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Meng Meets With Middle Village Family of Food Delivery Worker Shot And Killed in Forest Hills



Meng (on the left in blue) with Yan's wife (in striped shirt) outside the family's home this afternoon.

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens) met with the family of 45-year-old Zhiwen Yan, the food delivery worker from Middle Village who was shot and killed Saturday night while on his scooter in Forest Hills.

"This is a terrible and horrific tragedy and my heart aches for the victim's loved ones," said Meng. "This delivery worker was working hard, trying to earn a living to support his family when he was senselessly shot and killed. The incident

underscores the need to combat gun violence throughout our city, and am confident that the perpetrator will be apprehended. The person responsible must face justice. My office will remain in touch with the 112th Precinct, and I will continue to be there for the family to provide any assistance they need."

The Congresswoman was joined by community activists and a representative from Councilwoman Lynn Schulman's office, among others.

74th Street, Middle Village Residents: Ask For Compensation From City Construction For Property Damages



Local residents are calling on the city to look into why some homeowners were compensated and others were not. After a major construction project along 74th Street and Penelope Avenue in Middle Village damaged multiple people's property.. See story on page 2.

AAPI Coalition Celebrates \$20m in New State Funding



After years of nonstop anti-Asian hate, the AAPI Equity Budget Coalition, a coalition of over 50 AAPI community leaders and organizations, kicked off AAPI

Heritage Month by celebrating the historic \$20 million investment in AAPI communities in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 state budget. This allocation represents a signifi-

cant improvement over last year's first-ever allocation by doubling the state's investment in AAPI

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The \$32 million project, contracted by CAC Industries Inc., began in 2016 to improve storm water drainage and upgrade the city's infrastructure system. The project consisted of replacing the water main, reconstructing sewers, installing catch basins, manholes, sidewalks, roadways and more.

The liability insurer for CAC Industries, Travelers, settled 11 claims from homeowners concerned about property damage after construction ended in 2020. However, an additional 13 claims were denied, leaving homeowners with thousands of dollars in damages that many cannot afford.

Councilman Robert Holden got involved and sent a letter to the Department of Design and Construction (NYC DDC), which previously oversaw the construction, to ask them to audit the project.

"My constituents deserve more transparency and an understanding as to what evidence was used in denying or approving the claims of homeowners," Holden said. "Auditing the 74th Street sewer project will not only be useful to the homeowners who suffered property damage but will also help ensure future projects are conducted more responsibly."

Our understanding is that a DDC spokesperson plans to respond to Holden's letter after reviewing the project and subse-

quent claims.

One resident of 74th Street claimed that his stoop was also destroyed by construction but he replaced it on his own since CAC Industries denied responsibility. CAC Industries did however replace a fence they broke on property.

The claim that many stoops and foundations were destroyed by the construction occurred on 18 blocks that five new underground chambers and 16 catch basins to increase the holding capacity of sewer discharge and storm water runoff were installed. The project was completed \$3 million below the original budget. Call Councilman Holden's office if you feel your property was damaged.

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communities. Today, the coalition gathered to celebrate this marked progress, and to renew its call for a sustained fair and equitable funding stream for AAPI communities throughout the state.

Earlier this year, a coalition of over 50 AAPI groups formed the AAPI Equity Budget Coalition, and issued a statement of needs for an AAPI Equity Budget to address the horrific surge in AAPI hate crimes, the disproportionate impacts of COVID-19, and the historic underfunding of AAPI communities. The coalition envisioned funding for programs and services ranging from operational support for AAPI community organizations to AAPI curriculum designed for students in Pre-K through 12th grade. Funds would also go toward the creation of an AAPI State Commission, which would serve to advise the governor's office on the needs of the AAPI community and examine critical issues like language access among state agencies, departments, and commissions.

In May 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed a law designating the month of May as AAPI Heritage Month to recognize the historical and cultural contributions of Asian American and Pacific Islanders. Today, the coalition commemorated the start of AAPI Heritage Month by celebrating this year's \$20 million budget allocation, and recommitted to pushing for even greater budget parity in coming years in order to achieve true equity within AAPI communities. State Senator John Liu said, "May is AAPI Heritage Month, and after two years of being the targets of racist incidents and violent assaults, we are choosing to take the pain of our collective past and turn it into action and healing for the near future. This historic funding will provide the community groups who work directly with our state's diverse AAPI communities the tools they need to get the job done. To truly combat the hatred that has relentlessly pervaded our community for the last two years, we will bolster education, community outreach, language services, programs and services. On this AAPI Heritage Month, we ask all New Yorkers of every

race, color and creed to join us in this effort to forge a brighter, safer and more harmonious future for all New Yorkers."

State Assemblymember Yuh-Line Niou said, "I am immensely proud that due to the incredible efforts of advocates, organizers and legislative allies we were able to get \$20 million in state funding for our community. The dual pandemics of COVID and racist violence have hurt AAPI New Yorkers deeply, but we know that they are just the latest chapter in a history of violence towards and disinvestment from our communities. We are long overdue for a more equitable New York and this budget allocation is a step towards changing how our community has been consistently underserved and overlooked by our government."

State Assemblymember Zohran Mamdani said, "Too often, Asian communities are only recognized in death. Today, New York State takes a first step towards rectifying that. With this \$20 million in state funding, our budget is finally moving towards a full recognition of the needs of our community as we still live and breathe, and the needs of the community organizations that safeguard, support, and strengthen us along the way."

State Senator Zellnor Myrie said, "I'm proud to represent one of New York's largest and oldest Chinese communities in Sunset Park, and equally proud this year's budget included \$20 million in resources to support Asian American communities across New York. I'm happy to kick off AAPI Heritage Month by recognizing and supporting organizations that work with our communities on the ground, everyday."

State Senator Brad Hoylman said: "New York needs to do better for our AAPI community. Anti-Asian hate crimes have skyrocketed in our city, and many live in fear of being verbally or physically assaulted. I am immensely proud that we are dedicating a historic \$20 million in funding for our AAPI communities, who deserve, like anyone else, to move around our city freely. I celebrate the AAPI Equity Budget Coalition for dedicating an immense amount of time and effort championing AAPI issues. Announcing this funding is a terrific way to kick-start AAPI Heritage Month."

State Senator Sean M. Ryan said, "Asian Americans have faced senseless bigotry in recent years, and we must stand united with the AAPI community against this violence and discrimination. Doubling our state's commitment to AAPI-focused organizations in this year's budget is an important step toward combating the issues that New York's Asian-American communities face every day."

State Senator Jessica Ramos said, "The \$20 million secured in this budget is deeply meaningful to my neighbors in the 13th Senate District, which is the most racially and ethnically diverse constituency in the country. This money recognizes the unique challenges borne by AAPI New Yorkers, while simultaneously understanding that all the communities that fall under that identity are not a monolith. This funding will bolster adult literacy initiatives, arts and cultural projects, as well as targeted support for pandemic recovery. Thank you to my colleagues for championing this funding in our budget."

State Senator Jamal Bailey said, "Our Asian communities have been devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic. From the rise in anti-Asian violence to the unprecedented need for social services and culturally appropriate and accessible programming, the pandemic has only exacerbated disparities caused by years of systemic underinvestment in AAPI communities. While \$20 million in funding for AAPI communities in the State budget is a step in the right direction, we must do more to invest in a just recovery for AAPI New Yorkers and support the community groups working on the ground to bridge these gaps. I want to thank my colleagues in the legislature, the AAPI Equity Budget Coalition and all of the organizations that fought for this important funding in the budget."

State Senator Andrew Gouardes said, "The \$20 million that the AAPI Equity Budget Coalition won in this year's state budget will mean real, positive differences for our Asian American community members here in southern Brooklyn. The AAPI Equity Budget is a crucial step towards ensuring that New York's Asian American

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communities are not overlooked or underfunded. I'm proud to have supported its inclusion in our unified budget, and glad to see community-based organizations in southern Brooklyn, which has a large AAPI population, receive the funding they deserve. I look forward to seeing the resources this budget will bring to New Yorkers across the state."

Assembly Member Gina L. Sillitti said, "I am proud that we secured \$20 million for our AAPI Equity Budget coalition in this year's budget. From mental health services, to language access, to combating hate and implementing AAPI school curricula, our AAPI community needs our support. This budget is a great start and we will continue to do our best to help our AAPI communities in NYC, in Long Island and throughout New York."

Assembly Member Nily Rozic said, "Tireless advocacy from the AAPI-led organizations has led to this vital win securing \$20 million in this year's state budget to invest in the ongoing work on the ground in support of AAPI New Yorkers. From combatting rising anti-Asian hate to strengthening language access services, these funds are a step in the right direction to problem-solving harmful inequities that have only been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic."

Asian American Federation Associate Director Ravi Reddi said, "The State Budget this year has taken important steps to help our community in this crisis - and for this we are grateful. The \$20 million allocated to Asian-led and Asian-serving organizations that provide essential services and are critical lifelines for our community is another step in the right direction. We will rely on our state leaders to ensure that the Asian community has access to these funds and that there are further allocations made that will consider that 1 in 4 Asian Americans in New York State live in poverty and that the COVID pandemic combined with anti-Asian hate proved catastrophic for Asian Americans. The work has only just begun, but we're grateful to have electeds fighting for our community in Albany."

CACF's Co-Executive Directors Anita Gundanna and Vanessa Leung said, "The Coalition for Asian American Children and Families (CACF) is grateful for our AAPI communities' champions in the NY State Legislature. The historic \$20 million AAPI Equity Budget is only made possible by a unified and strong collaborative effort across over 70 CACF organizational members and partners Statewide to spread awareness about our diverse communities. This investment in our diverse communities will help holistically address the rise in anti-Asian violence and the traumatic impacts of COVID-19 on the AAPI community, and will also support the implementation of a Statewide AAPI curriculum in K-12 public schools. In the face of our communities' growing challenges impacting the AAPI community, New York State's

commitment to AAPI New Yorkers is a crucial step towards ensuring that our diverse communities are no longer overlooked and under-resourced. Our community organizations know best what our communities need to recover and heal. We are confident that this investment, as shaped by our AAPI coalition, will prove critical in promoting the health, wellness, and safety of our communities. We look forward to continued commitment from New York State to support our diverse AAPI community."

Garden of Hope Executive Director Yuanfen Kristen Chi said, "The pandemic and rise of anti-Asian hate crimes have highlighted the devastating effect that a lack of approachable and accessible crime victim services and community mental health support have on the Chinese immigrant communities we serve at Garden of Hope. The AAPI Equity Budget provides vital resources to support linguistically and culturally responsive social services that ensure the most vulnerable in our communities are not left behind in these challenging times."

Arab-American Family Support Center President and CEO Rawaa Nancy Albilal said, "The Arab-American Family Support Center (AAFSC) is proud to partner with the Coalition for Asian American Children and Families and our champions in the state to bring culturally-responsive and linguistically competent initiatives to vulnerable AAPI New Yorkers. Together, we are investing in communities disproportionately impacted by poverty, discrimination, and hate crimes and creating an equitable path towards healing."

International Institute of Buffalo Executive Director Jenny Rizzo-Choi said, "Over the past several years, IIB has seen a nearly 30% increase in the number of referrals to our domestic violence services program and unfortunately, has also seen a significant increase in the level of abuse experienced by survivors seeking support. With the AAPI community making up 50% of all survivors served, we are grateful to our state officials for recognizing the need to name the specific and growing needs of this community. We are also grateful for our partnership with the Karen Society of Buffalo, who has provided leadership within the community and an imperative partnership with IIB in serving survivors within this population."

Karen Society of Buffalo Director Faustina Palmatier said, "We applaud our state officials for their recognition of our community's growing safety needs with the increase in dedicated funds for community-based organizations serving the AAPI community. This funding will allow organizations like ours to expand our internal capacity and outside partnerships, like the one we rely on with the International Institute of Buffalo, so that we may experience safety in our families and neighborhoods."

CMP Executive Director Hong Shing Lee said, "CMP is grateful to NYS for the support of the AAPI community. This historic commitment marks the beginning of healing from the pandemic. As

our communities emerge, CMP will continue to assist those in need of workforce and entrepreneurial development by enhancing their employability, learning new job skills, and helping small businesses to recover."

Adhikaar Executive Director Pabitra Khati Benjamin said, "We are grateful that the state has decided to fund the AAPI Equity Budget for \$20 million, signaling to our AAPI communities in New York that we are being seen and heard. With the allocation from this initiative, Adhikaar will be better equipped to protect and serve immigrant workers, like domestic workers, nail salon workers and TPS members of our community. Now more than ever, providing equitable funding to Asian American New Yorkers is necessary in the recourse and revitalization of our communities. We are confident that with the Governor, Assembly and Senate's continued support, our Asian American-led and -serving organizations can serve our most vulnerable community members as they recover and heal from tragic events of this past year. Special gratitude to our legislative champions for pushing this across the finish line."

Mekong NYC Executive Director Chhaya Chhoum said, "We celebrate the commitment from the state for the AAPI community. We hope the acknowledgement of our different communities' needs and resources are also reflected in all communities of colors."

United Sikhs Senior Manager Jagjit Kaur said, "We are very grateful to all the legislative members who supported the \$20 million AAPI Equity Funding. This will help provide critical services to the most vulnerable AAPI community members."

Emira Habiby Browne Founder & CEO of the Center for the Integration & Advancement of New Americans (CIANA), applauds the \$20 million investment that the New York State has made in addressing the needs of our marginalized and underserved AAPI communities. It will uplift CIANA and other community-based organizations that are working tirelessly to increase language and culturally competent direct social services and address critical needs - community safety; food, legal, and economic insecurity; housing and rental evictions; loss of employment; healthcare; and comprehensive family support. We are very grateful for this historic effort that will help meet the many challenges impacting the diverse AAPI community in New York."

Sapna NYC, Inc. Executive Director Diya Basu-Sen said, "We are excited to see that New York is recognizing the specific needs of AAPI communities across the

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Assemblyman Colton's Point of View on How to Save Ukraine From Putin's Aggression

Assemblyman William Colton (D - Gravesend, Bensonhurst, Bath Beach, and Dyker Heights) viewed a video of Timothy Cardinal Dolan, the Archbishop of New York who just visited Ukraine.

"Video shows some horrible ground conditions in which children of Ukraine live today due to Putin's dictatorship, clearly showing the war that Putin forced against innocent civilians. It made me think how we can show our solidarity with the people of Ukraine against Putin's forced war of aggression on them," Colton stated.

"What can we do to help? First, we need to support American government policies, such as the latest \$33 billion aid package to Ukraine. Second support community organizations like the Carl & Edith Marks Jewish Community House and other charitable groups such as the

Knights of Columbus that welcome refugee who has escaped from Ukraine. We need to support and encourage our government policies in providing more needed weapons and supplies to help the Ukrainian government defend its freedom. We need to call on our government to provide more support in the form of anti-aircraft missiles and aircraft," Colton suggests.

"The New York State and local governments must be encouraged in boycotting all products that prop up Putin's economy and help him to continue this war of violence. If the world will come together to support the great people of Ukraine, then we can make a great difference in their survival and end Putin's aggression. May God bless them and keep all of them strong and safe as they fight to save Ukraine from Putin's aggression," Colton added.

QBP Richards on Draft Supreme Court Ruling Overturning Roe Vs. Wade

Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. stated the following in response to this evening's Politico's publication of a draft upcoming Supreme Court opinion striking down Roe v. Wade, the landmark 1973 Supreme Court decision that federally guaranteed the Constitutional right to abortion services.

"The heartless cruelty of this draft ruling is equal parts vicious, hateful, sexist, racist and anti-American. After years of Republican-led efforts to callously limit abortion services in direct violation of Roe v. Wade in states like Texas and Mississippi, tens of millions of people who seek the simple, yet fundamental human right to body autonomy will soon see their own reproductive systems under government control," said Borough President RICHARDS. "Tonight, I'm thinking of the millions of lower-income communities and communities of color who have historically lacked equitable abortion access and will

be hit the hardest by this potential ruling. I'm thinking about the reproductive health advocates who have sounded the alarm about the possibility of this day, and the consequences of making what is often a necessary medical procedure inaccessible and dangerous, only to be scoffed at. For their rights and the rights of all those who believe that what happens with our bodies is our choice and our choice alone, this fight will continue.

"Queens will always unquestionably stand up for the right to choose. We will always advocate for not just protecting, but expanding what we believe is not just a right under the law, but a fundamental human right," added Borough President RICHARDS. "I urge in the strongest possible terms our city and state leaders to further ensure equitable abortion access within our borders, as well as the Biden Administration and Congress to immediately move to codify the protections Roe v. Wade affords into federal law."

Senate Passes Sen. Sanders' "Foreclosure Abuse Prevention Act" Legislation

The Senate by a vote of 52-10 passed the "Foreclosure Abuse Prevention Act" (S.5473-D/SANDERS Same as A.7737-B/Weinstein), a bill introduced by Senator James Sanders Jr. to ensure fairness in home foreclosure proceedings. On March 23rd of this year, the Assembly version of this bill introduced by Assemblymember Helene Weinstein passed the Assembly by a vote of 107-40. The next step is for the bill to be delivered to Governor Hochul for her signature.

Senator James Sanders Jr. said, "Today, homeowners who are in foreclosure are the biggest winners with the passage of this significant foreclosure bill. This bill will go a long way in helping homeowners save their homes from foreclosure by leveling the playing field by eliminating certain abuses lenders have used in Courts to the detriment of the homeowners."

This bill provides needed clarification to correct recent judicial decisions. These decisions have undermined longstanding legal precedents to excuse financial institutions from the effects of longstanding statutes of limitations principles. Mortgage delinquency rates have spiked in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The bill narrowly addresses discrete statute of limitations issues in foreclosure cases. It also effectively overrules harmful aspects of the recent Engel and Ramirez decisions.

Senator Julia Salazar said, "This bill is deeply meaningful to many homeowners in our Brooklyn district who have been fighting to keep their homes, and in communities that have seen especially high rates of foreclosure filings. Given the alarming

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Millions of Dollars to Flow Into Corona, Queens & Vital State Programs For Families & Children

Championed by Assemblywoman Cruz, Millions of Dollars to Flow into Corona, Queens & Vital State Programs for Families & Children Assemblywoman Catalina Cruz's ongoing work is successful in ensuring State properly funds programs and services for her district & statewide

Assemblywoman Catalina Cruz, Chair of the Assembly's Task Force on New Americans, today announced her successful work to fund a wide range of important services and programs for the residents of the 39th Assembly District and statewide, with hundreds of millions of dollars now available via the enacted state budget.

"The State of New York has limited resources but I am proud of my work to ensure that the residents of my district, as well as key programs for immigrants and their families, are properly funded in this year's state budget. Those programs include expanding access to healthcare services for our elderly immigrants, increasing the capacity of immigrant legal services and the work of the Office for New Americans (ONA), the first-of-its kind wellness funding for the TGNC community, utility and rental assistance for those who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, and ensuring child care is easier to find and afford," stated Assemblywoman Catalina Cruz.

"The \$222 billion state budget recently adopted includes hun-

dreds of millions of dollars for community institutions and other services that improve the quality of lives for all New Yorkers," she added. "From millions of dollars to rebuild the New York Hall of Science, to hundreds of thousands more to prevent Latina adolescent suicide to the highest increase in funding for emergency food programs since 1984, I am proud of my work to shape and fund these programs, which are vital to our entire state and pivotal to ensuring social justice. I am thankful to Speaker Heastie for his support in delivering much needed relief to our neighbors."

Included in this year's state budget are:

LRAP/ERAP -- \$1.1 billion in funding for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) and the Landlord Rental Assistance Program (LRAP), as well as \$250 million for a utility arrears program, to be administered by the Department of Public Service.

Hunger Prevention & Nutrition Assistance (HPNAP) and the Nourish New York Programs (NNY) are funded at unprecedented levels of \$56.5 million and \$50 million, respectively, to help New Yorkers relying on food pantries and emergency food providers supplied with food grown in NYS.

Financially distressed hospitals serving our most infirmed and neediest New Yorkers are also helped in this budget with an infusion of \$1.5 billion to ensure they stay open and accessible.

Education spending also

increased to record levels for both K-12 and higher education institutions. This year's budget includes an historic \$31.2 billion in School Aid and \$21.3 billion in Foundation Aid. It also includes \$1.1 billion for Universal Prekindergarten.

TAP - CUNY/SUNY - Includes \$48.8 million for SUNY and \$59.6 million for CUNY to fully reimburse each system and accelerate the planned elimination of the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) gap by two years. The enacted budget includes \$150 million to expand TAP eligibility to 75,000 additional part-time students and \$5 million to restore TAP eligibility for incarcerated individuals.

With gas prices soaring, the budget includes a 16 cent per gallon gas tax holiday that will last from June 1 through December 31, 2022. This provision would also allow counties to cap their sales tax at \$4 per gallon.

This year's budget provides \$1 million fund for the Transgendered Nonconforming (TGNC) community, which has unique health needs that require critical attention.

According to Cruz, "This budget addressed many needs in an attempt to rebuild our communities after the devastation of the COVID-19 Pandemic. It includes support for programs key to ensuring our economy works for everyone. While more work is certainly needed on these fronts, I will be in the trenches fighting to ensure no community is left behind."

NYC Department of Veterans' Services Satellite Office at Queens Borough Hall Reopens

Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. announced that the New York City Department of Veterans' Services' (DVS) Veteran Resource Center satellite office located inside Queens Borough Hall is reopening today after a COVID-19 pandemic-caused closure of more than two years.

Established in 2016 to serve the nearly 42,000 military veterans who call Queens home, the largest such population in the five boroughs, the satellite office at Queens Borough Hall will once again offer information and one-on-one consultations for veterans seeking information about the benefits and services available to them.

The satellite office is located in Room 222 on the second floor of Borough Hall, located at 120-55 Queens Boulevard in Kew Gardens. It will be open Mondays and Thursdays (excluding holidays) from 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. and will be staffed by a DVS employee who will assist veterans with signing up for benefits and accessing all other DVS services.

"I'm proud that the People's

House, Queens Borough Hall, will once again be home to a Veteran Resource Center satellite office, which will offer our veterans a one-stop shop for critical services and in-person assistance without having to venture to the agency's main office in Manhattan," said Borough President RICHARDS. "Queens is home to more veterans than any other borough, and these American heroes deserve nothing less than an easily-accessible DVS office right here in the heart of the borough's civic center. I invite all of our borough's veterans to visit the Borough Hall satellite office to get the information about all the benefits and services they are entitled to."

"We are excited for our Veteran Resource Center satellite site to return to Queens Borough Hall," said New York City Department of Veterans' Services Commissioner JAMES HENDON. "Queens is home to the largest population of Veterans in New York City, and we are eager to continue providing this vibrant community with compassionate connections to vital services and resources. I

thank Borough President Richards for his commitment to our work and look forward to our continued collaboration as we support our community."

The Veteran Resource Center satellite office will be open to walk-in visitors, as well as to those who make appointments in advance. Appointments can be made by calling the satellite office at (718) 286-2868. DVS' main office can be reached at (212) 416-5250.

Subway riders can get to Queens Borough Hall by taking the E or F trains to the Union Turnpike-Kew Gardens station. Borough Hall is also served by several bus lines, including the Q60, Q46, Q10 and Q37 lines.

DVS was created in 2016 to be as standalone City department dedicated to serving veterans and their families. It is the successor to the previous Mayor's Office of Veterans Affairs, and is committed to connecting veterans with essential services and programs in pivotal areas such as economic empowerment, housing security, benefits, health and wellness, and culture.

Meng Encourages Queens Houses of Worship And Nonprofits to Begin Preparing Applications For Nonprofit Security Grant Program

Congresswoman announces deadline coming soon for the federal initiative; Program provides facilities with funds to improve safety and security

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens), New York's senior appropriator on the House Appropriations Committee, today encouraged local houses of worship and nonprofit organizations to start preparing their applications for the federal government's Nonprofit Security Grant Program if they are interested in seeking funding from the initiative this year.

The program provides synagogues, churches, mosques, temples, and nonprofit institutions such as community centers, schools, and other facilities with federal grants to improve the safety and security of their properties so that they can guard against threats and attacks.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the agency that administers the program, has informed Meng's office that it will soon open this year's application process. The Congresswoman's office was also alerted by the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services that there will be an extremely quick turnaround time for the applications this year, likely less than two weeks. Although the Nonprofit Security Grant Program is a federal grant program, applicants

must submit their applications to the state government.

Those that submit applications from Meng's congressional district can contact the Congresswoman's office for assistance and letters of support. The phone number for Meng's office is 202-225-2601.

Last month, Meng announced that she helped secure an unprecedented \$250 million for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program, a \$70 million increase over the record breaking \$180 million that she helped obtain last year.

Funding from the grants cover target-hardening and other physical security enhancements and activities such as barriers, gates, safety gear, surveillance equipment, and other safety measures.

"The Nonprofit Security Grant Program is a crucial initiative to help keep our communities safe," said Meng. "With the quick turnaround this year, I encourage local houses of worship and nonprofits interested in applying to immediately get their applications started, if they have not already done so. It is critical for our facilities to take advantage of this important funding."

In February, Meng held a virtual workshop to help Queens houses of worship and nonprofits learn about the program, and how they can successfully apply for funding. She has also announced facilities throughout her congressional district that have received money from the program.

Statement From Speaker Adrienne E. Adams & Council Finance Chair Justin Brannan on Mayor Eric Adams' Fiscal Year 2023 Executive Budget

"New York City needs a budget that strengthens communities, expands opportunity, and accelerates an equitable recovery to make our city safer. The Council spoke loudly with its unified voice on behalf of New Yorkers and the Mayor's Executive Budget took real steps to incorporate funding for many critical priorities from our response that we appreciate, including homeless services, housing assistance, summer youth programming, and mental health emergency responses. This confirms that the City has the money to fund crucial services New Yorkers need to thrive, and it represents a step forward in our

partnership with Mayor Adams to enact a budget that fosters safer communities. The Council will continue its efforts to secure additional investments in essential areas that require more support to advance our city. We look forward to examining this proposed budget in greater detail, especially the areas of affordable housing, sanitation, year-round youth programs, student support services, and expanded health care access. Together with our Council colleagues, Mayor Adams, and stakeholders across the City, we can enact a final budget that makes us a safer, healthier, and stronger city."

Statement from Speaker Adrienne E. Adams on State Legislation to Convert Underutilized City Hotels to Affordable & Supportive Housing

"All New Yorkers deserve safe and stable housing, and we have to create more flexibility in our zoning and building codes to allow for the conversion of underutilized and vacant hotels into desperately needed supportive and affordable housing.

I urge my colleagues in the State Senate and Assembly to seize the moment and pass S.4937/A.6262, so we can add this important new strategy for increasing the affordable and supportive housing so many New Yorkers desperately need."

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GEMINI
 (May 22 - June 21)
 Don't let an incident at work play on your mind. You need to take a good look at all sides of an issue before making a decision. Your lucky numbers are 1,9,5.

CANCER
 (June 22 - July 22)
 You should get out and meet new people this week. Travel for business or pleasure will be enlightening. Hidden matters are likely to surface. Your lucky numbers are 8,3,2.

LEO
 (July 23 - Aug. 22)
 You need to keep the peace and you will have to bend in order to do so. Get involved in fitness programs that will make you feel better. Your lucky numbers are 7,3,2.

VIRGO
 (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23)
 Join intellectual or cultural groups, you should meet people that will stimulate you. Real estate investments could be prosperous. Your lucky numbers are 6,3,1.

LIBRA
 (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
 Seminars will provide you with knowledge and amusement. You will attract new friendships. Watch your investments. Your lucky numbers are 6,3,9.

SCORPIO
 (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
 You can make money if you put your mind to it. You will need to work diligently in order to accomplish even the smallest amount. Your lucky numbers are 1,8,9.

SAGITTARIUS
 (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)
 You may be offered opportunities that will result in a higher earning potential. You can make financial gains through investments. Your lucky numbers are 5,3,2.

CAPRICORN
 (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)
 Your best efforts will come through hard work. Business trips should be possible. Money makers use good judgment. Your lucky numbers are 1,8,9.

AQUARIUS
 (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
 Use a diplomatic approach to get co-workers to help you. You can gain valuable cultural knowledge through dealing with foreigners. Your lucky numbers are 3,9,7.

PISCES
 (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)
 You will have to check your cash flow before you decide to indulge in entertainment that may be beyond your budget. Your lucky numbers are 2,8,9.

Did You Know?

- Crocodiles are colour blind
- A chameleons tongue is twice the length of its body
- Dogs sweat through the pads on their feet
- Hippopotamuses are born under water
- Bananas grow pointing upwards.
- Whales can't swim backwards
- Camels are born without humps
- Only female mosquitoes bite
- The average porcupine has 30,000 spikes
- Tarantula spiders can survive 2 and a half years without food
- Crocodiles are responsible for over a 1,000 deaths each year by the Banks of the Nile river
- There are more insects in the world than all other animals combined
- Giraffes can't swim
- Crocodiles swallow rocks to help them dive deeper
- An elephant's trunk can hold over 5 litres of water
- Bull's can run faster uphill than down
- A shark's teeth are literally as hard as steel
- A moth has no stomach
- Grasshoppers have white blood
- It takes 50 minutes to soft boil and two hours to hard boil an ostrich egg
- The Eiffel Tower has 2,500,000 rivets
- Halley's comet passes the Earth every 76 years (the next time it will return will be 2062)

Answer to Last Weeks Puzzles

"Sudoku"

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"Crossword Puzzle"

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"Try And Find"

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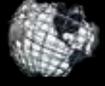
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 6. Sand
 10. Healthy
 14. Radiolocation
 15. Overhaul
 16. Any thing
 17. Licoricelike flavor
 18. Not odd
 19. Seize suddenly
 20. Acrimony
 22. Employ
 23. Close
 24. Land surrounded by water
 26. Hubs
 30. Commercials
 31. Grassland
 32. Distinctive flair
 33. Told an untruth
 35. Battery terminal
 39. Accept gladly
 41. Pendant jewelry item
 43. Sorrow
 44. Fissure
 46. Behold, in old Rome
 47. Blemish
 49. Excluding
 50. Garden tool
 51. A small portion
 54. Voyage
 56. False god
 57. Too shocked for words
 63. Your majesty
 64. Coffee dispensers
 65. Eagle's home
 66. Chair
 67. Sail holder
 68. Condition
 69. Christmas season
 70. Visual organs
 71. S S S

- DOWN**
1. Complain
 2. Hindu princess
 3. Rewrite
 4. Where the sun rises
 5. Primp
 6. Military specialist
 7. Back up
 8. Mid-month days
 9. Throat part
 10. Highland native
 11. Skylit lobbies
 12. Gain knowledge
 13. Implant
 21. Domain
 25. Burn the surface of
 26. Bawdy
 27. Margarine
 28. Telephone
 29. Not yet finished
 34. Cuts down trees
 36. Whale
 37. Wharf
 38. Type of sword
 40. By mouth
 42. Loft
 45. Vivid
 48. Begin again
 51. Partywaist
 52. Farewell
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DISTRICT COUNCIL 9 RECRUITS GLAZIER APPRENTICES MAY 6 – MAY 19, 2022

The union will welcome 500 applicants for its glazier recruitment at its Training Center in Long Island City, NY

District Council 9 begins its formal recruitment process for Glazier apprentices. Recruitment will last from May 6 – May 19, 2022, at the union’s training center in Long Island City, NY. District Council 9 Finishing Trades Institute of New York offers apprentices on-the-job and in-classroom training to ensure every apprentice is prepared to tackle the complex building market.

Over a ten-day period, 500 applications will be distributed, in person, at the District Council 9 Finishing Trades Institute of New York training facility on a first come, first served basis. This recruitment covers the Hudson Valley, Long Island, and New York City regions.

“District Council 9 is proud of our apprenticeship programs and the opportunities that they provide to hardworking New Yorkers. Our apprentices gain skills that give them access to family-sustaining careers,” stated Business Man-

ager/Secretary Treasurer Joseph Azzopardi. “Our apprentices are the future of the industry and will be the driving force in the effort to build back our state.”

Apprenticeship Recruitment Information:

- Needed: Glaziers
 - When: May 6, 2022 – May 19, 2022 | Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM
 - Where: Finishing Trades Institute of New York, 45-15 36th Street, Long Island City, NY
- Apprenticeship applicants must meet the following requirements:
- Must be at least 18 years old.
 - Must have a high school diploma or a high school equivalency diploma (such as TASC or GED). Proof will be required after selection and prior to enrollment in apprenticeship.
 - Must be physically able to perform the work required, as determined by a site evaluation and personal statement. More information will be provided during a mandatory 3-day orientation.
 - Must sign an affidavit stating that they are physically able to perform the work of a glazier, which may include:
 - Lifting and carrying material

and equipment up to 70 pounds.

- Working from ladders, scaffolds, lifts, and suspended scaffolds
- Must be able to read, hear, and understand instructions and warnings in English.
- Must take a mandatory drug testing after selection and prior to enrollment and random throughout apprenticeship.

About DC 9 - District Council 9 is a chapter of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, an organization of painters, decorators, wall coverers, drywall finishers, sign painters, metal polishers, bridge & structural steel painters, civil service painters, lead abatement workers, glaziers & architectural metal glassworkers, paint makers and allied trades. The International Union of Painters and Allied Trades is dedicated to securing and improving wages, benefits, and overall working conditions for its members.

For more information on DC 9’s continuing efforts to provide pathways to the middle class for New York’s residents visit www.districtcouncil9.net or on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Council Member James F. Gennaro Statement on The Recent Shootings at Pomonok Houses



and this year’s budget, which will be passed in June, I have allocated hundreds of thousands of dollars of my discretionary funding for police surveillance cameras in crime hot spots in our community, as determined by the NYPD in consultation with me and community leaders.

“As some of you may already know, there were two separate shootings at the Pomonok Houses last night. I have been in continuous contact with Commanding Officer Kevin Chan of the 107th Precinct and the Mayor’s Office well into the early hours of the morning and throughout the day today. Both shooting victims are in the hospital. As we wait for additional details to emerge, I want my constituents to know that I and my office – like you – take this deadly violence at our doorstep with utmost seriousness and we need to act. I am doing everything in my power to make our streets safer. In both last year’s budget

Additionally, our office is currently working to coordinate a town hall with the Police Department and our community to discuss public safety concerns and brainstorm ideas to boost safety in the district. In the meantime, I urge all my constituents to stay vigilant and continue to report any suspicious and/or illegal activity to 911 if the police are needed immediately, and if anyone has any information about yesterday’s shootings that may help the police, the Commanding Officer of the 107th Precinct has asked that witnesses call the precinct at 718-969-5100. I will keep the community apprised of any further developments in this case.”

5K Walk For Autism



Our Community Partnerships Division had a great time talking to our young people during the annual 5K Autism Walk at Cunningham Park this past weekend.

Hosted by the NYPD’s School Safety Division and the Community Affairs Bureau, the Walk

raises awareness and provides resources for those affected by autism. My Office was pleased to partner with a local community organization Mothers for Advocacy and Awareness, to provide snacks for the children in attendance.

Statement From Senator James Sanders Jr. on SCOTUS Draft Opinion of Overturning Roe v. Wade

Senator James Sanders Jr. said: “I hoped the day would never come when Roe v. Wade would be overturned, taking healthcare decisions away from women and telling them what to do with their bodies. However, the recent preliminary Supreme Court opinion to overturn Roe v. Wade has shown that that day has arrived.

I would like to make three key points. First, the bible teaches us that we have free will, even though that does not guarantee we will make the right decision. Secondly, pro-lifers need to consider the quality of life a child will have to face once he or she is born – will it be one of poverty and neglect? Thirdly, a woman’s value should not solely be placed on her ability to become a mother.

I think while we all have different opinions on abortion for personal reasons and moral



Abortion rights supporters and anti-abortion demonstrators rally outside the U.S. Supreme Court on Nov. 1, 2021. Drew Angerer/Getty Images.

reasons, but we should not be pushing our views on others by making a unilateral decision that affects everyone. Fortunately, in New York the Senate Major-

ity immediately codified Roe v. Wade into state law, allowing us to withstand any Supreme Court decision and Congress must do the same on the federal level.”

Council Member Won & Local Advocates & Families Rally to Condemn Supreme Court Decision to Overturn Roe V. Wade

Council Member Won and community advocates organized a rally to support a woman’s right to decide what happens to her own body, a topic that should already be clearly settled in our country. This rally was quickly organized within an hour for families that were not able to make it into Manhattan for the Foley Square rally. This rally also gave our district the opportunity to make our values known on our own streets



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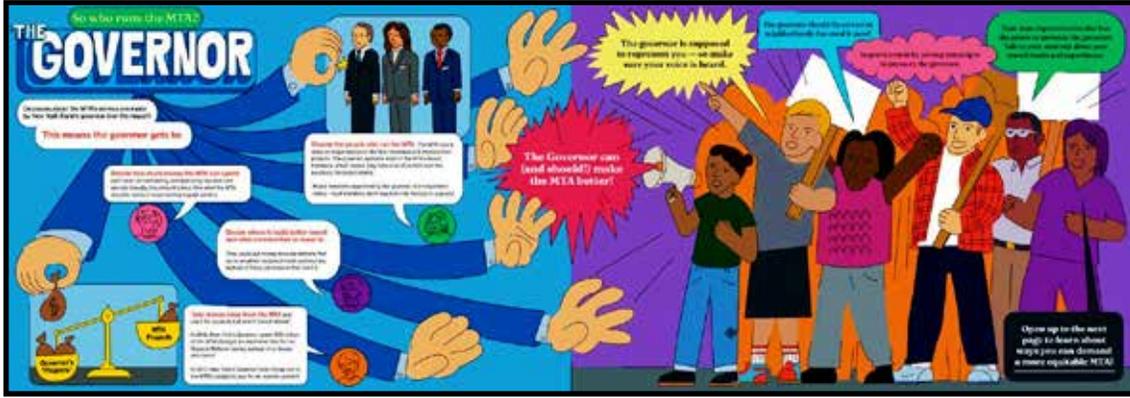
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Q70 Bus to La Guardia Airport Will be Free



An excerpt of the new brochure, "People Power Transit,"

Governor Kathy Hochul announced her decision to make the Q70 bus free during the first ever appearance by a governor at a board meeting of the MTA, which she controls -- as coincidentally depicted in a new graphic brochure released today with the Center for Urban Pedagogy to kick off the Riders Alliance's 2022 season of canvassing and base-building

Communications Director Danny Pearlstein said: "For seven years, riders have demanded a free Q70 bus, a simple connection to the subway and Long Island Rail Road that encourages air travelers to take advantage of New York's extensive public transit network at virtually no cost to the MTA. Now Governor Kathy Hochul has wisely embraced riders' idea and made it reality.

"There could be no better illustration of how the governor runs our transit system than Governor Hochul's decision to make the Q70 bus free and her historic announcement at an MTA board meeting. Riders Alliance organizers and canvassers will be at bus stops and on station platforms this spring and summer, spreading the word and building power with riders so we keep winning transit improvements like the free Q70."

Senator John Liu Issued The Following Statement on AAPI Heritage Month



and we recognize the incredible diversity of cultures, contributions and impact of our rapidly growing community. The past two years have been especially difficult for the AAPI community as we were forced to contend with being scapegoated for the COVID-19 pandemic and an unprecedented increase in racial violence and hate crimes. We will continue to persevere with the knowledge that Americans of all backgrounds, and people of all cultures, stand in solidarity against hatred and division, and we celebrate this AAPI Heritage Month with a renewed sense of pride in our heritage, history and culture."

"On this AAPI Heritage Month, we commemorate the long and storied history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders,

Senator James Sanders Jr. Commemorates Mental Health Awareness Month



living, many people are realizing that stress, isolation, and uncertainty have taken a toll on their well-being.

- Here are some tips on how to promote good mental health according to Mental Health America. 1. Track gratitude and achievement with a journal. Include 3 things you were grateful for and 3 things you were able to accomplish each day. 2. Start your day with a cup of coffee. Coffee consumption is linked to lower rates of depression. If you can't drink coffee because of the caffeine, try another good-for-you drink like green tea. 3. Set up a getaway. It could be camping with friends or a trip to the tropics. The act of planning a vacation and having something to look forward to can boost your overall happiness for up to 8 weeks! 4. Work your strengths. Do something you're good at to build self-confidence, then tackle a

Since May is Mental Health Awareness Month Senator James Sanders Jr. encourages you to take time to focus on mental health and to make sure we put ourselves first.

Since 1949, Mental Health America and its affiliates across the country have observed May is Mental Health Month. After the last two years of pandemic

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Senator Sanders Hosted a Tree Planting Event at Goldie Maple Academy in Recognition of National Arbor Day

Happy National Arbor Day To You!

Do you know what National Arbor Day Is?

National Arbor Day is based on the best tree-planting times in your area!

We are ahead of the game regarding National Arbor Day. We started our season of stewardship events last week, as many community leaders and I planted the first of 10,000 trees that will cover the district at Goldie Maple Academy.

Planting all these trees will also task community work to help; let us know where you think the next tree should be planted in district 10?

We will work alongside our fantastic community of volunteers, build our donor base, and engage with even more partners to



Pictured at Senator Sanders Tree Planting Event at Goldie Maple Academy are from left: Assembly Member Khaleel Anderson, Rockaway Administrator of Park Department Eric Peterson, Senator Sanders, and members of the community and leaders in showing support at the Tree Planting Ceremony.

increase our collective impact on our quality of life by replenishing the earth. Thank you to my colleagues

and staff, the volunteers, donors, community leaders, and business partners who joined us to celebrate the first tree planting of many!

Gillibrand Announces Plan to Slash Drug Prices as Cost of Living Continues to Soar Throughout New York City



As inflation continues to cause the cost of living to increase in New York City, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand announced her policy package to reduce costs and slash prescription drug prices, the "Gillibrand Prescription for Lower Drug Prices."

Experts say that reining in prescription drug costs may be Congress' best shot at fighting inflation. According to AARP, if consumer prices rose as much as prescription drug prices over

the years, a gallon of gas would cost more than \$12 today. For the past several decades, prescription drug prices have risen faster than inflation.

Joined by Beth Shapiro, Executive Director of Citymeals on Wheels, Sen. Gillibrand outlined the tenets of the bill package, which would help tackle the high cost of prescription drugs.

"With inflation high and while our nation is recovering from the pandemic drug prices remain unacceptably high, which puts a heavy financial burden on older adults and families throughout New York City and across the country," said Senator Gillibrand, member of the Aging Committee. "I am releasing the 'Gillibrand Prescription for Lower Drug Prices' plan to provide a framework for slashing drug prices, which would provide much-needed relief as inflation continues to raise the cost of living for average New Yorkers. From fighting price gouging to importing affordable drugs from Canada to enabling

Medicare to negotiate drug prices, this plan will help us bring down costs for countless Americans."

"Citymeals on Wheels is nourishing 20,000 of New York City's oldest residents. They worked and contributed to their communities for decades, but many enter their 80s and 90s living well below the poverty level," said Beth Shapiro, Executive Director of Citymeals on Wheels. "Our recipients are often forced to choose between paying rent and affording medication. We know they sometimes split their meals - and their pills - to make them last longer. Lowering the cost of prescription drugs will immediately impact the quality of their lives, and the lives of millions across the country, when they are most in need."

The core pieces of the "Gillibrand Prescription for Lower Drug Prices" are:

- Reimagine financial assistance for Medicare. Legislation to create the Medicare Cost Assistance Pro-

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IT'S IN QUEENS

May 5 to May 11

There's pollen in the air and wildflowers, bouquets, and botanicals are on this week's Queens agenda. The Blues, meditation, waffles, and Motown are also on the list.

- May 5, Twitch, Pop, Bloom: Science in Action, July 17. This exhibition presents films produced for scientific education and entertainment between 1904 and 1936, an era when cinema was still a novel tool. Some scientists built their own cameras to create films that could communicate scientific ideas to those outside their professional communities. Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria's Kaufman Arts District.

- May 5, Metanoia, May 8. This Queens College student choreography showcase features original works that reflect a variety of dance styles that dive into the joy, turmoil, and beauty of life. Showtimes are May 5 to May 7 at 8 pm and May 8 at 3 pm. Goldstein Theatre, 153-49 Reeves Ave., Flushing.

- May 6, Ladies Sing The Blues, 8 pm. With a seven-piece band, vocalists Catherine Russell, Brianna Thomas, and Charenee Wade channel 1920s divas Bessie "Empress of the Blues" Smith, Mamie "Queen of the Blues" Smith, Ma "Mother of the Blues" Rainey, Billie Holiday, and others. LeFrak Concert Hall, 153-49 Reeves Ave., Flushing.

- May 6, Jane's Walk Queens, May 8. Jane's Walk is an international weekend during which volunteers lead tours of urban areas. In Queens, historians, architects, activists, writers, and others offer 11 distinct tours of neighborhoods stretching from Jackson Heights to Rockaway.

- May 6, Social Security, May 22. Douglaston Community Theatre returns with this comedy about a married couple who are art dealers. Their domestic tranquility is shattered upon the arrival of the wife's goody-goody nerd of a sister, her uptight CPA husband, and her archetypal Jewish mother. Shows are • May 6, May 7, May 13, May 14, May 20, and May 21 at 8 pm and May 14 and May 22 at 2 pm. Zion Church Parish Hall, 243-01 Northern Blvd., Douglaston.

- May 6, Free First Friday, 11 am. Admission is free on the first Friday of every month. However, visits must be scheduled in advance due to Covid-safety protocols. The Noguchi Museum, 9-01 33rd Rd., Long Island City.

- May 6, Han In Town, May 15. Janice Chung displays new photographs that focus on the businesses that have continued to serve Flushing's Korean American community through all of the neighborhood's transformations. The businesses range from nail salons to restaurants to garden stores, and span across Union Street, Murray Hill, Northern Boulevard, and 162nd Street. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd.



Kup Metanoia



APEC Wild flowers

- May 6, Motown Holiday Revue, 8 pm. This band, which features Sandra Price, covers the most popular and rare Motown hits, along with rock and soul classics. Resorts World New York City, 110-00 Rockaway Blvd., South Jamaica.

- May 7, Queens Night Market, 5 pm. Back for a seventh year, this outdoor market features dozens of vendors that sell everything from entrées to desserts to drinks to crafts on a rolling basis on Saturdays through October. Plus, live performers join the fun in a special entertainment area. Behind the New York Hall of Science in Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- May 7, E-Waste Recycling, 10 am. The Lower East Side Ecology Center offers a chance to dispose of unwanted or broken computers, printers, televisions, phone, and other gadgets in a responsible way. King Manor Museum, 153-03 Jamaica Ave.

- May 7, Wild About Wildflowers Walk, 2:30 pm. Naturalist Jocelyn Perez Blanco leads participants on a leisurely walk in Alley Pond Park in celebration of National Wildflower Week. Perez Blanco, who has extensive knowledge of wildflowers, will identify and discuss the native and not-so-native species. Alley Pond Environmental Center, 224-65 76th Ave., Oakland Gardens.

- May 7, Mother's Day Floral Design Workshop, 11 am. Learn the art of bouquets that give a fresh-from-the-garden look. Each participant takes their bouquets home. Queens Botanical Garden, 43-50 Main St., Flushing.

- May 7, Hands on History: Floral Fun, 1 pm. Explore floral scents and the use of botanicals in the 19th century while making sachets to take home. King Manor Museum, 153-03 Jamaica Ave.

- May 7, Band of Make Believe, 7 pm. This New Jersey cover band plays everything from Bruno Mars to Bon Jovi. Resorts World

New York City, 110-00 Rockaway Blvd., South Jamaica.

- May 7, Mother's Day Wearable Arts Fashion Show & Pop-Up Market, all day. Buy locally made clothing, accessories, hats, jewelry, hair, make-up, and home goods. King Manor Museum, 150-03 Jamaica Ave.

- May 8, Victorian-Inspired Treasure Boxes, 1:30 pm. Create a treasure box in lavish Victorian style with decoupage, gilded touches, velvet, and brocade. Voelker Orth Museum, 149-19 38th Ave., Flushing.

- May 8, Asian-American & Pacific-Islander Heritage at the World's Fair, 10 am. Urban Park Rangers lead a walk-and-talk about Asian nations that participated in the 1964-65 World's Fair. Meet at the Unisphere, Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- May 8, World's Fair Waffle Walk, 11 am. Docents lead a free walk around sites and structures from the two Queens World's Fairs. Find out how much the Unisphere weighs. Discover the second-oldest outdoor antiquity in NYC. Learn about the controversies behind the New York State Pavilion. Meet at the green pop-up tent at the Unisphere, Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- May 8, Hommage à J. S. Bach, 2:30 pm. New York Classical Players opens with "Brandenburg Concerto No. 3," one of Bach's most famous works, followed by Vivian Fung's "Concerto for 2 Violins," which is filled with Baroque melodies and lyrical suspensions, and a set of suites that straddles the centuries. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd.

- May 10, Sunset Meditation, Aug. 30. Mindful Astoria hosts meditation sessions on Tuesdays at 7 pm. The practice includes breathing and walking, gentle optional stretching, and loving-kindness meditation. Socrates Sculpture Park, 32-01 Vernon Blvd., Long Island City.

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Attorney General James Secures Student Debt Relief For Thousands of New Yorkers

PHEAA to Automatically Review Accounts for More Than 10,000 New York Borrowers, Provide Corrections and Monetary Relief After Years of Mismanagement

AG James Continues Efforts to Help Students Weighed Down by Student Debt Crisis

New York Attorney General Letitia James today secured student debt relief for thousands of New York borrowers whose federal loans were allegedly mismanaged by the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA). In an agreement with the Office of the Attorney General (OAG), PHEAA is required to audit thousands of accounts to identify errors that may have caused borrowers to miss out on benefits, such as income-driven repayment (IDR) plans or debt forgiveness for eligible borrowers under the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program. PHEAA, which operates as FedLoan Servicing and American Education Services (AES), will correct errors identified in borrowers' accounts and provide monetary relief as restitution for some borrowers as appropriate. More than 300,000 borrowers are eligible to have their accounts reviewed for free and are encouraged to request an audit. This agreement resolves an earlier lawsuit brought against the student loan servicer over allegations that it failed to properly manage student loans and administer the PSLF program by inaccurately counting loan payments, improperly denying applications, and not processing applications in a timely manner.

"Negligent student loan servicers like PHEAA left countless students buried in debt and contributed to the national student debt crisis," said Attorney General James. "As one of the largest student loan servicers in the country, it's a shame that PHEAA did not do more to help students and caused public servants to miss out on loan forgiveness. Today's agreement will correct years of mismanagement by PHEAA and put borrowers on a path to finally being debt free. We must all do our part to tackle the student debt crisis and that means holding negligent student loan servicers accountable for their role in creating it."

Under the agreement, PHEAA will automatically review the accounts of nearly 10,000 New York borrowers for potential errors. PHEAA will be reviewing accounts for various errors,

including incorrect information provided about PSLF or IDR eligibility, inaccurate monthly payment that borrowers were charged, and more. A full list of the errors that will be corrected can be found on OAG's frequently asked questions page. If the review shows that errors were made, PHEAA will either ensure the borrower gets credit for all their payments by adjusting accounts appropriately or will provide comparable monetary relief.

In addition, more than 300,000 current New York residents with an active Direct Loan or Family Federal Education Loan (FFEL) that is currently being serviced by PHEAA or was serviced by PHEAA as of December 1, 2021 may be eligible to have their accounts reviewed at no cost to borrowers. A complete description of those borrowers who are eligible can be found on OAG's frequently asked questions page.

Under the agreement, PHEAA will begin to send out notices to borrowers within 30 days, and all notices will be sent within 90 days. The notices will arrive using the method that PHEAA normally uses to communicate with borrowers and will give instructions on how to request a review. Borrowers can also request a review by going to their online account at MyFedLoan.org.

If you are a PHEAA borrower and you do not receive a notice but you believe you are entitled to a review of your account, you should contact PHEAA by calling 1-800-699-2908 (for FedLoan borrowers) and 1-800-233-0557 (for AES borrowers).

If PHEAA does not find any errors during either the automatic review or following a requested review, borrowers will have an opportunity to appeal that determination at no cost to them. The OAG will receive regular reports on the review and appeals process to make sure it is working properly and will also be able to intervene on borrowers' behalf, as appropriate, if they appeal PHEAA's determination.

This agreement also expands the benefits provided by the U.S. Department of Education's PSLF temporary waiver program adopted in October 2021 to assist borrowers who may not have been able to make use of the waiver due to PHEAA's mismanagement. Under the new, temporary rules, the waiver program will count payments on FFEL, Perkins, or other non-Direct federal loans

as qualifying towards the PSLF requirement of 120 payments for loan forgiveness. In addition, certain payments on loans that were late, less than the full amount due, or made under the wrong payment plan will also count. Borrowers who are eligible for these benefits should review their account status with Federal Student Aid and contact them with any questions. PHEAA's review under its agreement with OAG is separate from the U.S. Department of Education's review.

This agreement continues Attorney General James' longstanding commitment to addressing the national student debt crisis. Last month, Attorney General James urged former DeVry students who were deceived by the university to apply for federal loan discharge and OAG previously recovered more than \$2.25 million for students who were defrauded by DeVry. In January 2022, Attorney General James secured more than \$110 million in debt relief for thousands of New York students deceived by student loan servicer, Navient. In May 2021, Attorney General James sent a letter to the U.S. Secretary of Education calling for significant reforms to help student borrowers and shield them from predatory for-profit colleges.

While PHEAA has announced that it will stop serving federal student loans when its current contract with the U.S. Department of Education ends in December 2022, it has committed to taking the necessary steps to complete the automatic and discretionary reviews as part of the agreement. This includes borrowers whose accounts already have or will be transferred to new servicers, including MOHELA, Aidvantage, Edfinancial, or Nelnet, before completion of PHEAA's review.

This matter was handled by Assistant Attorneys General Hailey DeKraker and Christopher L. Filburn, under the supervision of Deputy Bureau Chief Laura J. Levine and Bureau Chief Jane M. Azia, with assistance from Data Scientist Chansoo Song and former Senior Data Analyst Chris Nelson under the supervision of Research and Analytics Department Deputy Director Megan Thorsfeldt and Director Jonathan Werberg. The Consumer Frauds and Protection Bureau is a part of the Division for Economic Justice, which is led by Chief Deputy Attorney General Chris D'Angelo and overseen by First Deputy Attorney General Jennifer Levy.

Gillibrand Announces Plan to Slash Drug Prices as Cost of Living Continues to Soar Throughout New York City

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gram, a new, streamlined program to provide assistance with Medicare Part A and Part B premiums and cost-sharing for low-income individuals. This would reimagine financial assistance for Medicare Part A, Part B and Part D. The legislation would also expand and streamline administration of the Extra Help program to provide premium and cost-sharing assistance to eligible low-income individuals with Medicare Part D.

- Review brand-name price gouging. Legislation that would level the market for Americans purchasing prescription drugs by pegging the price in the United States to the median price in Canada, the United Kingdom, France, Germany and Japan.
- Empower Medicare to negotiate drug prices. A bill that directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate lower prices for prescription drugs under Medicare Part D.
- Import lower-cost drugs from Canada. Legislation to allow patients, pharmacists and wholesalers to import safe, affordable medicine from Canada and other major countries.
- Expand subsidies to seniors living in U.S. territories. Legislation that would make Medicare beneficiaries in U.S. territories, such as Puerto Rico, eligible for

the Medicare Part D Low Income Subsidy program. Under current law, low-income Medicare beneficiaries in Puerto Rico and other U.S. territories are ineligible for Medicare Part D subsidies. This program, known as "Extra Help," provides federal subsidies to help low-income seniors with their monthly premiums and other out-of-pocket prescription drug costs.

Under current law, the secretary of HHS is prohibited from negotiating lower drug prices on behalf of Medicare Part D beneficiaries. In contrast, other government programs, like Medicaid and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), are allowed to negotiate. According to a recent report by the Government Accountability Office, Medicare paid twice as much for the same prescription drugs as the VA in 2017.

In 2020, five of the largest pharmaceutical companies in the U.S. made nearly \$45 billion in profits. That same year, in the midst of a twin public health and economic crisis, drug makers raised the prices of more than 860 prescription drugs by 5%, on average. In 2020, the average annual cost of therapy for widely used specialty drugs was more than \$84,000. This is nearly three times the median income for people on Medicare and more than four and half times the average Social Security retirement benefit.

Senator James Sanders Jr. Commemorates Mental Health Awareness Month

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- tougher task.
5. Keep it cool for a good night's sleep. The optimal temperature for sleep is between 60 and 67 degrees Fahrenheit.
 6. "You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step." - Martin Luther King,

Jr. Think of something in your life you want to improve, and figure out what you can do to take a step in the right direction.

7. Experiment with a new recipe, write a poem, paint or try a Pinterest project. Creative expression and overall well-being are linked.

Council Member Won & Local Advocates & Families Rally to Condemn ...

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and bring advocacy to our communities. There were more than 30 attendees and wide support for the cause.

"After having a baby, I am more pro-choice than ever before. It is not because I don't love my baby or love being a mom, but because what women go through to give birth, vaginal or c-section, is so traumatic and invasive; women deserve to

choose to go through it. Every woman should have access to have a healthy, safe delivery or abortion." said Council Member Won "The women who will bear the consequences of Roe v. Wade being overturned will be working class women, especially BIPOC women who won't be able to travel across state lines to receive care. What is argued to be a life saving measure will lead to many lives lost and health risks due to desperation."

Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas, Senator Biaggi And Senator Gounardes Introduce the Stop Silencing Survivors Act to Ban Non-Disclosure Agreements

Assemblymember González-Rojas, Senator Biaggi and Senator Gounardes have introduced legislation (S8914/Assembly bill pending) to ban non-disclosure and non-disparagement agreements in workplace discrimination cases and employment contracts.

This legislation bars employers from including an NDA or non-disparagement agreement in a waiver, settlement, agreement, or other resolution to an alleged violation

of the human rights law or labor law. Agreements may still include language barring an employer from revealing the identity of an employee or the circumstances surrounding their complaint, providing important protections to victims who want privacy. Additionally, the legislation bars employers from including language in a contract or application for employment as a condition of employment that bars employees from disclosing infor-

mation related to any future alleged violations of the human rights law, labor law or their experience with the employer.

"As we've seen in recent years, employers across all sectors in New York frequently weaponize non-disclosure agreements (NDAs) to silence employees who've experienced workplace harassment or discrimination. Employers also

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Senate Passes Sen. Sanders' "Foreclosure Abuse Prevention Act" Legislation

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number of homeowners who are unable to keep up with mortgage payments or facing foreclosure, it's important to protect fairness in foreclosure proceedings and minimize uncertainty for homeowners. By passing this bill today we are ensuring that financial institutions are not able to evade long-standing statutes of limitations to take advantage of struggling homeowners."

Jacob Inwald, Director of Fore-

closure Prevention Legal Services NYC, said "A.7737-B/S.5473-D will restore the law to where it was prior to the Court of Appeals' aberrational decision in Engel, and will ensure that longstanding statute of limitations principles apply to foreclosing lenders just as they apply to every other type of litigant. It will make it clear that foreclosing lenders are not a special category of plaintiff and that they are not free to manipulate statutes of limitations to suit their needs."

AAPI Coalition Celebrates \$20m in New State Funding

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state in this historic investment in the community-based organizations that provide critical services to AAPI immigrant New Yorkers. We look forward to continuing to work alongside our champions in the legislature to continue to narrow the gap between our AAPI community needs and the services and resources they receive. AAPI community-based organizations like Sapna NYC have been filling the gap between government services and the needs of the community for years, but particularly during this pandemic. Services have ranged from food pantries to vaccine navigation to domestic violence support to mental health counseling. Through this AAPI Equity Budget, Sapna NYC will be able to invest in increased outreach and case management so that the most vulnerable New Yorkers who never make it through our doors also receive the help they need. This will connect New Yorkers with much needed mental health services, workforce development programs, benefits assistance, health education, and more."

Chinese-American Planning Council President and CEO Wayne Ho said, "We are thankful to our state legislators for championing the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in the State budget. The \$20 million AAPI Equity Budget is an important investment to address the dual pandemics of COVID and

anti-Asian hate across New York. Community based organizations are on the front lines of promoting public health, economic recovery, and public safety for the diverse AAPI community. CPC looks forward to receiving the funding soon so that we can continue to provide essential services to over 125,000 community members throughout the five boroughs of New York City and beyond."

Korean American Family Service Center Executive Director Jeehae Fishcer said, "KAFSC is grateful for our champions in the legislature for fighting for the \$20M AAPI Equity Budget. With this support, KAFSC along with other AAPI-led CBOs are able to sustain and expand the critical programs and services that we are providing to our AAPI communities. KAFSC knows how best to support our AAPI immigrant survivors of gender-based violence and this investment will meet the immediate needs and further support the recovery and healing of our survivors during this critical time."

Academy of Medical and Public Health Services Executive Vice President Mok Yuck Yu said, "New York State's \$20 million commitment to the AAPI Equity Budget means that our community can access the services that they urgently need. Despite being one of the fastest growing ethnic groups in New York City with one of the highest poverty rates, the AAPI is often overlooked and underfunded, leading to the

perpetuation of socioeconomic and food insecurity and growing fear and anxiety. Spikes in anti-Asian hate crimes over the past two years have exacerbated these issues. The Academy of Medical & Public Health Services is proud to have stood in the fight for this funding, and would like to thank the legislative partners who have made this possible. This funding will enable us to expand our language-appropriate social services, launch community safety initiatives, and offer expanded multilingual mental health services -- connecting the most vulnerable and invisibilized populations to help."

The AAPI Equity Budget Coalition consists of a diverse array of over 50 AAPI organizations from across the state that are providing community-informed, culturally relevant, and language accessible services and community programs, and is jointly led by the Asian American Federation (AAF) and the Coalition for Asian American Children and Families (CACF). Programming and services address issues such as gender-based violence, healthcare, senior and youth programs, research, advocacy and legal assistance, as well as multi-service programming such as housing assistance, benefits navigation, small business support, workforce development/job training, food services, legal service, mental health support, violence intervention and prevention, aid to homeowners and tenants, safety-related services, and more.

AG James Statement on Roe v. Wade

In light of media reports of a draft Supreme Court decision to overturn the constitutional right to access safe and legal abortions, New York Attorney General Letitia James issued the following statement:

"We will not be silenced by this egregious attempt

to overturn abortion rights. The time is now for Congress to act and pass legislation that codifies Roe v. Wade to protect the future of people's health and abortion access in the United States. We must defend and preserve our most basic human rights.

"I have long fought and

will keep fighting for reproductive freedom in New York and states across the country because our democracy is strongest when every voice is heard and protected. I will never quit fighting for equality, justice, and the right for all people across the country to have full control over their own bodies."

Gillibrand Statement on Draft Majority Opinion Overturning Roe V. Wade

"The leaked draft majority opinion overturning Roe v. Wade reveals that the Supreme Court's right-wing majority is poised to destroy the fundamental human and reproductive rights of millions of women, willfully disregarding public opinion and court precedent. While we can hold out hope for revisions, we cannot wait to act.

"At the federal level, Congress must enshrine into law the right to an abortion and Democrats must be willing to eliminate

the filibuster to do so. As we approach the midterm elections, it is absolutely critical that Democrats turn out in record numbers to maintain our majorities. The American people do not support the government interfering with what people do with their own bodies.

"At the state level, Democrats must enact strong pro-choice legislation where we currently have control. In purple and red states, we must fight tooth and nail to flip legislatures and pass

legislation guaranteeing reproductive rights, including access to abortion. There is no state where a majority of the public supports a federal ban on abortion.

"And with this fundamental right in jeopardy, it is incumbent upon states like New York, where abortion is safe and accessible, to open our doors to those seeking care.

"We must refuse to back down or move backwards—the lives and futures of millions of Americans depend on us acting now."

Meng, Johnson And Hirono Introduce Resolution to Recognize April 30 as National Adult Hepatitis B Vaccination Awareness Day

U.S. Reps. Grace Meng (D-NY) and Hank Johnson (D-GA) introduced a bipartisan resolution to designate April 30 as National Adult Hepatitis B Vaccination Awareness Day.

The resolution (H. Res. 1072) has the support of 13 other members in the House, and U.S. Senator Mazie Hirono (D-HI) has introduced a Senate companion measure (S. Res. 602).

The resolution seeks to raise awareness for the hepatitis B vaccination. Despite the availability of safe, effective, and low-cost vaccines, only 30 percent of adults are vaccinated against hepatitis B. Hepatitis B is a leading cause of cirrhosis and liver cancer and can lead to coinfections with hepatitis C, diabetes, and HIV. According to the Hepatitis B Foundation, hepatitis B cases are on the rise. Up to 2.4 million Americans are living with chronic hepatitis B and thousands die of the disease each year.

The resolution comes on the heels of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updating federal guidelines April 1,

2022, that all adults ages 19 to 59 should be vaccinated against the hepatitis B virus (HBV).

"Hepatitis B is a dangerous and deadly disease, one that still too many people die from each year despite there being a vaccine," said Congresswoman Meng. "As Co-Chair of the Hepatitis Caucus, I am proud to reintroduce H. Res. 1072 to mark April 30 as National Adult Hepatitis B Vaccination Awareness Day with my fellow Co-Chair, Congressman Hank Johnson. We must do more to make sure people stay healthy and not fall ill to a disease that has had a vaccination for 40 years. We continue to see dramatically disproportionate infection rates among racial and ethnic minority communities, including the Asian American and Pacific Islander community. This resolution helps spread awareness both about the disease and about the vaccine that is readily available."

"I'm proud to join my colleague Rep. Grace Meng to introduce H. Res. 1072 to mark April 30 as National Adult Hepatitis B Vaccination Awareness Day," said

Congressman Johnson, who is both a champion for hepatitis patients and a survivor of Hepatitis C. "We know how devastating this silent killer is in our communities, and we won't sit idly by when we have an effective, affordable vaccination. By designating April 30 as National Adult Hepatitis B Vaccination Awareness Day, we hope to encourage every citizen to check their vaccination status and get vaccinated to protect themselves and their loved ones from this disease."

"Hepatitis B continues to claim too many lives every year, despite being preventable with a vaccine," said Senator Hirono. "By marking April 30 as National Adult Hepatitis B Vaccination Awareness Day, we are raising awareness about this deadly disease and the steps people can take to protect themselves and their loved ones — namely getting vaccinated. I'll continue working to help make sure those diagnosed with Hepatitis B have the care they need to manage the disease, and to expand access to vaccines in order to stop the spread of Hepatitis B."

Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas, Senator Biaggi And Senator Gounardes Introduce the Stop Silencing Survivors Act . . .

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use NDAs to deter new hires from speaking out about potential future harm. With this new bill, employers will no longer be allowed to do either and survivors will cease to be silenced. I'm pleased to sponsor this legislation along with Senators Biaggi and Gounardes and grateful to the Sexual Harassment Working Group and Lift our Voices for their tireless advocacy to protect New York's workforce. It's time New York joined states including Washington, New Jersey, and California in passing a ban on NDAs to further improve our state's culture of workplace harassment. It's time to pass the Stop Silencing Survivors Act," said Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas.

"Non-disclosure agreements (NDAs) have been used again and again by employers to silence survivors of workplace harassment and discrimination and protect abusers. By passing the Stop Silencing Survivors Act we can put the power back in the hands of employees — giving them the agency to share their experiences when and if they so choose. I am incredibly grateful to the Sexual Harassment Working Group and Lift Our Voices for spearhead-

ing this movement to create safer, more equitable workplaces, and to my colleagues Senator Gounardes and Assemblymember González-Rojas for their partnership on this legislation," said Senator Alessandra Biaggi.

"NDA's silence victims of harassment and discrimination plain and simple. They protect abusers and prevent employees from sharing information that can protect them from future harm. The Stop Silencing Survivors Act will finally put an end to this predatory practice and allow for survivors to have authority over their own trauma. I am excited to continue our work to dismantle the harassment protection machine alongside my partner in the Senate, Senator Biaggi, Assemblymember Jessica Gonzalez Rojas, Lift Our Voices and the Sexual Harassment Working Group," said Senator Andrew Gounardes.

"Concealment clauses like NDAs and non-disclosure agreements are tools to keep dirty laundry under wraps and ensure that the culture of workplace toxicity continues to thrive unabated. In an era when organizations routinely talk about diversity, equity and inclusion, it is all the more important that they allow

workers to speak honestly about toxic workplace issues. With this legislation, New York State is taking a momentous step in ensuring that survivors can finally demand a more respectful and inclusive workplace, free of fear and retaliation," said Gretchen Carlson and Julie Roginsky of Lift Our Voices.

"Survivors and whistleblowers should not be forced to sacrifice their voices in order to move on with their lives. The Stop Silencing Survivors Act finally gives workers the agency to privacy on their terms, restoring their right to be the owners of their own experiences by allowing them to speak publicly about what happened to them, if and when they are ready. We thank bill sponsors Senator Biaggi, Senator Gounardes, and Assembly Member González-Rojas for their support and dedication to changing the culture that allows toxic harassment and discrimination to fester," said the Sexual Harassment Working Group.

"This bill ensures employees will no longer be bullied into silence if they want to hold employers accountable, while leaving room for reasonable protections of privacy," said Margaret McIntyre, Employee Rights Attorney.

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Notice of Formation of INFINIKEY SOLUTIONS, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/22/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 2446 44th Street, Apt 4A, Astoria, NY 11103. Purpose: any lawful activities. 3/31,4/7,14,21,28&5/5/2022

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

IKOS SENIOR LIVING LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/07/2022. 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, 48-02 25th Avenue, Suite 400, Astoria, NY 11103. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 4/14,21,28,5/5,12&19/2022

42-14 CRESCENT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/10/22. 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, 42-14 Crescent Street, Unit 4A, Long Island City, NY 11101. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 4/14,21,28,5/5,12&19/2022

WLP REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/22/22. 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, 40-54 Warren Street, Elmhurst, NY 11373. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 4/28,5/5,12,19,26&6/2/2022

Notice of Formation of BRAINROT HOUR MEDIA, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/07/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 23-27 30th Avenue, Unit 3, Astoria, NY 11102. Purpose: any lawful activities. 4/14,21,28,5/5,12&19/2022

FAHAD & FARHAN TRANSPORTATION LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 3/14/2022. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 86-35 QUEENS BLVD, APT 5U, ELMHURST, NY, 11373. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 4/28,5/5,12,19,26&6/2/2022

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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

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

Notice of Qualification of AIYA TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM, LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/19/22. Office location: Queens County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 03/25/22. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 36-18 Main St., 12th Fl., Flushing, NY 11356. DE addr. of LLC: 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., #4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 5/5,12,19,26,6/2&9/2022

Notice of Formation of BOBBETS KITCHEN LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/09/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 140-49 Latham Lane, Jamaica, NY 11434. Purpose: any lawful activities. 5/5,12,19,26,6/2&9/2022

Caribbean Sports Lounge LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 4/14/2022. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 197-15 Jamaica Ave., Hollis, NY 11423. General Purpose. 5/5,12,19,26,6/2&9/2022

Yan & Li Venture Property LLC filed w/ SSNY on 5/2/22. Office: Queens Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 13347 Sanford Ave., #C1E, Flushing, NY 11355. Purpose: any lawful. 5/5,12,19,26,6/2&9/2022

ACADIA REAL ESTATE GROUP LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 4/28/22. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to The LLC 4235 Main St Ste CE Flushing NY 11355. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 5/5,12,19,26,6/2&9/2022



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PROBATE CITATION File No. 2013-25871B SURROGATE'S COURT -QUEENS COUNTY CITATION

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: Antonia Thomas Johnson, Delores Thomas McGee, Stephen Thomas, Jeffrey Thomas, Paul Edward Thomas, Lillie Thomas Clarke, Wanda Thomas Coughman, Manchester West, Darlene L. Jackson, Anthony Eric Jackson, Michael Venson, Carl Venson, Larry Venson, Katina Venson, Thelma Collier Corwise, Brenda Collier Nicholson, Ebonee Royster, Louise Collier Holloway, Lewis Collier, Joyce Collier, William Collier, Denise Collier Derrick, Clarissa Padgett Robinson, Gloria Padgett, Wilhelmina Padgett Ferguson, Carol Padgett Bryant, Thomas Padgett, Linwood Darius Williams, Marcus Freeland, Ralph E. Harris, Quentin Harris Johnson, Victoria Harris, Nikia Harris, Terri L. Carroll, Ioma D. Carroll, Virginia Y. Carroll, Lillie M. Carroll, Sadie Pope Anthony, Patricia Carroll, Anglette Carroll, and Ricky Jones, Estate of Patricia Colclough post deceased heirs at law: Alexander David, John Colclough, Mishatiess David, Estate of Ola Marie Carroll post deceased heirs at law: Taquala Carroll, Pammie Carroll, Tammie Carroll Smith, Jereme Carroll and the heirs at law, next of kin, distributees of Mary Lee Carroll a/k/a Mary L. Carroll, the decedent, if living, and if any of them be dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees, and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence, Tara E. Mahon: GAL and The Queens County Public Administrator.

A petition having been duly filed by Mary L. Washington, who is domiciled at 156-11 Aguilar Avenue Apt. 5N, Flushing, NY 11367.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's court, Queens County, at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, New York, on July 7, 2022, at 9:30 o'clock in the fore noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Mary Lee Carroll a/k/a Mary L. Carroll lately domiciled at 209-10 86th Drive Apt. 3F, Queens Village, New York 11427, United States admitting to probate a Will dated April 15, 2011, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Mary Lee Carroll a/k/a Mary L. Carroll deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that:

- [X] Letters Testamentary issue to Mary L. Washington
- [] Letters of Trusteeship issue to
- [] Letters of Administration c.t.a. issue to
- [] Further relief requested (if any):

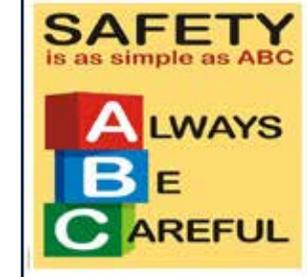
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NOTICE: THIS CITATION IS SERVED UPON YOU AS REQUIRED BY LAW AS A RESULT OF THE MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE COURT TO COMBAT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19, PHYSICAL PRESENCE AT THE COURTHOUSE ON THE RETURN DATE IS LIMITED. THEREFORE, IF YOU WISH TO CONTEST THE RELIEF REQUESTED, YOU, OR AN ATTORNEY ON YOUR BEHALF, MUST CONTACT THE COURT PRIOR TO THIS DATE IN THE MANNER SET FORTH IN THE ATTACHED NOTICE. IF YOU DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT AS SET FORTH IN THE NOTICE IT WILL BE FOUND YOU CONSENT TO THE RELIEF REQUESTED.

Date April 28, 2022
HON. PETER J. KELLY
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Deputy Chief Clerk
Salvatore Marino
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Orange Cedar Spa, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 3/3/2022. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 131-18 Merrick Blvd., Queens, NY 11434. General Purpose. 5/5,12,19,26,6/2&9/2022

Notice of Formation of D'SIRED GOALS LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/26/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 8747 108th Street, Richmond Hill, NY 11418. Purpose: any lawful activities. 5/5,12,19,26,6/2&9/2022



Fallen Hero Firefighter Timothy Klein



A 3-alarm fire in Brooklyn tragically claimed the life of Firefighter Timothy Klein. Our hearts go out to his family, loved ones, and fellow service members.

Firefighter Klein was assigned to Ladder Company 170 in Brooklyn. He grew up and lived in Queens as an active member of the

Rockaway community. Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz attended his funeral service and stood in solidarity with our FDNY heroes.

QDA Katz said "We will remain eternally grateful for his dedication and service on behalf of our City. May he rest in peace."

Food Distribution



Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz joined Dr. Maria Hubbard of Greater Bethel Community Development Corporation for a food distribution event at

Baisley Park Houses.

Hundreds of bags of produce and groceries were given away to local residents to help fight food insecurity within the community.

God Bless America



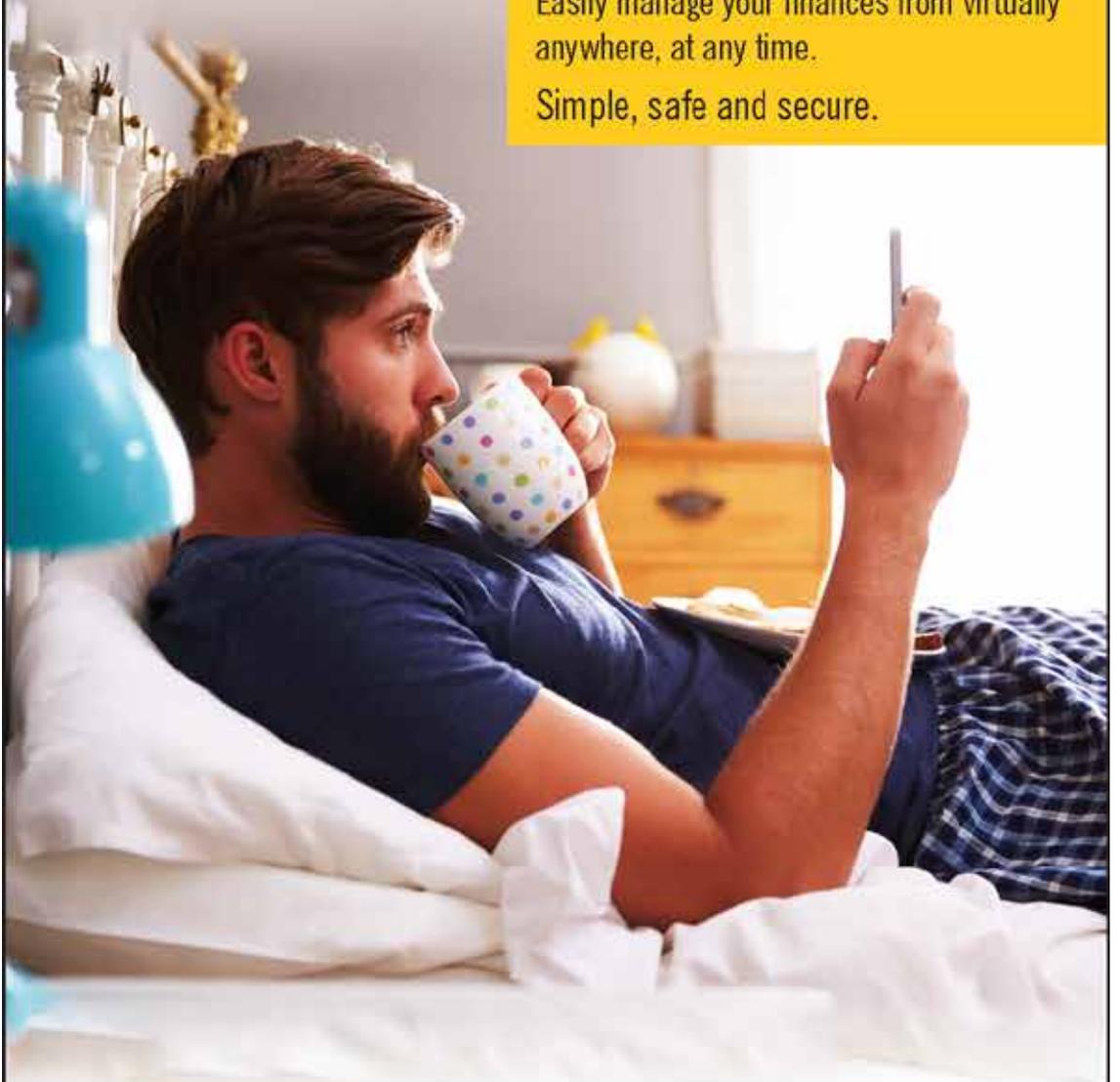
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