 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

"When it comes to helping  
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## Gillibrand Pushes For Legislation to Limit Levels of Toxic Heavy Metals in Baby Food



Senator Kirsten Gillibrand

Following a congressional investigation that found that many top-brand baby foods contain dangerous levels of toxic heavy metals, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand is announcing her support of the Baby Food Safety Act. Exposure to toxic heavy metals endangers infant neurological development and may cause a variety of health issues, including permanent decreases in IQ, disruptive behavior, or socialization challenges in growing children. The Baby Food Safety Act would limit the amount of lead, mercury, arsenic, and cadmium contained in baby food by imposing strict requirements on manufacturers to regularly test and verify that their

baby foods are under new, lowered limits for these substances. The legislation would also require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to further lower limits for toxic metals within two years, to put regulations in place within three years, and to review the regulatory limits every five years.

"It is outrageous that trusted brands are knowingly selling toxic baby food to unsuspecting parents," said Senator Gillibrand. "Lead and other heavy metals cause serious and permanent damage to our children's health. We must act now to keep our kids safe and I'm proud to be introducing this bill that will do just that."

A recent investigative report from Politico found serious deficiencies in the FDA's efforts to keep toxic elements out of baby food. The baby food industry currently self-regulates and often disregards its own standards for toxic heavy metals. Many brands of juice, candy, and water have also been found to contain high levels of lead and cadmium.

The bill was sponsored by Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and was also cosponsored by Senators Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Patrick Leahy (D-VT), Cory Booker (D-NJ), and Dianne Feinstein (D-CA).

## Ramadan Iftar



Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz joined the Jackson Heights Bangladeshi Business Association for a Ramadan Iftar with community members and local business leaders.

QDA Katz took the opportunity to remind attendees that my Office is here to help if their

local business, clients, or workers find themselves the victim of a crime. We provide dedicated services available to ensure that everyone who lives and works in Queens County remains safe from predatory scammers, fraudulent schemes, and real estate cons. Call 718-286-6673 if you need help.

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### MTA Recognizes World Autism Awareness Month With Announcements Recorded by Children Playing in the Subway

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), led by New York City Transit (NYCT) Senior Vice President of Subways Demetrius Crichlow, welcomed children with autism at Fulton Street Station on Monday, April 11, in recognition of World Autism Awareness Month. Students from the Foundry Learning Center had recorded their own public service announcements, which were inspired by those heard throughout the New York City Transit system. Parents also joined and heard their children's messages played in the station. The recorded announcements will be played today for tens of thousands of regular riders on station speakers throughout the city.



"The MTA is honored to embrace children with autism, their unique talents and abilities, as well as their overwhelming spirit of resilience," said New York City Transit Senior Vice President of Subways Demetrius Crichlow. "I

am happy to hear about the children's joyous experiences with the transit system and learn more about the important impact taking the subway has on both the children and their family's lives."

"I hope other transit systems across the world hear about this

project and do something similar to help bring more awareness about autism to their cities and countries," said Foundry Learning Center Co-Founder Jonathan Trichter. "It's important to know these children and adults are different but similar—and not less."

### Council Member Linda Lee Announces District-Wide Graffiti Cleanup Push in Partnership With Queens Economic Development Corporation

Council Member Linda Lee (D- Oakland Gardens) has announced a district-wide initiative to clean up graffiti in partnership with the Queens Economic Development Cooperation and driven by input from community members. She encouraged local residents to call or email her office to report graffiti on business storefronts or in public spaces.



"Graffiti that covers our local businesses and defaces our public spaces isn't just an eyesore, but it impacts our quality of life", said Council Member Linda Lee. "Eastern Queens is known for our diverse local businesses and beautiful open spaces. Residents - many of whom are raising families here - feel a real sense of joy and civic pride in their neighborhoods, but that sentiment is ruined when we see businesses or public works defaced with vulgarity. I want to thank the Queens Economic Development Corporation for their work on behalf of the community to clean and beautify District 23!"

As part of the ongoing effort, QEDC will power-wash and paint to remove graffiti from brick walls and fences/shutters, respec-

tively. As the weather warms and makes conditions more permissive, their work will accelerate. Lee's office has already directed 10 locations to be cleaned since she took office in January, with most of the work coming in recent weeks when temperatures make cleaning possible.

New York City Economic Development Corporation runs Graffiti-Free NYC (GFNYC) as a cooperative effort

between NYCEDC, The New York City Department of Sanitation, and the Office of the Mayor. The program is funded by discretionary funding allocated by Council Members to the Queens Economic Development Corporation and run by QEDC.

District 23 residents who want to report graffiti locations for the cleanup can call Lee's office at (718) 468-0137 or email to District23@council.nyc.gov.

### Korean American Family Service Center Youth Community Project Team (YCPT) -Rally Against Sexual Assault

Korean American Family Service Center (KAFSC)'s Youth Community Project Team (YCPT) hosted a Rally Against Sexual Assault on April 15, 2022 in front of Murray Hill Long Island Rail Road Station to raise awareness and support survivors of Sexual Assault with performances.



The "Catalyst Award" honoree Assemblymember Catalina Cruz who sponsored "Rape is Rape" Bill expressed her commitment to support survivors thanked YCPT for hosting the rally.

Guest speakers included Queensborough Deputy President Ebony Young, Senator John Liu, Assemblymember Edward

C. Braunstein, Councilmember Sandra Ung, Councilmember Linda Lee, Queens Family Justice Center Executive Director

Susan Jacob, President of Korean Community Services of Metro-

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### Liu Statement on Expansion of Gifted And Talented in NYC Public Schools



Mayor Adams and Chancellor Banks to expand accelerated learning programming.

"Glad to see some positive movement on accelerated learning in public schools, and kudos to the mayor and the chancellor for this step forward. An expansion is welcome news, although it relies on a lottery and nebulous recommendations that are a cause for concern to many parents and families. Going forward beyond this school year, the administration must be sure to engage parents and students who have long called for more accelerated learning in order to address these outstanding issues.

Senator John Liu, Chair of the NYS Senate Committee on NYC Education, stated the following about today's announcement by

### New York Schools Have Five Years to Begin Electric Bus Conversion



Studies show numerous benefits to going electric. Diesel fuel has been shown to exacerbate respiratory illnesses and cause cancer. Electric buses have 70 percent lower greenhouse gas emissions than diesel buses, which benefits the environment and results in cleaner air for students, drivers and the community, according to advo-

cate. "Our students go to school to learn but we put them at risk when we send them to school in diesel buses," Julie Tighe, president of the New York League of Conservation Voters, said in a statement. "We have to consider that asthma is the leading cause of school absences, currently impacting 1 in 10 school-aged children in New York State."

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# IT'S IN QUEENS

(April 21 to April 27)

Earth First, Apple Blossom, Green Planet, DirtFest, and Climate Arts. There's a theme to many of this week's Queens events. Earth Day has arrived, and Spring has sprung!

- April 22, Earth Day Stroller-Friendly Stroll, 8:30 am. An educator leads a guided, relaxing walk in nature and talks about the trails, flora, and fauna. Strollers and young children are encouraged to attend. Alley Pond Environmental Center, 224-65 76th Ave., Oakland Gardens.

- April 23, Dirtfest 2022, noon. This celebration of Earth Day (and Spring) mixes hands-on activities, such as gardening, with free workshops, great food, a scavenger hunt, children's activities, ballet, and the naming ceremony for a weather station. Socrates Sculpture Park, 32-01 Vernon Blvd., Long Island City.

- April 23, Apple Blossom Carnival, April 24. This annual festival includes hayrides, midway games, food vendors, and farm animals. The fun returns the following weekend, too. Queens County Farm Museum, 73-50 Little Neck Pkwy., Glen Oaks.

- April 23, Crazy Talented Asians + Friends: An Evening of Live Comedy, 8 pm. Led by NYC-born actor/writer Otter Lee, this troupe presents stand-up routines, sketches, and wacky stories about triumphing over the COVID quarantine. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd.

- April 23, Tumbleweed, 8 pm. The New American Voices 2020 Virtual Reading Series lets playwrights share developing works to audiences that provide feedback to foster discussions in fun, interactive ways. This night's play is Marus Scott's "Tumbleweed," which explores beauty standards, interracial marriage, parenting, and other themes as Willow's natural hair stirs up heated controversy. Queens Theatre, 14 United Nations Ave. S., Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- April 23, Bamboo Forest, May 22. Visual artist and art professor Seung Lee exhibits his bamboo-themed pieces. The Garage Art Center, 26-01 Corporal Kennedy St., Bayside.

- April 23, Green Garden, Green Planet, 1 pm. A family-friendly Earth Day event to reconnect participants to the natural world and learn to be good stewards of the planet. Add a workshop to create feeders for wild-birds and window-sill plantings and a scavenger hunt. Voelker Orth Museum, 149-19 38th Ave., Flushing.

- April 23, Earth Day, 2:30 pm. The fun starts with a children's event offered by the Alley Pond Environmental Center. Then there's a live concert and a wine-and-cheese reception for the ongoing photo exhibition "Soar." Maple Grove Cemetery, 127-15 Kew Gardens Rd.

- April 23, Book Fair, noon. The



FTH Crazy Talented Asians



Kup Bubbles

BlaQue Resource Network facilitates an afternoon of free books, a youth open mic, giveaways, and other activities. King Manor Museum, 150-03 Jamaica Ave.

- April 24, B-Underwater Bubble Show, 3 pm. Inspired by such fairy tales as "Alice in Wonderland," "The Little Mermaid," and "Peter Pan," this show includes colorful costumes, laser technology, optical illusions, and soap bubble tornadoes. Enjoy dance, puppetry, juggling, contortionism, sand art, and a little bit of magic. Queens College's Colden Auditorium, 153-49 Reeves Ave., Flushing.

- April 24, Tree Giveaway, 11 am. The New York Restoration Project gives away native species, such as Black Cherry, Sweetbay Magnolia, and Eastern Red Cedar for two hours. Registration is required. Queens Botanical Garden Parking Lot, 42-80 Crommelin St., Flushing.

- April 24, New Music Horizons, 2 pm. Classical composer Alicia Lieu shares new material from her opera-in-progress "Unwrapping Fortune," which follows Ivy and Kwan Fai through the themes of love and Chinese food. Jazz composer Mark Wade's trio specializes in interplay and expressive improvisation. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd.

- April 24, Walking Tour of Ridgewood, 2 pm. "Walking Queens" author Adrienne Onofri leads a tour of Ridgewood with an emphasis on history, landmarks, demographics, and food. Meet in front of Blink at 55-27 Myrtle Ave. between Madison Street and Putnam Avenue.

- April 24, Climate Arts Festival, 11 am. Creative workshops, art exhibits, performances, farm

tours, DIY worm bins, sustainable farming and composting, artists, and a wildflower seed ball. Queens Botanical Garden, 43-50 Main St., Flushing.

- April 24, Come Back Cities, 1 pm. This event is an in-person and virtual community gathering to unite and celebrate families of deaf-blind children. It includes arts and crafts activities, theater games, and community resources. Queens Museum, NYC Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- April 25, National Poetry Month Reading, 6:30 pm. The Greater Astoria Historical Society hosts this sixth annual National Poetry Month reading, featuring local verse masters Maria Lisella, Olena Jennings, and Ama Birch along with a poetry open mic.

- April 25, Meet the Playwright, 7 pm. Krystle N. Adams is a Brooklyn-born actress, writer, singer, and director. Her "The Father Chronicle" is a mix of dark and light drama that explores the father-daughter relationship in all of its complexities. Jamaica Center for Arts & Learning, 161-04 Jamaica Ave.

- April 27, Online Movie Trivia Night, 7 pm. The Museum of the Moving Image and Movie Trivia NYC host an evening of cinematic fun, featuring a guest round from Patrick Cotnoir of "The George Lucas Talk Show." Bring friends and family for the chance to win a MoMI membership, guest passes, and bragging rights.

- April 27, Riddim Section Presents: AshtnMrtn, 8 pm. Soulful R&B artist AshtnMrtn's eclectic blend serves as the soundscape to the Brooklyn native's music and upbringing. Jamaica Center for the Arts & Learning, 161-04 Jamaica Ave.

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## Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas' Reproductive Equity Act Included In The Fy23 New York State Budget



After months of advocacy, Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas was pleased to see the Governor's inclusion of the Reproductive Equity Act (REA) in the final FY 2023 Article VII Bill for Health and Mental Hygiene. As the primary sponsor of the REA in the Assembly, Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas was heartened that the Governor and legislative leadership chose to include changes to the insurance law in the final Enacted Budget so that no insured New Yorker will have to pay out-of-pocket for the abortion care they need.

The Reproductive Equity Act requires that insurance providers cover all types of abortion care, regardless of how the person seeking that care came to be pregnant. Until this Enacted Budget, private insurance plans that mirrored the Department of Financial Services' model policy regarding abortion coverage excluded coverage for any abortion that the plans deemed medically unnecessary. The Enacted Budget contains the legislative language of the REA and will, in effect, make this bill law. Specifically, the Enacted Budget stipulates that "every policy which provides hospital, surgical, or medical coverage and which offers maternity coverage pursuant to paragraph ten of this subsection shall also provide coverage for abortion services for an enrollee". With this budget, insurance plans in New York State will no longer be able to deny abortion coverage to enrollees because they deem the care to be medically unnecessary.

The REA was supported by the New York Civil Liberties Union, National Institute for Reproductive Health Action Fund, Planned Parenthood Empire State Acts, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists District II, the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice, and the National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum. It is a direct response to the wave of abortion bans and restrictions that state legislators are introducing across the country and curtails active efforts to exclude reproductive health care from insurance coverage in New York. Now more than ever, it is vital that legislation in New York protects and advances the reproductive rights of New Yorkers and makes reproductive health care more accessible. This legislation is essential for the health of the state. With the Governor and legislative leadership's inclusion of the REA in the Enacted Budget, New York will set an example for other states fighting to expand abortion access.

"Reproductive justice works towards a vision in which every individual has the social, political, and economic resources to make

safe and informed decisions about their bodies. People of all different races, genders, and sexual identities deserve the right to make their own choices about their reproductive health and cost, and insurance should not be a barrier to that. While we have had a long history of fighting for reproductive health here in New York, there is still a lot more to do. The Reproductive Equity Act will take us one step further towards equity. I'm proud to have worked with Senator Samra Brouk on this legislation and I'm thrilled that its language was included in the final Enacted Budget for FY2023," said Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas.

"At a time when women's rights and bodily autonomy are under attack across the nation, I am proud of the work we have done to keep New York moving forward. The inclusion of the Reproductive Equity Act into this year's enacted budget means that countless New Yorkers can now rest assured that their health insurance will cover abortion care in the same way that it covers other kinds of care—removing a cost barrier that can deter women from receiving the services they need. I'm grateful to my colleague, Assemblymember Jessica Gonzales-Rojas for carrying this legislation with me to ensure that all New Yorkers, regardless of their insurance, can access an abortion if they need one," said Senator Samra Brouk.

"At this moment, the country needs New York's leadership. Half the states lie in wait to ban abortion entirely if the Supreme Court overturns or eviscerates Roe, and access to care in many parts of the country is already a fiction," said Katharine Bodde, Assistant Policy Director at the New York Civil Liberties Union. "Today, our state took a significant step toward breaking down financial barriers to care by requiring comprehensive abortion insurance coverage in private plans and putting an end to the discriminatory and stigmatizing scheme which forced New Yorkers to justify their abortion in order to receive private insurance coverage. Four decades ago, and three years before the Court decided Roe, New York first opened its doors to people from across the U.S. who needed abortion care. We will do so again and today we affirm that abortion is critical to advancing the health and equality of all communities."

Becca Asaki, New York City Organizing Manager at the National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF), said: "We applaud the inclusion of the Reproductive Equity Act in the New York State Budget. Abortion access is a racial justice issue, and Asian American and Pacific Islander communities are disproportionately impacted by financial barriers to health care, including abortion care. Requiring private insurance to cover abortion care is an important step toward expanding abortion access to every person. We thank Assembly Member González-Rojas and Senator Brouk for

championing this legislation. As reproductive rights are rolled back across the country, the New York legislature chose to stand up for abortion access."

"New York took an important step towards removing all barriers to accessing abortion care by requiring no-cost insurance coverage. This is one of many ways elected leaders can live up to the responsibility they have to protect and expand access to abortion care. National Institute for Reproductive Health Action Fund is proud of and grateful for the leadership of Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas and Senator Samra Brouk and to Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Speaker Carl Heastie and Governor Kathy Hochul for ensuring that we accomplished it in the budget. We look forward to working with them and their legislative colleagues to remove every last barrier and ensure every protection for those who seek abortion care in New York," said Danielle Castaldi-Micca, Vice President of Political and Government Affairs, National Institute for Reproductive Health (NIRH) Action Fund.

"In the coming months, the Supreme Court could unravel nearly 50 years of settled precedent in Roe v. Wade - rolling back the clock on our rights to determine our reproductive destinies. New York is not immune to the impact of this looming decision and its implications for abortion access across our country. At Planned Parenthood, we know that the right to abortion is a hollow promise without meaningful access to care. The Reproductive Health Equity Act is an important step forward in creating greater equity and accessibility to abortion care, which in turn gives more individuals control over their lives, educations, families, and futures. Planned Parenthood Empire State Acts thanks Assemblymember González-Rojas, Senator Brouk, and Governor Hochul for their work to include this necessary provision in the FY-2023 state budget," said Georgana Hanson, interim President and CEO, Planned Parenthood Empire State Acts.

"During a time of unprecedented attacks on abortion care, New York lawmakers have made it clear that we need to focus on equity in healthcare access by including the Reproductive Equity Act (REA) in New York State's new budget. The REA will guarantee that coverage for abortion care is accessible to New Yorkers at no cost anywhere pregnancy care is provided! This eliminates the stigma that surrounds abortion, creates parity for all pregnancy options, and ensures that individuals can afford to self-determine if and when to grow their families. We are proud of the lawmakers, advocates, and allies who made this happen, and we celebrate this win along with all the BIPOC, Latina/x, Trans and Gender non-conforming New Yorkers who will see the greatest gains from the REA," said Elizabeth Estrada, NY Field and Advocacy Manager, The National Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice.

## Korean American Family Service Center Youth Community Project Team (YCPT) -Rally Against Sexual Assault

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politan New York, Inc. (KCS), Myongmi Kim, Gardens of Hope Youth Empowerment Program Coordinator Eunice Wang, Marilla Li (Chinese-American Planning

Council), Lily Liang (National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum NAPAWF) and Violence Intervention Program (VIP)'s Sexual Violence Project Manager Jennifer Ruiz Diaz attended and shared their support to all survivors.

## Rep. Maloney Unveils Temporary Medical Care Unit at Astoria Houses

Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney (NY-12), Governor Kathy Hochul, Deputy Mayor Lorraine Grillo, New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA), Astoria Houses tenant leaders, the Floating Hospital, the Tuchman Foundation, and the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) unveiled a temporary medical care unit at Astoria Houses to provide free COVID-19 vaccines and tests.

The temporary medical care unit is made from 40-foot-long repurposed shipping containers and was designed by a research and development consortium composed of the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) and The Tuchman Foundation. The Congresswoman worked with NJIT, the City and State of New York, New York City Housing Authority, the Tuchman Foundation, and The Floating Hospital to secure the unit for placement at Astoria Houses.

The unit will be operated by the Floating Hospital, a NYC-based charity hospital that provides healthcare services to anyone in need. The site will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 5 pm.

Currently, there is only one permanent vaccination site within half a mile of Astoria Houses, and two permanent vaccination sites in the 11102 zip code. The lack of access to vaccines has led, in part, to a COVID-19 case rate within this zip code that is more than double the Queens and New York City case rates: about 30,300 per 100,000 individuals compared to approximately 13,350 and 12,600, respectively. Similarly, the COVID-19 death rate within this zip code is approximately 616 per 100,000 individuals, compared to about 448 in Queens and 408 in New York City.

"I am proud to have partnered with The Floating Hospital, the New York City Housing Authority, the New Jersey Institute of Technology, and the Tuchman Foundation to bring this temporary medical care unit to Astoria Houses," said Rep. Maloney. "Health care is and always should be a human right. This has not been more evident than in the past two years, as we confronted the coronavirus pandemic and millions of people were unable to access COVID-19 tests and vaccinations. Currently, there is only one permanent vaccination site within half a mile of Astoria Houses, and two permanent vaccination sites in the 11102 zip code. The lack of access to vaccines at Astoria Houses has led, in part, to a COVID-19 case rate within this zip code that is more than double the Queens and New York City case rates. No one should be denied healthcare based

on where they live, and that is why I worked so hard to get this temporary medical care unit on the ground at Astoria Houses for COVID-19 tests and vaccinations."

"We need to make sure New York's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic is inclusive, equitable and fair. That's why it's so important to have sites like this new medical care unit at the Astoria Houses, bringing much-needed resources and services to communities that had been left behind for far too long. I'm grateful to the hard-working medical professionals who will ensure local residents have tests and vaccines, and thankful to my friend Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney whose advocacy has been instrumental in making this project a reality," said Governor Kathy Hochul.

"The COVID-19 pandemic underscored the importance of bringing healthcare facilities capable of coronavirus detection and treatment to as many communities as possible," said NYCHA Chair & CEO Greg Russ. "We are grateful to Congresswoman Maloney and The Floating Hospital for working with us to establish this testing and vaccine clinic— which will ensure that the continued health and safety of public housing residents is a top priority."

"Rep. Maloney has long been a champion for us and the western Queens communities, and this is just one more example of how in tune she is with community needs and her diligence in pursuing solutions. We are very thankful for her work and for all the parties who contributed efforts and ideas to make this happen so we can ensure safe Covid practices for underserved residents," said Sean T. Granahan Esq., President and General Counsel, The Floating Hospital.

"These mobile medical units are an innovative solution to a very complex problem, which is what we are all about at NJIT. These units are fabricated from repurposed shipping containers and have proven effective as triage centers in real-world settings. They provide customizable internal environments that can be configured for various medical applications, including clinical point-of-care services and the testing and treatment of communicable and non-communicable diseases. Additionally, they are easily transportable for rapid deployment. What we are particularly proud of, in this instance, is the collaboration that took place that brought this approach into existence in response to a global problem," said Oya I. Tukul, Ph.D. Dean, Martin Tuchman School of Management at NJIT.

## Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas Helps Secure Postpartum Care Coverage For Undocumented Birthing People in Enacted Budget

*The Assembly budget extends postpartum Medicaid from 60 days to 12 months for undocumented New Yorkers earning up to 223% of the federal poverty level.*

Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas successfully advocated for an expansion of Medicaid postpartum coverage from 60 days to 12 months for all New Yorkers, regardless of immigration status, in the enacted budget. The Governor and legislative leadership's inclusion of this provision was a major victory for immigrant New Yorkers, advocates, and Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas, who all fought for more equitable access to lifesaving reproduc-

tive health care.

Assemblymember González-Rojas opposed the exclusion of undocumented people who give birth from postpartum Medicaid expansion in Governor Hochul's preliminary executive budget. As written, the Governor's proposal excluded approximately 3,500 birthing people from receiving the full 12 months of postpartum coverage that all other eligible birthing people on Medicaid would receive, simply because of their immigration status. With this provision in the budget, New York begins to make good on its promises to promote reproductive equity and address the maternal mortality and morbidity crises.

"I've dedicated much of

my career to fighting for reproductive justice, particularly for people of color and immigrants. These few lines in the FY2023 budget are extremely important to me. Undocumented birthing people are just as deserving of postpartum care as any other New Yorker. No one should have to deal with the added burden of having to scramble to find new health care or go without it entirely, shortly after they've given birth. I'm grateful to all the advocates who've been at the forefront of this fight and my colleagues in the Assembly for including postpartum coverage for our undocumented neighbors in the enacted state budget," said Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas.

## Chairwoman Maloney And Senator Grassley Call on TransDigm to Repay Millions it Overcharged the Defense Department

Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney, Chairwoman of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform, and Sen. Chuck Grassley, Ranking Member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, sent a letter to defense contractor TransDigm Group Inc. (TransDigm) demanding that the company immediately repay the \$20.8 million in taxpayer funds it received by charging the Department of Defense (DOD) excessive prices on spare parts contracts.

"The excess profits TransDigm received must be returned to taxpayers so these funds can be used to ensure our military has needed supplies, such as military equipment that DOD is transferring to the Ukrainian military to help them defend their country from Russian aggression," the Members wrote. According to DOD, "TransDigm has not repaid DOD a single dollar or indicated

that it intends to do so."

The lawmakers asked TransDigm to inform them by April 25, 2022, if they will repay the \$20.8 million. If not, the lawmakers called on TransDigm to produce a range of documents no later than April 29, 2022.

On January 19, 2022, the House Oversight Committee held a hearing to examine TransDigm's practice of charging DOD excessive prices on mission-critical spare parts for aircraft. At that hearing, Committee Members called on TransDigm to repay the excess profit. In advance of the hearing, DOD sent letters to TransDigm and its subsidiaries asking that the excess profit be repaid.

In December 2021, the DOD Office of Inspector General (OIG) issued a report on TransDigm's pricing practices. The DOD OIG determined that TransDigm earned at least \$20.8

million in excess profits on 105 of the 106 types of spare parts reviewed and concluded that these parts "were not obtained at fair and reasonable prices."

On May 15, 2019, the House Oversight Committee held a bipartisan hearing examining a previous DOD OIG report that found TransDigm received \$16.1 million in excess profits. After Committee Members called on the company to refund the money during the hearing, TransDigm repaid the full \$16.1 million to DOD.

In the Senate, Senator Grassley pushed for accountability from the Pentagon amid reported price gouging by DOD contractors, including TransDigm, and welcomed the contractor's plan to repay the Pentagon for the overcharges identified in 2019. Since then, he's continued to press DOD for transparency on other TransDigm contracts.

## Joint Statement From Speaker Adrienne E. Adams & Council Housing and Buildings Committee Chair Pierina Sanchez on New York City Rent Guidelines Board's Recommended Rent Increases

"New Yorkers are still feeling the squeeze from the economic impacts of the pandemic, rising inflation, and other expenses. While many costs have increased for New Yorkers, it is unfair and unreasonable to pass the burden to the tenants of rent-stabi-

lized tenants, who are still struggling to recover. With the eviction moratorium and other protections expired, it is unconscionable to propose a rent increase of up to 9 percent for renters, which would only exacerbate the housing and homelessness crises

confronting our city. We call on the Rent Guidelines Board to seriously consider the harm that level of rent hike would cause and support actions that would safeguard the safety, health, and well-being of New York's rent-stabilized tenants."

## Mayor Adams Appoints Jessica Tisch as Commissioner Of The Department Of Sanitation

New York City Mayor Eric Adams today announced the appointment of Jessica Tisch as commissioner of the New York City Department of Sanitation (DSNY). Tisch brings over a decade of experience transforming government agencies to work more efficiently and effectively for New Yorkers. As deputy commissioner of Information Technology at the New York City Police Department (NYPD), Tisch led the department into the 21st century — modernizing systems to strengthen public safety and improve communications. Most recently, Tisch served as commissioner for the Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications (DoITT), where she launched the modernization of the city's information technology infrastructure and managed critical COVID-19 response and recovery efforts. As DSNY commissioner, Tisch will manage the city's waste collection, recycling, and disposal, as well as cleaning and snow removal for approximately 6,500 miles of city streets.

"Jessica's knowledge, experience, and unwavering commitment to New York City cannot be overstated," said Mayor Adams. "Put plainly, Jessica is a 'Get Stuff Done' leader, who has delivered continuous results on behalf of all New Yorkers throughout her career. From revolutionizing policing technology in the NYPD, to overseeing critical pandemic programs to support New Yorkers in need, Jessica's work has touched millions. All New Yorkers deserve clean, safe, and welcoming streets, and I know Jessica will bring the same energy and deliver results leading the sanitation department as we continue building a just

and prosperous recovery for all. I also want to thank Commissioner Grayson for his decades of service — all New Yorkers owe him a debt of gratitude for his unwavering leadership throughout the pandemic."

"Jessica Tisch brings years of experience navigating city government, and I look forward to working with her as commissioner for the Department of Sanitation," said Deputy Mayor for Operations Meera Joshi. "As the leader for the Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications, she delivered results, and I know she will work hard to keep our streets clean, make waste collection greener, and keep our roads clear when the winter returns."

"Clean, safe neighborhoods will power New York City's recovery, and innovations in composting, recycling, and collection will secure our future," said DSNY Commissioner Jessica Tisch. "The Department of Sanitation is essential to building the comeback New Yorkers deserve, and I thank Mayor Adams and Deputy Mayor Joshi for entrusting me to helm New York's Strongest. I'm honored to help the mayor realize his vision for a safer and more welcoming city."

"Jessica Tisch will do a great job as the city's next commissioner of sanitation," said U.S. Senator Charles Schumer. "She has the managerial and governmental experience, the energy, and that New York can-do attitude that will keep DSNY humming. I wish her all the best."

"Congratulations to Jessica Tisch on her appointment as New York City Department of Sanitation commissioner — one of the most

important civil service roles in our city," said Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. "Queens looks forward to working with her to keep our streets clean and clear all year long, no matter what the weather throws our way. Queens is also deeply grateful to one of our own, outgoing Sanitation Commissioner Ed Grayson, for his tireless service and dedication to our city over the past two turbulent years. We wish him nothing but the best in his next endeavor."

"I congratulate Jessica Tisch on her appointment to commissioner of the Department of Sanitation," said New York City Councilmember Robert Holden. "As former chair of the Council Committee on Technology, I've had the pleasure of working with Commissioner Tisch while she led the charge on many advancements as commissioner of the Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications. She is a competent leader who works well with the council, and Mayor Adams made a great choice to tap her to lead New York's Strongest."

About Jessica Tisch - Tisch began her public service career in 2008, when she joined the NYPD. She is a graduate of Harvard College, Harvard Law School, and Harvard Business School, and is a lifelong New Yorker. Jessica Tisch was appointed DOITT commissioner and citywide chief information officer in December 2019. As commissioner, she ran the largest municipal IT organization in the country, with a wide portfolio, ranging from public safety to human services to economic development, as well as New York City 311.

## Rep. Maloney Tests Positive for COVID-19

After learning that her latest Covid Home Test was positive and that the results were confirmed by a lab PCR test, Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney (D-NY) released the following statement:

"I am in good spirits, just feeling a bit like I have a bad cold. But

I'm also feeling grateful that testing is now easily and widely available, so I won't unknowingly spread the virus to friends and family. And I am especially grateful that I have had my COVID vaccine shots and my Boosters. I hate to contemplate what I might be facing

were that not the case. We're all in a much better place than we were 2 years ago at this time.

Per CDC guidance and the advice of the Attending Physician of the Capitol, I am quarantining at home in New York City. Maybe I'll use the time to read some banned books."

## Queens Post Offices Host "Grow Your Business" Events Supporting Small Businesses

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small business grow in New York, your business is our business," said Flushing Postmaster John Lunghi.

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novations for advertising. In addition, we continue to provide shipping solutions such as Priority Mail that help small business ship economically and confidently," Lunghi added.

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Sino, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 2/17/2022. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Amelia Simione, 67-57 78th St., Middle Village, NY 11379. General Purpose. 3/17,24,31,4/7,14&21/2022

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295 SCHAEFER LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/11/22. 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, 295 Schaefer Street, Brooklyn, NY 11237. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 3/31,4/7,14,21,28&5/5/2022

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CPQ 120 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/25/22. 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, 212-03 53rd Avenue, Bayside, NY 11364. Purpose: Any lawful purpose 4/7,14,21,28,5/5&12/2022

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75-07 PENELOPE AVE., LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/17/22. 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, 75-07 Penelope Avenue, Middle Village, NY 11379. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 3/24,31,4/7,14,21&28/2022

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Nostalgia Collection LLC filed w/ SSNY on 4/4/22. Office: Queens Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 28-29 36th St., Astoria, NY 11103. Purpose: any lawful. 4/14,21,28,5/5,12&19/2022

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Huge Construction LLC filed w/ SSNY on 3/11/22. Office: Queens Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 61-27 186th St., Fresh Meadows, NY 11365. Purpose: any lawful. 4/21,28,5/5,12,19&26/2022

Notice of Formation of MIYOKIS LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/29/2021. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1865 211th Street, Apt 6F, Bayside, NY 11360. Purpose: any lawful activities. 4/21,28,5/5,12,19&26/2022

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Notice of Formation of AHAVAH LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/06/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 126-15 Inwood Street, Jamaica, NY 11436. Purpose: any lawful activities. 4/21,28,5/5,12,19&26/2022

52-14 FLUSHING AVENUE, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/15/2022. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 52-14 Flushing Avenue, Maspeth, NY 11378. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 4/21,28,5/5,12,19&26/2022

**Queens Post Offices Host "Grow Your Business" Events Supporting Small Businesses**

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the lows. These events are designed to address the unique needs of small businesses, even during these challenging times. At these events you'll have the ability to:  
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**Asian Pacific American Heritage Month: Asian Pavilions of the 1964 World's Fair**

**Sunday, May 8, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**  
Celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month with NYC Parks! The Urban Park Rangers will discuss

some of the Asian nations that participated in the 1964 World's Fair. This walking tour will include stories from inside the pavilions and the enduring gifts from Asia that are still present in

the park today. Location Unisphere in Flushing Meadows Corona Park Queens  
Cost Free  
For more information call (718) 352-1769

**Meng Encourages Local High School Students to Enter Congressional Art Contest**

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competition, and I am always impressed by their outstanding talent and creativity," said Meng. "I encourage students to participate in this year's contest, and look forward to congratulating the winner whose artwork will represent our congressional district in Washington, D.C. I wish the best of luck to all who enter."

The judges will consist of outside individuals. Entries must be two-dimensional and no larger than 26 inches high, 26 inches wide, and 4 inches deep. Accepted mediums include paintings, drawings, collages, prints, mixed media, computer-generated art and photographs. They must not violate U.S. copyright laws.  
The deadline to submit

entries to Meng's office is May 2. The Artistic Discovery contest was launched in 1982 for Members of Congress to highlight the artistic work of high school students from around the nation. Since it began, hundreds of thousands of high school students from throughout the United States have participated in the competition.



### Tools to Combat Hate Crimes



Hate crimes have no place anywhere and certainly not in Queens, the most diverse county in the nation, where our differences are our strength. Governor Kathy Hochul and the State Legislature showed great leadership in providing the tools and resources to combat hate

crimes as part of this year's budget. Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz joined the Governor, state lawmakers, faith-leaders, and community leaders at Queens College last week as the Governor announced a significant investment towards safety and security.

### Gillibrand Meets With 82nd Airborne Division in Poland



Addressing her meeting with the 82nd Airborne in Poland, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand issued the following statement:

"I was honored to meet with the brave men and women of the

82nd Airborne Division in Poland. Their dedication to protecting freedom and democracy is inspiring. I'm deeply grateful for their service to our country and their work to defend our allies."

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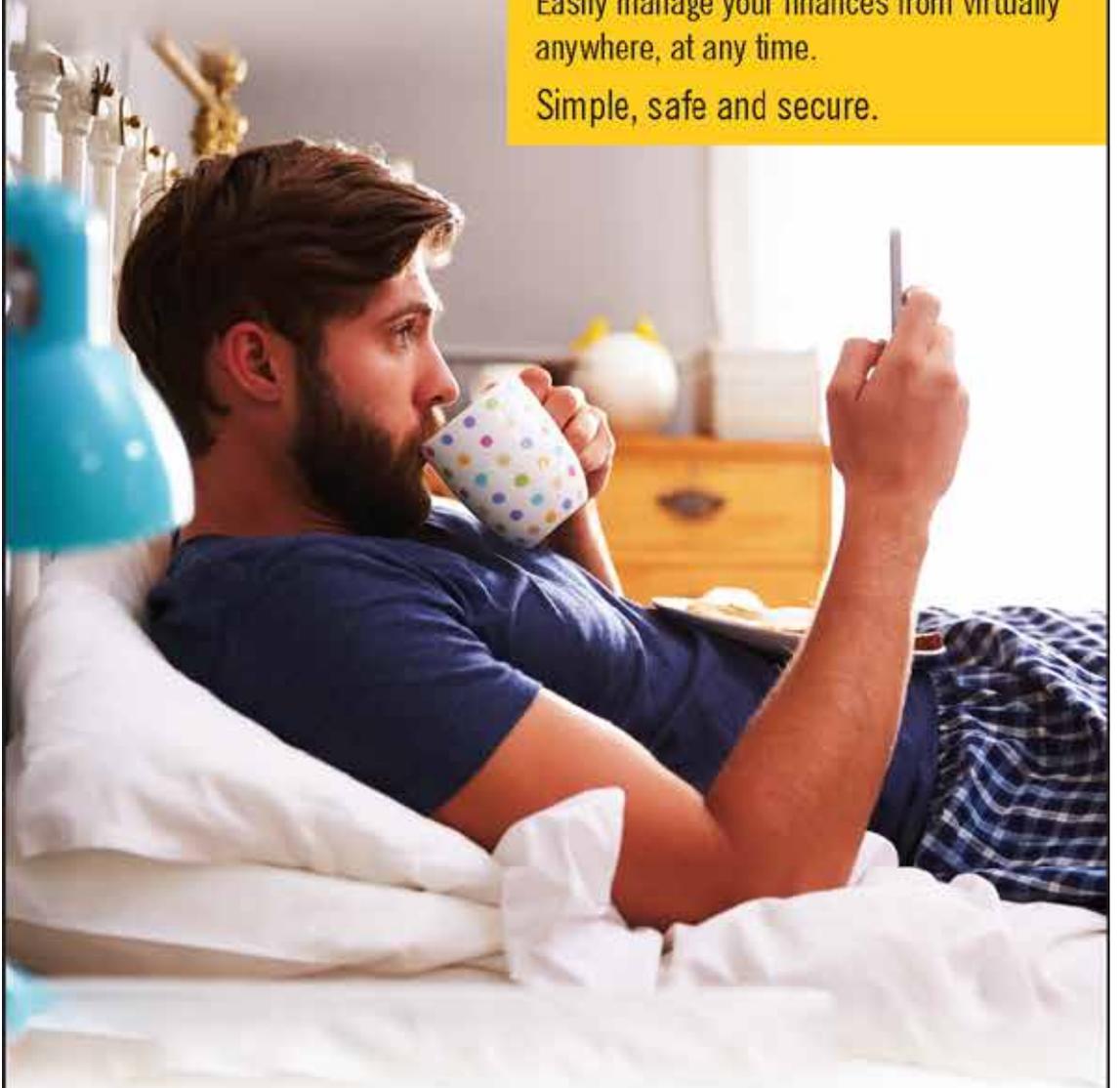
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