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Morning Joe blames “Powerful Cable News Network” For Buffalo Massacre *by Travis Gettys*

Thought that our readers should have an opportunity to read this statement made by a conservative: Charles Joseph Scarborough an American television host, attorney, political commentator, a former politician who served in the United States House of Representatives from 1995 to 2001 as a Republican for Florida’s 1st district who now is the co-host of Morning Joe on MSNBC with his wife Mika Brzezinski.

MSNBC’s Joe Scarborough blamed a certain cable news network for a white supremacist who gunned down 10 Black shoppers at a Buffalo grocery store.

The shooter posted a lengthy manifesto online before driving more than two hours to Tops Friendly Markets, which he targeted because it was located in a predominately Black neighborhood, and the “Morning Joe” host said his hateful screed matched racist theories promoted by conservative broadcasters.

“Fear locks our minds on the past, and it makes us anxious about future,” Scarborough said. “Fear allows us to hate people we don’t know, and it even makes us forget the best in ourselves. Once again, fear is a tool being used by media moguls and tyrants to target the weakest and most emotionally fragile among us. Fear feeds on the dispossessed minds mired in lost causes like this.”

“Like Faulkner’s Quintin, whose very body was an empty hall echoing with names, he wrote, ‘It was a barracks filled with stubborn, backwards-looking ghosts,’” Scarborough continued. “Like Hitler’s Germany, haunted by a shattering defeat after World War I. Russia’s Putin, a tyrant who has

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Senator John Liu Hosts 2nd Annual AAPI Heritage Month Fun Run in Bayside



State Senator John Liu joined over 100 runners to celebrate Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month with his Second Annual Fun Run. Runners of all ages came together to celebrate a fun-filled day with a 4.8 mile run on Joe Michaels Mile from Fort Totten to Northern Boulevard and back.

Senator Liu said, “A great turnout at our second annual AAPI Heritage Month Fun Run. Thank you to all the runners of all ages and backgrounds who ran, jogged, and walked with us as we enjoyed a fun-filled day celebrating Asian American heritage and community.”

CM Moya Moves Globes From Hall of Science Parking Lot to 111th Street Islands in Corona Heights



Councilmember Francisco Moya was able to have all the Globes that were scheduled to be removed from the Hall of Science Parking Lot relocated and placed on the 111th Street Islands that are across from Flushing Meadow Corona Park in Corona Heights. See story on page 2.

Meng Helps Secure \$3 Million For New Labor & Delivery Wing



Meng breaks wall to begin the congressionally-funded renovation project at NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS/ELMHURST, the largest public hospital in Queens. See story on page 7.

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unleashed terror on an entire continent because he is still stricken a generation later by the collapse of the Soviet Union, union or, yes, like that infected appendage still attached to the GOP, the Trump wing, fueled by white grievance and wild conspiracies. Those

conspiracies pushed by a former president, House Republican leaders, social media monopolies and a powerful cable news network -- billionaires, they're leveraging that fear to make more money and to gain even more power, by preying on the aggrieved, working to turn white against Black, white against Hispanic, white against Muslim,

white against Jew."

"It is the most grotesque of marketing schemes that is killing, yes, literally killing those very Americans whose existence is now being used as leverage by news networks and a political party to breed that fear, to make more money and to win votes," he concluded. "It is sick."

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To address one of the quality of life traffic issues on 111th Street, across from Flushing Meadow Corona Park in Corona Heights, Councilmember Francisco Moya collaborated

with NYPD to relocate the Globes that were scheduled to be removed from the Hall of Science Parking Lot. The Hall of Science parking lot is going to be reconfigured to make a new parking lot and entrance for new pre-K school being constructed

on 111th Street between 48th and 46th Avenues. Councilmember Moya worked with NYPD to remove the Globes from the parking lot and placed them on the Islands along 111th Street in Corona Heights to prevent cars from parking illegally on them.

MTA Announces Subways And Buses Set Single-Week Pandemic Ridership Record

Nearly 24 Million New Yorkers Rode the Subway or Bus in Second Week of May for the Highest Single-Week Total Since Pandemic Began in March 2020

Subways Carried Over 16.6 Million Riders, Buses 7.3 Million, and Staten Island Railway Over 33,000

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) has announced that 23,981,064 New Yorkers took the train or bus last week, setting a pandemic-era record for a single work week. Between Monday May 9 and Friday May 13, the subway recorded more than 16.6 million rides, buses recorded 7.3 million rides, and Staten Island Railway over 33,000 rides.

The ridership figures reflect the third time in the past six weeks NYC Transit has surpassed 23 million rides in a work week. In April, subways, buses and Staten Island Railway recorded the two best work weeks of 2022, also the fourth and fifth best work weeks since the COVID-19 pandemic.

The previous record came during the week of April 25, which ranks as the fourth best week for ridership since the pandemic, with 23,699,401 recorded rides. At that time, that record trailed only the week of November 15, 2021, and the week of December 6, 2021, when NYC Transit ridership was recorded at 23,951,307 and 23,847,778 respectively.

MTA Chair and CEO Janno Lieber said, "This record week follows a strong April, when we had two weeks that ranked among the best single-week totals for subway and bus ridership since the pandemic began. The message from New Yorkers is clear: as we come back, we are taking mass transit."

New York City Transit President Richard Davey said, "There is no doubt about it, New Yorkers remember the best way to get around the city; by continuing to focus on cleanliness, reliability and customer service records will continue to be broken."

MTA Chief Customer Officer Sarah Meyer said, "These trends prove that mass transit is the easiest, fastest and cheapest way around the city. With incentives like the OMNY "Lucky 13" to encourage riders to use the system more, combined with the warm weather, we are looking forward to breaking more records."

Metro-North Railroad and Long Island Rail Road last week also experienced record ridership. On Tuesday, May 10, Metro-North carried an estimated 158,798 riders, 61 percent of the 2019 daily average. On Wednesday, May 11, the LIRR carried an estimated 178,100 riders, which was 62 percent of the 2019 daily average. The last time either railroad surpassed this level of ridership was March 12, 2020.

The increase in ridership across the agencies come as major com-

panies began to bring employees back to the office starting in March, and followed the rollout of a series of pilot fare programs designed to make fares more affordable and more flexible. On February 28, the Authority launched a fare-capping pilot through its contactless fare payment system OMNY that put a cap on weekly subway and bus fares. The fare-capping pilot includes a "Lucky 13" feature where, starting with the 13th ride of each week, every additional ride on subways or buses is free for the rest of that week.

To encourage commuter railroad customers to return, the Authority introduced discount fare packages including the debut of a new 20-trip ticket to reflect hybrid work schedules. The 20-trip offers riders 20 percent off comparable 20-peak one-way fares when purchased through MTA eTix or at a ticket window and are valid for 60 days.

Prior to the pandemic, average weekday ridership totals routinely exceeded 5.5 million in the subway system. That figure fell by 95 percent to a low of roughly 300,000 daily trips in April 2020 as the number of COVID-19 cases peaked in the New York City metropolitan area. MTA employees continued to provide service for the frontline healthcare professionals and other essential workers who needed to get to work during some of the most difficult days in New York City history.

Senator James Sanders Jr. Invites You to Join His Southeast Queens 100k Community Tree Project

The climate crisis is a primary topic of focus in the media right now. Climate change, especially with the Amazon rainforest burning, is at an all-time high, making this a huge issue on today's agenda.

So, spring has sprung! Trees are budding, flowers are blooming, and the days are growing longer and warmer. We have some exciting news to share! We are pleased to introduce the SEQ 100k Trees Campaign in partnership with NYC Parks! Starting today, Tues-

day, May 17th, we want to invite you to join our movement to plant 100,000 trees together!

The Southeast Queens 100k Community Tree Project is an initiative to expand the tree canopy, enhance tree health and to add to the diversity of tree species grown in Southeast Queens. We need YOUR help with identifying potential tree spaces throughout the community. There are currently a few trees, and we hope to enhance all areas within our district with appropriate native trees. We're

reaching out to ALL tenant associations, civic associations, and community-based organizations to make it happen.

So how it works: The community leaders will serve an important role in this project by letting our office know the spaces in their neighborhoods that need trees. As with the assessment of the potential street tree spaces, the Office of State Senator James Sanders Jr. has already helped by

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Reps. Maloney, Nadler, And Velazquez Announce Legislation to Substantially Reduce Non-Essential Helicopter Flights Over NYC

The Helicopter Safety and Noise Management Act addresses safety and noise pollution concerns caused by non-essential helicopter flights

Representatives Carolyn B. Maloney (NY-12), Jerrold Nadler (NY-10), and Nydia Velazquez (NY-7) joined at the 34th Street Heliport to introduce their Helicopter Safety and Noise Management Act. They were joined in support by Senator Brad Hoylman, Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine, Assemblyman Dick Gottfried, City Councilmember Gale Brewer, and Stop the Chop NY/NJ.

The Helicopter Safety and Noise Management Act would create a commission comprised of the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), members of the local and state government, and helicopter noise and safety advocates who are negatively impacted by helicopter noise. This commission would then develop a helicopter usage management plan to substantially reduce the number of non-essential civil rotorcraft that can operate at any time.

Between October 2019 and October 2020, complaints about helicopter noise in New York City increased 130%. According to the city's 311 hotline, through the end of September 2021, New York City received more than 17,000 calls about helicopter noise, eclipsing the helicopter-noise complaints made in 2019 and in 2020. And last year, the FAA released its first noise survey in almost thirty years, which found that almost two-thirds of people were "highly annoyed" by aircraft noise, which was about five times higher than what was reported in 1992.

"Of all the issues I hear about from my constituents, helicopter noise is one of the most common. Unfortunately, helicopter noise in

New York City is on the rise. That is why along with Representatives Nadler and Velazquez, I am introducing the Helicopter Safety and Noise Management Act, which will crack down on non-essential helicopter flights. To put it simply, New Yorkers are being inundated with helicopter noise, and it is negatively affecting their quality of life, and their physical and psychological health, which is why I am determined to fix this with legislation," said Rep. Maloney.

"For decades, New Yorkers have been plagued by excess helicopter noise and have had their lives put in danger by non-essential flights," said Congressman Jerrold Nadler. "Despite numerous requests by my colleagues and I, the FAA has refused to sufficiently act to keep our skies and our city safe. The Helicopter Safety and Noise Management Act will right this wrong. This bill will force the FAA to work with local officials and advocates to create a long-overdue plan to cut down on non-essential flights, which will make our city safer and greatly reduce noise pollution. For too long, New Yorkers have been asking for relief from the negative safety, health, and environmental impacts of non-essential helicopter flights. It is time for the FAA to deliver. I am proud to be leading this bill alongside Congresswoman Maloney, and I thank her for her critical partnership."

"Helicopter noise is not just annoying – it could be deadly. A new study from Rutgers Medical School found that noise pollution from transportation causes 5% of New Jersey heart attacks. If that is the case, I cannot imagine the rate in NYC. I am thrilled that Congresswoman Maloney and Congressman Nadler are announcing The Helicopter Safety and Noise Management Act, which will substantially improve quality of

life across our city – and maybe even save lives. In Albany, we are trying to pass similar legislation to approach this issue from all levels of government," said State Senator Brad Hoylman.

"I commend Representatives Maloney, Nadler, and Velazquez for their continued advocacy for New York residents who are experiencing worsening helicopter noise. Helicopter-related noise complaints to 311 have gone up in New York City over 2300% in the last five years, and the vast majority of complaints come from Manhattan. The proposed bill is a smart approach modeled after the Air Tour Management Plan legislation from 2000 that has improved protections for National Parks from helicopter-related noise," said Council Member Gale A. Brewer (D-06).

"Stop the Chop NY/NJ is a grassroots nonprofit coalition organization with a mission to ban nonessential (tourist and commuter/charter helicopters) from NY's metropolitan airspace. We also seek to close the local heliports to this nonessential helicopter traffic. Just as we had the previous opportunities to support "The Improving Helicopter Safety Act" introduced by Congressmembers Carolyn B. Maloney, Jerry Nadler and Nydia Velazquez, we thank our Congressional Representatives for the opportunity to present at this press conference for the introduction of their additional, new federal helicopter bill. It is time we end the Wild West airspace created by the helicopter menace over the NYC metro area and for the FAA to listen to the harmed communities and enact significant restrictions or a ban. We thank our NY Congressmembers for their leadership in continuing to fight for safer, cleaner and more peaceful skies above NYC," said Stop the Chop NY/NJ.

Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar Partners With Mount Sinai Health System For Free Mammograms at District Office

Screening Day Continues Assemblywoman's Work to Provide Accessible Healthcare for Her Constituents

Recently, Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar (D-Woodhaven) hosted a Mammogram Screening Day, a free event by the Assemblywoman in partnership with the Mount Sinai Health System. At the event, community members received state-of-the-art 3D mammograms from the Mount Sinai Hospital at the Assemblywoman's office.

"We loved teaming up once again with Assemblywoman Rajkumar," said Dr. Laurie Margolies, Professor of Radiology and Director of Breast Imaging at Mount Sinai Health System. "She recognizes that routine mammograms are an essential part of women's healthcare, and wants all her constituents to live their healthiest lives. They are fortunate to have the Assemblywoman on their side."

The Assemblywoman has focused on increasing healthcare access to her constituents, as her district is underserved when it comes to healthcare. She recently brought doctors to her office to conduct free health screenings for her constituents. She was a leader in connecting her constituents with doctors during the days of the early pandemic, and made sure the health counsel was available in multiple languages to meet the needs of her district which is 72% immigrant. Her office also led in securing vaccination appointments for constituents when those appointments were hard to secure. Finally, her office has been a constant hub for COVID testing during the pandemic and a place to get necessary PPE.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in Queens, and early detection can save lives. 20% of women in the borough eligible for mammograms do not receive one. The Assemblywoman is working to

change that situation and expand access.

Participants thanked Assemblywoman Rajkumar for her continued support of the community's health.

"With the pandemic going on, it was easy to forget about self-care," said Xiomara Brito. "But then I received a message from Assemblywoman Rajkumar reminding me to get my mammogram. It is so great to know I have a representative looking out for my health. This is something that could save my life, and because of the Assemblywoman not only did I get one but I got one for free."

"Assemblywoman Rajkumar's office is like a hospital for the community," said Rhonda Campo. "She helped us schedule vaccine appointments in the thick of the pandemic when they were scarce. She has always offered healthcare right from her office, having doctors provide free health services

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coming up with a community survey, and our community will let us know where to plant trees. This will further help to unify our district this Spring.

This project will indeed be a community effort, with help, guidance, and input from our office and NYC Parks! We hope

you are as happy as we are about this meaningful project, and we look forward to sharing more with you soon. Will you join us? Take our survey here: <https://bit.ly/3yKlpoT>

For further details please call 718-327-7017 or email aoneill@nysenate.gov

Thank you for your consideration of this tree planting project.

Gillibrand Statement on House Intelligence Committee Hearing on Unidentified Aerial Phenomena

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand issued the following statement on the House Intelligence Committee hearing on unidentified aerial phenomena:

"We are grateful to the House Intelligence Committee, especially subcommittee Chairman Carson and Ranking Member Crawford, for hosting today's hearing on unidentified aerial phenomena. Public congressional interest in this issue will contribute toward countering the stigma faced by service members and others in reporting their own encounters with UAP, thereby improving our own data collection to help resolve this national security issue.

The language we secured in

the National Defense Authorization Act made it clear that the Department of Defense and other agencies must urgently approach this issue in a broad manner and consider all origins of UAP, known or unknown. The level of bipartisan interest from the national security committees in Congress -- as well as from the American people -- make it clear that the Department cannot delay in staffing the NDAA-established office, developing a science plan, and integrating already existing data to properly investigate these phenomena. Our national security demands that the Department move on this issue with haste and maintain transparency with Congress."

Rep. Gregory Meeks Statement on The Rockaway Beach Closures

Congressman Gregory W. Meeks released a statement regarding the closure of several beaches on the Rockaway peninsula. Congressman Meeks stated: "The plans to extend Rockaway Beach closures through July are extremely concerning. The COVID-19 pandemic has dealt a tremendous financial burden on local businesses and many of the small businesses on the Rockaway peninsula rely on the summer months for the bulk of their annual revenue. However, it is imperative that the construction causing these closures is completed for the safety of residents

and businesses in the Rockaways to address erosion issues. The resiliency of the peninsula's infrastructure, residents' concerns, and calls from small businesses are all extremely important. I'm pleased that in working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, we were able to provide an alternative plan for the summer beach closures. It is my hope that the New York City Parks Department will reconsider the alternative plan provided by the Army Corps and constructively work toward providing a solution that addresses the entire Rockaway community's concerns," said Meeks.

HPD And FDNY Launch Fire Safety Education Campaign

The New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) and the Fire Department of the City of New York (FDNY) joined together at the Joyce Kilmer Park near Yankee Stadium in the Bronx today to launch a citywide fire safety campaign titled "Keeping Homes Fire Safe," to educate New Yorkers on six key fire safety recommendations for residents and property owners. At the event, FDNY and HPD outreach staff handed out new pamphlets with fire safety tips and spoke with New Yorkers about the importance of self-closing doors and smoke detectors, among other important fire safety tips. The City expects to reach hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers through the fire safety campaign.

The coordinated approach delivers on a commitment made by Mayor Eric Adams in March to strengthen the City's fire safety enforcement and outreach efforts in the wake of the tragic Twin Parks apartment fire in The Bronx in January. Since the executive order was signed, HPD and FDNY have partnered on the public fire safety campaign while working to increase interagency coordination and information sharing to prevent fires.

The fire safety outreach plan includes fire safety education at more than 20 public events already planned throughout the city, and that number continues to grow as the agencies partner with elected officials, other agencies, and local

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Eye Health Tips From Lighthouse Guild

May is Healthy Vision Month

Taking care of your eyes should be a health priority, like eating a balanced diet and being physically active. "It starts with a comprehensive dilated eye exam to check for common vision problems and eye disease," says ophthalmologist Calvin W. Roberts, MD, President and CEO of Lighthouse Guild.

"We urge people of all ages to schedule regular eye exams, especially older adults who are at increased risk for eye diseases," says Dr. Roberts.

An examination can alert adults to potential eye conditions that can cause vision loss and even blindness. They include:

- Cataracts, clouding of the lens in an eye
- Diabetic retinopathy, which causes damage to the blood vessels in the back of the eye
- Glaucoma, increased eye pressure that can damage the optic nerve
- Age-related macular degeneration, which gradually affects central vision

You should also visit an eye care professional if you have a decrease in vision, eye pain, double vision, eye redness, diabetes, or if you see floaters (tiny specks that appear to float before your eyes), halos around light sources, and

flashes of light.

"Many common eye problems can be corrected with glasses, contact lenses, or laser surgery," Dr. Roberts explains. "Millions of Americans would see better if they used corrective lenses or had corrective eye surgery, if appropriate. For people who have low vision — vision loss that cannot be corrected with glasses, medication or surgery — vision rehabilitation and technology can help with everyday tasks. Devices such as video magnifiers, audio and electronic books, smartphones, and tablets can change the font size and lighting level or magnify what's on a screen. Apps can help people identify money, colors and navigate their surroundings," he adds.

Tips and techniques to protect your vision

In addition to scheduling regular comprehensive dilated eye exams, other simple practices can help maintain healthy vision, including:

- Wearing protective eyewear when playing sports or doing activities around the home, such as painting, yard work, and home repairs.
- Wearing sunglasses that block 99-100 percent of ultraviolet A (UVA) and ultraviolet B (UVB) radiation.
- Practicing workplace eye safety -- wearing protective gear

as needed on the job.

- Quitting smoking.
- Taking periodic eye breaks -- staring at a computer all day, or any object, can make you blink less and cause eye fatigue. Follow the 20-20-20 rule: look away for 20 seconds every 20 minutes at something 20 feet away, which can reduce eyestrain.
- Eating healthy foods that protect your sight, such as dark leafy greens and fish high in omega-3 fatty acids.
- Knowing your family's eye health history -- since some eye conditions are hereditary.

"It's always important to take care of your vision," says Dr. Roberts. "But, during Healthy Vision Month, we especially remind everyone to take care of their eyes so they can be as healthy as possible."

About Lighthouse Guild Lighthouse Guild provides exceptional services that inspire people who are visually impaired to attain their goals. We provide coordinated care for eye health, vision rehabilitation and behavioral health as well as related services. Our podcast series, "On Tech & Vision with Dr. Cal Roberts," offers information and insights about technological innovations that are tearing down barriers for people who are blind or visually impaired. For more information, visit Lighthouseguild.org.

HPD And FDNY Launch Fire Safety Education Campaign

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community groups to plan out the rest of the summer. The campaign will also include coordinated messaging on the web, a social media blitz, and email bulletins to approximately 35,000 property owners in the city.

HPD's Outreach Van and FDNY's Fire Safety Education Unit are taking the fire safety campaign on the road, bringing information and services directly to tenants and homeowners across the five boroughs. The teams will provide a wide range of information -- from filing a housing complaint and applying for affordable housing, to valuable life-saving fire safety information, tips, and handouts. FDNY provides educational resources in multiple languages and giveaways that raise awareness on general residential safety.

Additionally, FDNY will offer residents the opportunity to sign up for free smoke alarm installations through the Sound the Alarm Program, a collaborative initiative between the FDNY, FDNY Foundation, and American Red Cross, which installs free smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in the homes of New Yorkers.

"We must work to equip every New Yorker and every building in this city with the tools to protect themselves from building fires, and today we are taking yet another critical step towards delivering on our commitment to do just that," said New York City Mayor Eric Adams. "This campaign will connect hundreds of thousands of property owners and residents to vital, lifesaving information to help prevent future tragedies. We will continue pursuing this necessary work because New Yorkers' lives are at stake."

The "Keeping Homes Fire Safe" campaign educates property owners about their fire safety responsibilities and reminds tenants what to do in the event of a fire while laying out precautionary measures to address potential fire hazards at home. The top six ways for New Yorkers to keep homes fire safe are:

- Maintain Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors. Working detectors are a critical component of fire safety. Property owners must provide & install smoke detectors. Detectors should be maintained by the tenant including testing and

replacing batteries.

- Close the Door. When escaping a fire in your home, always close the door. Closing doors saves lives. All residential buildings with 3 or more apartments must have self-closing doors; notify your property if they are not.

- Have an Escape Plan. An escape plan is important to keep you safe in the event of a fire. Property owners must post plans on the inside of every apartment door, common area, and distribute them to each unit, to new tenants, and annually.

- Clear Exits. Help your family escape from fire, and help first responders quickly access your apartment, by keeping exits unobstructed by clutter or storage on fire escapes, hallways, and entrance doors including roof doors.

- Keep your Kitchen Safe. Keep the area around your stove clear of towels, papers, and potholders. Stand by your pan, never leave cooking food unattended, and enforce a kid-free zone around your stove.

- Heat Your Home Safely. When using an electric space heater, never use an extension cord. Give space heaters at least 3 feet of space from combustible materials such as bedding and furniture. New Yorkers should contact the property owner of their building if their apartment door doesn't self-close, they don't have a functional smoke alarm, obstacles block their exits, or they don't have the stove knob covers they need. If issues are not corrected, they can register a complaint with 311.

In addition to launching the outreach campaign with FDNY, HPD has translated its Ways to Keep Your Building Fire Safe document into ten languages and posted it on the web. In the coming months, HPD will create additional materials for tenants and property owners, promote the fire safety campaign on the web and social media, and begin inspections for important fire safety information that should be posted on the back of every apartment door, which provides information for the tenant about how best to protect themselves in a fire.

Additional outreach events will be held throughout the summer. For more dates and locations, please visit nyc.gov/hpdevents

For more information on the fire safety campaign, please visit nyc.gov/keepinghomesfiresafe.

Attorney General James Warns New Yorkers to be Careful of Sham Charities Created in Response to Buffalo Terror Attack

New York Attorney General Letitia James has issued an alert urging New Yorkers to beware of potentially fraudulent charities created in the wake of the hate-filled terror attack in Buffalo. Anyone who is considering making a donation to organizations that are purportedly assisting victims of the shooting should consult the office's charitable giving tips before donating. Scammers often use incidents of crisis to perpetuate frauds to divert donations away from the intended recipients.

"In the wake of tragedies, like the horrific shooting in Buffalo, scammers often take advantage of acts of kindness for personal gain," said Attorney General James. "As New Yorkers from every corner of the state show their support and solidarity with the Buffalo community, I urge them to be careful of sham charities and make sure they give to trustworthy organizations and groups. I join the whole Buffalo community and the entire state of New York in mourning this senseless, hate-filled act of terror."

Attorney General James offers the following tips for those donating to those impacted by the Buffalo shooting:

- Check Before Giving. Donate to charities you are familiar with and carefully review information about the charity before you give. Most charities are required to register and file financial reports with the Office of the Attorney General's Charities Bureau if they solicit contributions from New Yorkers. Check our website, charitiesnys.com, for financial

reports of charities or ask the charity directly for its reports.

- Ask How Your Donation Will Be Used. Find out how the charity plans to use your donation, including the services and individuals your donation will support. Find out more than just the cause. Find out what organization or entity will receive the money and what programs it conducts or what services it provides.

- Look Into Newly Formed Organizations Carefully. Often, in the aftermath of tragedies, new organizations emerge to meet community needs. While most of these organizations are well-intentioned, and some may provide innovative forms of assistance, some may not have the experience or infrastructure to follow through on their promises, and some may turn out to be scams.

- Solicited by Email? Find Out Who is Soliciting. If you receive a solicitation by email, find out who is behind that email address. Contact the charity whose name is in the email or visit its website to find out if the email is really from the charity. Do not give personal information or your credit card number in response to an email solicitation unless you have checked out the charity.

- Be Careful When Giving Through Social Media or Other Fundraising Sites. Before giving through these social media or fundraising sites, research the identity of the organizer of the fundraising efforts and ask the same questions you would of a charity. Online platforms that host groups and individuals soliciting for causes may not

thoroughly vet those who use their service. Donors should only give to campaigns conducted by people whom they know. Donors also should take a close look at the site's FAQs and Terms and Conditions to see what fees will be charged. Also, don't assume that charities recommended on social media sites, blogs, or other websites have already been vetted. Research the charity yourself to confirm that the charity is aware of the campaign and has given its approved permission for the use of its name or logo. If available, sign up for updates from the campaign organizer to keep abreast on how contributions to the campaign are being spent.

- Exercise Caution Before You Text A Contribution. Check the charity's website or call the charity to confirm it has authorized contributions to be made via text message.

- Don't Give Cash. Give directly to the charity either by check made payable to the organization or through the charity's website.

- Be Careful About Personal Information. Be cautious before giving out credit card or personal information over the phone, by text message, or via the internet. In all cases, make sure you are familiar with the organization to which you give such information and check to see that the fundraising campaign is legitimate.

Report Suspicious Organizations. If you believe an organization is misrepresenting its work, or that a fundraising or charitable scam is taking place, please contact the Charities Bureau at charities.complaints@ag.ny.gov.

In Buffalo After Mass Shooting, Biden Calls White Supremacy 'A Poison'

President Joe Biden traveled to Buffalo Tuesday to grieve with residents of the city, after 10 people were killed over the weekend in an anti-Black racist attack.

During a speech at Buffalo's Delavan Grider Community Center, Biden recalled the names of the 10 victims and who they were to their community. Biden said evil came to Buffalo through a hateful individual, just as it has recently in cities such as Charleston, Pittsburgh and El Paso.

He added Americans cannot remain silent about the dangers of white supremacy and racism, and

how people have been radicalized through politics and social media.

"White supremacy is a poison, running through our body politic," Biden asserted. "And it's been allowed to fester and grow right in front of our eyes. We need to say as clearly and forcefully as we can that the ideology of white supremacy has no place in America."

The gunman, an 18-year-old white man, is believed to have been motivated by white-supremacist ideology. He's alleged to have posted online about the

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 For the Week of ... 5/19/22 - 5/25/22

For Entertainment Purposes Only

ARIES
 (Mar. 21 - April 20)
 Try out for a local sports team bowling, or whatever interests you. Try not to hurt your partner's feelings. Reevaluate your situation. Your lucky numbers are 5,9,1.

TAURUS
 (Apr. 21 - May 21)
 Someone you work with will be quite unreasonable this week. You can make alterations to your appearance that everyone will admire. Your lucky numbers are 4,9,3.

GEMINI
 (May 22 - June 21)
 You can learn from those who have had similar experiences. There could be opposition or temper tantrums on the home front. Your lucky numbers are 2,9,3.

CANCER
 (June 22 - July 22)
 Don't rely on others to do your work. You can learn valuable information if you listen and observe what others are doing and saying. Your lucky numbers are 5,8,3.

LEO
 (July 23 - Aug. 22)
 Self-deception regarding your own worth may lead you down the wrong path. Added knowledge will give you the edge when dealing with peers. Your lucky numbers are 5,3,2.

VIRGO
 (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23)
 Talk to those in a position of power about your intentions. Take time to visit someone who has been I confined due to illness. Your lucky numbers are 1,8,9.

LIBRA
 (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
 Try to turn your life around. Voice your opinions and contribute to the debate. Channel your efforts into achieving your goals. Your lucky numbers are 8,9,3.

SCORPIO
 (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
 Your real estate investments will payoff. Your emotional stability may influence the changes taking place in your personal life. Be diplomatic but stern. Your lucky numbers are 3,7,6.

SAGITTARIUS
 (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)
 Don't be too hard on yourself. Travel will be to your advantage. You will not be able to trust someone you work with. Your lucky numbers are 5,3,2.

CAPRICORN
 (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)
 You can take advantage of opportunities if you are quick to make a move. Your hard work and dedication will payoff. Your lucky numbers are 4,3,2.

AQUARIUS
 (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
 Avoid functions that will bring you in contact with those you dislike. Opportunities to upgrade your living standards will surface soon. Your lucky numbers are 2,8,1.

PISCES
 (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)
 Let others know what your intentions are and be honest in your approach. You will do well if you mingle with the brass this week. Your lucky numbers are 7,2,1.

Did You Know?

- You shed a complete layer of skin every 4 weeks
- That after petrol, coffee is the largest item bought and sold
- The first metered taxi was introduced in 1907
- The Chinese used fingerprints as a method of identification as far back as AD 700
- A Sphygmomanometer measures blood pressure
- The revolving door was invented in 1888
- Minus 40C is exactly the same temperature as minus 40F
- Cars were first started with ignition keys in 1949
- To crack a whip the tip must be travelling faster than the speed of sound
- There is enough petrol in a full tank of a Jumbo Jet to drive the average car 4 times around the world
- Sir Isaac Newton was 23 when he discovered the law of gravity
- The lie detector was invented in 1921
- The world's knowledge is growing so fast that 90% of what we will know in 50 years time will be discovered in those 50 years
- The drinking straw was invented in 1886
- Red light has the highest wavelength
- Paper money was first used in China
- According to the old English time system a moment is 1 and a half minutes

Answer to Last Weeks Puzzles

"Sudoku"

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"Crossword Puzzle"

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"Try And Find"

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- ACROSS**
- Summits
 - Leveling wedge
 - District
 - Lace tip
 - Ripped
 - Blue-green
 - Keyboard instrument
 - Any minute
 - Distribute
 - Variety
 - Not under
 - Swabs
 - Missing
 - A roll of cloth
 - Animal companion
 - Chop off
 - Jewish month
 - Tranquil scene
 - What place?
 - To woo someone
 - Against the law
 - It surrounds a painting
 - Kind of palm
 - Decays
 - Norm
 - Used in baseball
 - Being
 - Ample
 - Wall upright
 - False god
 - A formal charge of wrongdoing
 - French for "End"
 - Impoverished
 - Audio communication device
 - Adolescent
 - Sea eagle
 - Vogue
 - Certain
 - Scarlets
 - A post in the ground
- DOWN**
- Daddy
 - Auspices
 - "Oh dear!"
 - Bingo relative
 - Tempest
 - Headlong rushes
 - Frankness
 - Metal used in steel
 - Involving the mind
 - The air around us
 - Late Superman actor, Christopher
 - Consumed
 - Ready for anything
 - Subject
 - Soup or cereal
 - Vomit
 - Scent
 - Holy man
 - Springy gym item
 - Ties in surgery
 - Freudian topics
 - Rodents
 - Otherwise
 - Close
 - Asian aquatic plant
 - Run off
 - Harvester
 - Presents
 - Farewell
 - Hermit
 - Pub game
 - The central part
 - Fruity pastry
 - Notion
 - Pig sound
 - Connecting point

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Bad Hair Day **Cornrows** **Part** **Shampoo**
Beads **Curly** **Perm** **Slicked Back**
Bobby Pin **Hair Dryer** **Plaits** **Spike**
Braid **Hair Spray** **Ponytail** **Streak**
Buzz Cut **Mousse** **Salon** **Wash**

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Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar Hosts “Plant the Seeds of Kindness” Flower Potting in Glendale

Families Turn Out for Distribution of Flowers

Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar (D-AD 38) was delighted to join her friends in the community for the “Plant the Seeds of Kindness” flower distribution. The event was a partnership between the Assemblywoman and local florist and cafe operator Dorothy Stepnowska, Councilman Robert Holden, and the Glendale Civic Association.

The event at the “Uncle” Vito F. Maranzano Glendale Playground gave children the opportunity to pot flowers that they could then take home. They were encouraged to give the flowers as gifts to others. Assemblywoman Rajkumar also distributed free COVID-19 home test kits, PPE, hand sanitizer, and refreshments.

Reflecting on a successful event, the Assemblywoman said, “Glendale is home to one of the most beautiful sites in the entire



Pictured at the event; Assemblywoman Rajkumar’s Chief of Staff Vjola Isufaj, community leader Dorothy Stepnowska, and Glendale Kiwanis President Teresa Donahue

city, Forest Park. Every child should not only experience their own token of this natural beauty, but also learn the value of generously sharing it with others.”

She added, “If they need help deciding to whom to give their flower, I remind them that it is never too late to give a Mother’s Day gift.”

During Mental Health Awareness Month Legislators Call For Passage of Maternal Mental Health Bills

Three bills would make depression screenings available during prenatal, postnatal and pediatric visits; address inadequacies of existing depression screening tools; and establish a working group to address underdiagnosis in vulnerable populations

On May 16, legislators came together during Mental Health Awareness Month to call for the passage of bills that would address both the maternal mental health needs of New Yorkers who give birth and underdiagnosis and undertreatment in vulnerable, at-risk populations—particularly Black and Brown women.

The bills are sponsored in the Senate by Mental Health Committee Chair Senator Samra Brouk, and sponsored in the Assembly by Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas, Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic & Asian Legislative Caucus Chair Assemblywoman Michaëlle Solages, and Assemblywoman Sarah Clark.

Maternal mental health conditions are the most common complication in pregnancy and child-



birth, affecting one in five women. The risks are significantly higher for new mothers of color; notably, while Black women are twice as likely to experience many of these conditions, they are half as likely to seek help. Maternal mental health conditions such as anxiety disorders, obsessive-compulsive disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, bipolar illness and sub-

stance use disorders, can create bonding issues between a birthing parent and her baby, contribute to sleep and feeding problems, and cause mental, emotional, developmental and verbal complications in children.

The Senate has passed S7752 and S7753, and S7865 was recently

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Mayor Eric Adams to Pace Students: To Change The World, You Must Protest And Protect

Standing before thousands of graduates at Pace University’s Commencement, Mayor Eric Adams today praised the uniqueness of the American Dream and said that in order for it to be realized, people must not only shine a light on injustices facing society, but they must then take action to protect the afflicted and those who are suffering.

Speaking to roughly 15,000 people – including 3,500 graduates, 2,800 from the Class of 2022 -- at USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Queens the mayor listed a series of protests he was involved in over decades and said whether it is an issue with gun



Mayor Eric Adams addresses attendees at Pace University’s Commencement at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Queens. Photo Credit: Piero Robelli.

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Meng Issues Statement on Greek Prime Minister’s Address to Joint Session of Congress



Meng shaking hands with Prime Minister Mitsotakis



Congresswoman Meng is pictured with Stacy Bliagos

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-NY), a member of the Congressional Hellenic Caucus and Vice Chair of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations, today attended Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis’ address to a joint session of Congress.

“It was an honor to listen to the Prime Minister as he delivered an historic address to Congress on the strength of the U.S.-Greece relationship,” said Meng. “The U.S. and Greece share a special bond. As the Prime Minister

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Senator Gillibrand Announces Groundbreaking Fabric Act to Reinvigorate The Garment Industry in The U.S.

Strengthen Garment Workers' Rights, Drive Wage Growth And Promote Equity

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand announced the introduction of her groundbreaking Fashioning Accountability and Building Real Institutional Change (FABRIC) Act. Garment workers are a cornerstone of the American economy and, for far too long, have faced unsafe working conditions, wage theft, and piecework pay, which often prioritizes fast fashion over the safety of workers. Supply chain disruptions caused by the pandemic have only exacerbated these ongoing issues, which are disproportionately shouldered by women, people of color, and immigrant workers. Gillibrand's FABRIC Act would protect nearly 100,000 American garment workers and help revitalize the garment industry in the United States by improving working conditions and reforming the piece-rate pay scale. Women are leaders in the



cut-and-sew apparel manufacturing industry, making up 61% of workers, and following heavy job losses for women during the pan-

demic, we need to invest in them and this crucial industry.

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Meng Helps Secure \$3 Million For New Labor & Delivery Wing

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In honor of Women's Health Month, U.S. Congresswoman Grace Meng and representatives from the Office of Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez visited NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst's Women's Pavilion to mark the announcement of \$3 Million in federal funding they secured for a new Labor and Delivery Unit on the hospital's 5th floor.

Congresswoman Meng led a "wall-breaking" ceremony to kick off the project, and she toured the current Labor and Delivery Unit to see where the renovations will take place. Federal funding for the initiative, made available under the Community Project Funding Program that Meng and Ocasio-Cortez championed in the House of Representatives, also came through the offices of Senators Gillibrand and Schumer.

Construction is scheduled for the spring and summer of 2022. The project will support Elmhurst's goal of improving health indicators for pregnant women and decreasing maternal and infant mortality rates in underserved communities.

Meng also took part in a patient baby shower co-hosted by MetroPlusHealth that featured educational presentations on prenatal care, breastfeeding, Safe Sleep, nutrition, and the hospital's doula program, along with tabling by community-based organizations such as CommonPoint Queens and the Queens Museum. After the presentations, patients had the opportunity to win prizes by answering trivia questions related to well-baby care.

"I was proud to help secure \$3 million for NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst to renovate its delivery unit which will be a major boost in expanding access to care and ensuring healthier families. Elmhurst plays a critical role in the health and wellbeing of our communities, and I cannot wait until the renovation is completed," said Congresswoman Meng. "All



families deserve a modern, safe, and equitable maternal health care experience, and investments like this are needed to ensure that the hospital can continue to provide efficient, high-quality and state of the art services that local residents need and deserve. It is also crucial to meet the growing needs of the area. When the COVID-19 crisis began, NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst was in the heart of the epicenter, and this project is an example of how we must build back better and stronger as we work to recover from the pandemic. I'm excited for this renovation to begin, and look forward to the upgrades benefiting Queens families for decades to come."

"I am beyond ecstatic and grateful to Senators Gillibrand and Schumer, and to Representatives Meng and Ocasio-Cortez, for their commitment to our hospital and to improving the lives of our patients," said NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst CEO Helen Arteaga-Landaverde, MPH. "Our expectant mothers and newborns will greatly benefit from these investments in infrastructure and improving patient care and patient satisfaction at our facility. We look forward to working closely with our federal legislators to ensure that Elmhurst has the resources it needs to meet the growing healthcare demands of our community."

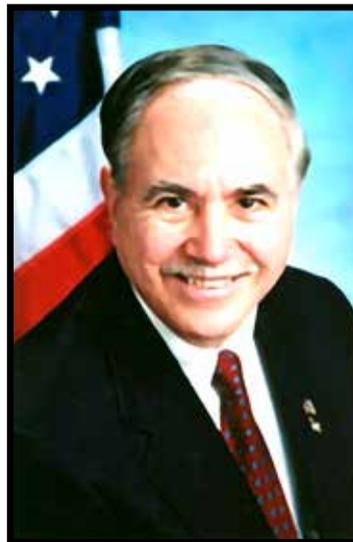
"I am very happy that we have

received additional federal funding to support moms and babies at our hospital, and I want to thank Senators Gillibrand and Schumer, along with Congress Members Meng and Ocasio-Cortez, for their support," said NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst's Director of OB/GYN Services Dr. Frederick Friedman. "We deliver over 2,200 babies per year at Elmhurst, but this number is expected to increase significantly due a growing demand for our OB/GYN services. The ability to modernize and upgrade our Labor and Delivery suite and optimize our birthing program will support a new generation of healthy, flourishing kids in our community."

"A lack of access to high-quality maternal health services in communities results in challenges arising from the social determinants of health, contributing to disparities in maternal health care for women of color and their babies," said Steven Mitchell, Senior Director of Sales at MetroPlusHealth. "We have teams across New York City and NYC Health + Hospitals' locations educating and informing expectant mothers about their health insurance coverage, benefits, and resources."

For more information about programs and services at NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst, please call 844-NYC-4NYC or visit www.nychealthandhospitals.org/Elmhurst.

Assemblyman Colton Informs The Community That The HEAP Cooling Assistance Program is Now Open



"Every year my office helps qualified households to apply for the HEAP Cooling Assistance program. If you are eligible and would like to apply for the cooling program, then you can come into my office for help at 155 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, NY 11223, or call 718-236-1598 for more information. The cooling assistance benefit helps eligible households buy and install an air conditioner or fan up to a cost of \$800.00. You may receive one cooling assistance benefit per applicant household for the purchase and installation of an air conditioner or a fan to help your home to stay cool during hot summer days. Applications are accepted from May 2 to August 31, 2022," Colton stated.

"Air conditioners are given on a first-come, first-served basis to eligible applicants. Applicants are only eligible for a Cooling Assistance benefit once every five years," Colton added.

Assemblyman William Colton (D – Gravesend, Bensonhurst, Bath Beach, and Dyker Heights) is notifying the community that the 2021-2022 HEAP Cooling Assistance program opened on May 2, 2022.

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GENERAL RULES:

- Must be a Current Middle School or High School Student
- There will be Two \$250 Scholarship Prizes Awarded: One Middle School Winner and One High School Winner
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- 500 Word Minimum Typed Essay
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(May 19 to May 25)

African drumming, Indian folk, Jazz, Klezmer, Latin, Steel pan, and Swing. It's a great week for music in Queens. Afghan sabzi, Bangladeshi goat biryani, Guyanese potato curry, Mexican mole poblano, Sri Lankan vegetable kottu, Thai papaya salad, and West African egusi. It's a great week for food, too!

- May 19, FOMO:DIPTYCH, May 21. The world premiere of an evening-length performance art piece by Laurie Berg. Shows are Thursday through Saturday at 8 pm. The NEW Chocolate Factory Theater, 38-33 24th St., Long Island City.

- May 20, OYA, May 29. Baba David Wright's new play is a spirited theatrical dance-drama that explores the traditions and rituals of the West African Yoruba culture. Black Spectrum Theatre, vicinity of 177th Street and Baisley Boulevard, Jamaica.

- May 20, Encore Film Festival, 6 pm. Watch movies that won awards at the latest Underground Film Festival. Jamaica Performing Arts Center, 153-10 Jamaica Ave.

- May 20, The Apothetae, May 21. Readings of plays about people with disabilities. A.A. Brenner's "Blanche & Stella" is on May 20 at 8 pm. Nikki Brake-Silla's "Say It Ain't So" is on May 21 at 5 pm. Magda Romanska's "The Life and Times of Stephen Hawking" is on May 22 at 5 pm. Queens Theatre, 14 United Nations Ave. S., Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- May 20, Crash The Party, 8 pm. This band features young, energetic, talented, and reliable musicians. Resorts World New York City, 110-00 Rockaway Blvd., South Jamaica.

- May 21, Jimmy Heath Scholarship Fund Concert, 7 pm. Jimmy Heath (1926-2020) was a Jazz World giant as a bandleader, composer, and mentor. He was also a professor at Queens College's Aaron Copland School of Music. QC Director of the Jazz Studies Program Antonio Hart, a talented saxophonist, and guests pay tribute to Heath with this concert. LeFrak Concert Hall, 153-49 Reeves Ave., Flushing.

- May 21, The Spitfire Grill, May 22. The Phamaly Theatre Company, whose entire cast has disabilities, presents this musical about a young woman who starts a new life in a small town. She finds work at the Spitfire Grill, a rundown diner with a disenfranchised proprietor. Through determination, optimism, and love, she revitalizes the grill and the community. Queens Theatre, 14 United Nations Ave. S., Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- May 21, Victor Provost: Steel Pannist, 7 pm. Born and raised on the Virgin Islands, Victor Provost is widely regarded as one of the world's leading steel pan players. He leads a musical cohort that weaves seamlessly between Caribbean Roots music, straight-ahead



Quintet of the Americas Arthur Moeller

Jazz, and World Rhythms. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd.

- May 21, Celebrate Our Community, 2 pm. A Bollywood and Indian folk fusion concert by Artiste Anjali mixes with Queensboro Dance Festival performances, DJ Nett, and various workshops and crafts activities. Charles Drew Park, vicinity of 116th Avenue and 140th Street, Jamaica.

- May 21, Spring Migration Bird Walk, 9 am. A leisurely stroll through a forest with an experienced birder and naturalist who helps identify species. Alley Pond Environmental Center, 224-65 76th Ave., Oakland Gardens.

- May 21, Changing Lanes, 8 pm. This up-and-coming New Jersey cover band plays hits from various decades. Resorts World New York City, 110-00 Rockaway Blvd., South Jamaica.

- May 22, East River International Food Festival, noon. A walk-around sampling of such dishes as Afghan sabzi, Bangladeshi goat biryani, Guyanese potato curry and roti, Mexican mole poblano, Sri Lankan vegetable kottu, Thai papaya salad, Tuscan pasta al forno, and West African egusi. Sound River Studios, 4-40 44th Dr., Long Island City.

- May 22, Stop 'N' Swap, noon. A free community reuse event. Bring and donate reusable items. Take available ones. Expect books, clothing, electronics, and toys. Commonpoint Queens Parking Lot, vicinity of 108th Street and 68th Avenue, Forest Hills.

- May 22, Watercolor Workshop, 11 am. Artist Chemin Hsiao

teaches the basic techniques of watercolor painting during this outdoor workshop. Draw inspiration from the vegetables, plants, and pollinator garden. Queens Botanical Garden, 43-50 Main St., Flushing.

- May 22, Douglaston and Little Neck, 2:30 pm. Queens Historical Society Executive Director Jason Antos discusses his seventh Arcadia Publishing book on the history of Douglaston and Little Neck. Queens Historical Society, 143-35 37th Ave., Flushing.

- May 22, Binary Calculations Workshop, 2 pm. A transmedia artist leads a conversation about the exclusionary nature of artificial intelligence (AI) and algorithms that undergird technologies as well as ways to create more equitable datasets. Queens Museum, NYC Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- May 24, Quintet of the Americas, 7:30 pm. This group (bassoon, clarinet, contrabassoon, flute, horn, and oboe) presents Latin, Jazz, Klezmer, and Swing. All Saints Episcopal Church, 85-45 96th St., Woodhaven.

- May 24, Pop-Up Gaeltacht, 6 pm. Irish-language speakers of various abilities meet and talk during an evening of discussion, music, and networking. New York Irish Center, 10-40 Jackson Ave., Long Island City.

- May 24, Queens Classic Car Show, 5 pm. About 100 vintage autos are on display along with live music by the Lisa Polizzi Band and other forms of entertainment. The Bay Terrace Shopping Center, vicinity of Bell Boulevard and 26th Avenue, Bayside.

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Senator Gillibrand Announces Groundbreaking Fabric Act to Reinvigorate The Garment Industry in The U.S.

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The FABRIC Act proposes to address these issues through five central pillars:

1. Restructuring pay rates and providing minimum wage as a floor with productivity incentives on top.
 2. Establishing new liability measures that compel major retailers to become allies in combating workplace violations.
 3. Introducing recordkeeping and transparency measures.
 4. Incentivizing reshoring.
 5. Creating a domestic garment manufacturing grant program aimed at revitalizing the industry.
- Senators Bernie Sanders (I-VT), Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), and Cory Booker (D-NJ) are original cosponsors of the FABRIC Act.

“It’s time to take bold action at the federal level to change the fabric of the American garment manufacturing industry. The United States was once home to a booming apparel manufacturing industry, and it’s time to reexamine how this industry has evolved over the past 50 years and change how we treat our workers,” said Senator Gillibrand. “From designers to managers to workers, women overwhelmingly play a leading role in this important industry. However, garment workers in the United States are often underpaid, overworked, and put in unsafe conditions. Protecting the garment workforce is a sustainability issue and has direct impacts on environmental sustainability, community development, gender equality and economic prosperity. This legislation would thread the needle of protecting workers’ rights, putting an end to abusive pay rates, and ensuring equitable compensation for garment workers, while also making historic investments in domestic garment manufacturing so we can not only make American, but buy American.”

“Senator Gillibrand’s FABRIC Act will reinvigorate the garment industry in the U.S. by strengthening garment workers’ rights and driving wage growth, while promoting equity. It’s time that industry leaders understand the financial and business risks associated with unsafe working conditions and shoddy labor con-

tracts, as well as rapidly-shifting and widespread cultural values. The benefits of regulation that will reform the piece-rate pay scale and champion workplace well-being amount to customer satisfaction. At the NYFWDC, we recognize that regulation and reform will ultimately lead to a more prosperous and sustainable fashion industry by which skilled workers are treated with dignity, worker retention is achieved through improved conditions, and industry ethics are attuned and align with an increasing consumer demand for justice,” said Ibada Wadud, founding member of the New York Fashion Workforce Development Coalition and Governance Board member.

American garment workers face the second-highest rate of wage theft of any group of workers in the country. At its peak in April of 1973, the U.S. apparel production industry employed 1.4 million people. This number has steadily declined since. As of April 2022, only 93,800 Americans were employed in apparel manufacturing. Today, apparel imports from China to the United States are over 10 times higher than 30 years ago, and between 1995 and 2020, China gained an estimated 1.25 million jobs in apparel and apparel-adjacent manufacturing while the U.S. lost roughly 700,000 jobs. The U.S. garment industry now loses out on approximately \$30 billion annually that is instead imported from China. To fix this, the FABRIC Act has dual goals: 1) protecting and improving working conditions for garment workers; and 2) rejuvenating the garment industry in the United States.

Specifically, the FABRIC Act amends the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to create a historic new set of labor protections for workers in the garment industry designed to curb many of the abuses inherent to industry bad actors, including:

- A prohibition on predatory payment-by-piece-rate compensation schemes as base pay for workers, which are a traditional means by which bad actors in the garment industry avoid paying a fair wage to their workers. The bill works to ensure manufacturers provide minimum wage as a pay floor, with the option to pay piece rate above

and beyond initial wages.

- New liability requirements that hold fashion brands responsible for the labor practices of their manufacturing partners to increase accountability in the garment industry and compel major retailers to become allies in combating workplace violations.

The FABRIC Act has garnered endorsements from the AFL-CIO, UNITE HERE, Workers United, SEIU, RWDSU, National Employment Law Project (NELP), Garment Worker Center, Partners for Dignity and Rights, Worker-driven Social Responsibility Network, Bet Tzedek Legal Services, Remake, Fashion Revolution, Fashion Revolution USA, The Model Alliance, Center for Advancement of Garment Making, The Fashion Connection, Skilled Laborers Brigade, Sustainable Brooklyn, Custom Collaborative, The Slow Factory, ICAR, New York Fashion Workforce Development Coalition, Made in NYC, Pratt Center for Community Development, New Standard Institute, the co-lab, Holly Getty, Honor, Kamrin Huban, DC Sustainable Fashion Collective, Circular Services Group, California College of Arts Fashion Design, GCNYC, Pratt Institute, Fashion Design, Fair Trade LA, Mara Hoffman, Reformation, Another Tomorrow, Argent, New York Embroidery Studio, Hickey Freeman, Mi Jong Lee, Maven Women, INDIGENOUS, CantiqLA, Open Studios, Faherty, Thrilling, Swap Society, Ethix Merch, Senza Tempo, ZYEM NYC, Jacques Louis, The Chocolate Cosmos, Johnathan Hayden, Kindom, ThredUp, Maybelle NYC, Nisolo, EcoFashionCorp, Ferrara Manufacturing, SAITEX, Botanical Colors, Made X Hudson, Sew Co., Rite of Passage, Alex Crane, Wing & Weft Gloves, Lizzie Fortunato Jewels, Reid Miller, Tact & Stone, Timberlake Studios, Triarchy, Fibershed, Upcycle It Now, Nana Atelier, Transparentem, Toit Volant, Et Tigre, MINIMALIST, and Everlane.

This legislation has received technical assistance from the Department of Labor Wage & Hour Division and legal experts at the Cornell University School of Industrial and Labor Relations.

Gillibrand Calls For President Biden to Invoke The Defense Production Act to Urgently Address Baby Formula Shortage

Gillibrand: “No Family in America Should Ever Be Concerned They Cannot Feed Their Children. Corporate Greed and Malfeasance Have Put Us in This Dire Situation and Now We Must Act With Urgency. That’s Why I’m Calling on President Biden to Invoke The Defense Production Act to Increase Production of Baby Formula and to Keep Our Children Safe and Fed.”

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand is calling on President Biden to invoke the Defense Production Act to urgently address the current baby formula shortage.

A champion of the Special

Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Gillibrand leads the annual effort to fully fund WIC and to provide supplemental funding for baby formula. She also supports the bipartisan WIC Healthy Beginnings Act, which promotes competition and quality for infant formula manufacturers by creating an online database to streamline bids from formula manufacturers to state WIC programs. Recently, she cosigned a letter led by Senator Murray calling on the Infant Nutrition Council of America (INCA), an association of the four major U.S. infant formula manufacturers, to increase infant formula production and distribution, and prevent

future supply chain disruptions. Gillibrand is also a cosponsor of the Supply Chain Resiliency Act, which would help alleviate current supply chain bottlenecks and prevent future disruptions by reducing reliance on long supply chains and investing in American companies. She cosigned a FY23 appropriations letter requesting \$20 million in funding for the Maternal and Infant Health and Nutrition programs at the FDA to help provide sufficient staffing for pre-market reviews of infant formula and rapidly respond to recalls. Together, the success of these efforts would be instrumental in preventing a crisis like the one being felt now across the nation.

Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar Partners With Mount Sinai Health System For Free Mammograms at District Office

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for us. Since day one, the Assemblywoman has been fighting tirelessly to improve healthcare access in the district.”

“I love my constituents and I am doing all I can for the sake of their health,” said Assembly-

woman Rajkumar, who comes from a family of all medical doctors. “My district office is a community hub where we take care of the health and welfare of the community. It is my true passion to take care of the people of South Queens. It feeds my heart every day.”

Mayor Eric Adams to Pace Students: To Change The World, You Must Protest And Protect

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violence, homelessness, or other societal injustices, people must fight for what they think is right.

“Here is my message to graduates: Yes, protest. But then protest,” said Adams. “You are what the American Dream is all about ... As long as you dream. As long as you fight for what is right, this country will be the country we want it to be.”

“All of us are imperfect,” he continued. “All of us are trying. All of us are fighting for the America we want.”

The ceremony marked the first time that Pace held a combined commencement for graduates from its campuses in New York City, Pleasantville and from its Elisabeth Haub School of Law in White Plains. Students from the Classes of 2020 and 2021, who were not able to have a traditional celebration due to pandemic-related restrictions, participated in what was the largest ceremony in the history of the University.

In addition to Mayor Adams receiving a Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, degree during the main ceremony, Congresswoman Grace Meng received a Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, degree at the ceremony for the Elisabeth Haub School of Law. Baroness Ariane de Rothschild ‘88 MBA ‘90, also received a Doctor of Humane Letters degree, honoris causa, from the Lubin school of Business. Both Meng and de Rothschild addressed graduates at their respective ceremonies.

“Graduates, my message to you today is simple,” said Pace President Marvin Krislov. “I want you to remember that change is inevitable. Nothing is forever. As a 2020 graduate told me when she watched her final semester turn remote: tomorrow is not guaranteed.”

“This, I believe, is the biggest lesson of the past two years,” Krislov continued. “Who would have anticipated this pandemic? Who would have anticipated our political upheaval? Our powerful racial and social justice movement? War in Europe? But the very fact that nothing is forever is exactly what gives us hope for the future. Everything changes. Things will change. You can change things. You will change things. And that is what we have taught you at Pace. We have taught you about your field, but we have also taught you how to think. How to interact. How to be lifelong learners. How

to be flexible. How to make positive change.”

Students celebrating this exciting achievement were a mix of undergraduate, graduate, law, and doctoral students, spanning a variety of disciplines and future careers, such as nurses and physician assistants, cybersecurity experts, lawyers, accountants, teachers, performers, and much more. After the main event, ceremonies took place throughout the day and across the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center. A DJ entertained students and their families in a celebratory atmosphere.

During the main ceremony, Pace awarded members of the New York City and Westchester communities who exemplify the Pace motto of *Opportunitas*, or creating opportunities for people, with the *Opportunitas in Action Award*. Marco Damiani, CEO of AHRC NYC, the largest organization in New York dedicated to supporting people who are neurodiverse and helping them to lead full and equitable lives, was New York City’s honoree.

Joseph Kenner, CEO of Greyston, a pioneering organization that unlocks the power of human potential through Open Hiring—a process that is open to anyone who wants to work, without background checks, resumes, or interviews—was Westchester’s honoree. For over 40 years at its world-renowned Greyston Bakery in Yonkers—which makes the brownies included in Ben & Jerry’s products and packaged brownies for Whole Foods Market—Kenner’s organization has offered jobs to hundreds of people who otherwise faced obstacles to employment.

In her remarks to students, Victoria Rooney, a graduate of Dyson College of Arts and Sciences, noted the uniqueness of the past few years, and said regardless of which campus a student called home, Pace was one community where “nothing is impossible, and everything is achievable.”

“Even throughout a world-altering pandemic, we adapted and diligently zoomed our way through our studies, proving that we could persevere and conquer the unpredictable,” she said. “However, being students at Pace was not just about the hands-on learning and opportunities, it was also about the everlasting relationships and memories we made. These last four years have been filled with discovery, love, fun, and knowledge.”

Attorney General James Warns Against Price Gouging of Baby Formula

AG James Advises Parents to Speak to Doctor if Short on Formula, Encourages New Yorkers to Donate Excess Formula to Local Food Pantries

With increased shortages of baby formula due to recalls and supply chain disruptions, New York Attorney General Letitia James today warned retailers that price gouging is illegal. The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) is aware of reports of baby formula being sold online for prices far exceeding its retail value. Attorney General James urges New Yorkers to be on alert for potential price gouging of baby formula and to report any dramatic price increases to her office. In addition, Attorney General James encourages parents having difficulty finding formula to speak with their child's doctor before attempting to water down formula or make their own, both of which can be potentially dangerous to a child. Attorney General James asks that anyone with

extra unopened, unexpired formula consider donating it to their local food pantry.

"The national baby formula shortage is terrifying for parents concerned about how to feed their children," said Attorney General James. "The last thing any family needs is to be price gouged on critical nutrition for their little ones, which is why I am putting profiteers seeking to take advantage of this crisis on notice. If New Yorkers see exorbitant price increases for baby formula, I encourage them to report it to my office immediately. Anyone who seeks to take advantage of this crisis is on notice. I also urge any parent who is struggling to find formula to speak with their child's doctor before altering or using formula other than directed. If New Yorkers have excess unopened, unexpired formula, please consider donating it to your local food pantry to help families in need."

New York law prohibits merchants from taking unfair advantage of consumers by selling goods or services

that are vital to their health, safety, or welfare for an unconscionably excessive price. Due to the nationwide shortage, OAG advises consumers to buy only as much formula as they need and not to unnecessarily stock up as such panic buying may intensify the shortage and could encourage sellers to engage in illegal price gouging. The OAG also reminds consumers that it is not price gouging for retailers to limit the amount of formula they sell to individual consumers.

When reporting price gouging to OAG, consumers should:

- Report the specific increased prices, the dates, and places that they saw the increased prices, and the types of formula being sold; and,

- Provide copies of their sales receipts and photos of the advertised prices, if available.

New Yorkers should report potential concerns about price gouging to OAG by filing a complaint online or call 800-771-7755.

During Mental Health Awareness Month Legislators Call For Passage of Maternal Mental Health Bills

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referred to the Floor from the Senate Women's Issues Committee.

S7752 directs the Office of Mental Health to create a Maternal Mental Health Workgroup to study and issue recommendations related to the diagnosis and treatment of maternal mental health and perinatal and postpartum mood and anxiety disorders. The bill is sponsored in the Assembly by Assemblymember Sarah Clark.

Among other tasks, the workgroup shall:

- Identify vulnerable populations and risk factors in the state for maternal mental health disorders that may occur during pregnancy and through the first postpartum year;

- Identify and recommend effective, culturally competent, and accessible prevention screening and identification and treatment strategies, including public education and workplace awareness, provider education and training, and social support services;

- Identify and recommend evidence-based practices for health care providers and public health systems;
- Make recommendations on legislation, policy initiatives, funding requirements and budgetary priorities to address maternal mental health needs in the state.

S7753 requires the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) and the Department of Health to conduct a study on the inadequacies of existing postpartum depression screening tools in an effort to address the under-diagnosis and treatment of women in vulnerable, at-risk populations, particularly Black women. The bill is sponsored in the Assembly by Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas.

This study will:

- Examine what additional questions or tools could be implemented to minimize disparities found within the current screening protocols.

- Identify racial disparities within existing protocols and screening measures for postpartum depression and mood disorders

- Identify ways to reduce or eliminate transgender and non-binary and racial

and ethnic health care discrimination and disparities that contribute to disparities within current postpartum depression screening protocols.

S7865 requires maternal health care providers providing pre- and postnatal care or pediatric care to invite the mother to fill out a questionnaire to detect maternal depression and other mood disorders. The bill is sponsored in the Assembly by Assemblywoman Michaëlle Solages, who serves as Chair of the Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic & Asian Legislative Caucus.

Maternal depression screenings will be offered:

- At the time of prenatal care

- At the time of a well-child checkup prior to the infant's first birthday

- At the time of a mother's follow up visit to their OB/GYN

This bill also recommends that maternal health care providers make the best efforts possible to contact the person who gave birth within 21 days from the date of delivery and utilize industry practices to detect maternal depression.

Senator Samra Brouk, Chair of the Senate Mental Health Committee, said: "Families across the state are depending on us to address the disparities of care for maternal mental health conditions, which is why our Maternal Mental Health package is so crucial. One in five women experience maternal mental health conditions, and Black women are twice as likely to experience many of these conditions while seeking help only half as often. We know maternal mental health conditions can be deadly, so it is imperative that we pass this legislation to begin the work of providing better care to the mothers and families who are relying on us to act."

Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas, Member of the Assembly Health Committee, said "We have a serious maternal mental health crisis in our nation and state and we have the ability to address it. People and women who give birth deserve the necessary screening, assessment, and intervention to ensure that they are healthy and can

care for themselves and their children. My legislation will ensure that we can study the disproportionate ways that postpartum depression screenings are applied and help identify racial disparities within existing protocols. We call on the legislature to pass these bills this session. Lives depend on it."

Assemblywoman Michaëlle Solages, Chair of the Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic & Asian Legislative Caucus, said: "Negative mental health outcomes that result in tragedy for both the mother and the child are fully preventable, if detected. Only around half of mothers are screened for maternal depression - and far fewer are screened using standardized assessment tools. It is vital that mothers are screened for depression using validated assessments so they can be connected with the care they need to ensure the health and safety of themselves and their child. That is why I am happy to introduce this piece of legislation alongside Senator Brouk which will require maternal care providers to offer maternal depression screenings during pre and postnatal care."

Assemblywoman Sarah Clark, Member of the Assembly Mental Health Committee, said: "Today I join my colleagues and mom legislators, calling for the passage of our maternal mental health package of bills. Mental illnesses have been overlooked and stigmatized for far too long, especially for pregnant and postpartum mothers and those in Black and Brown communities. This legislation seeks to address disparities by providing a working group to better track data to support pregnant and postpartum women, conduct a study to assess the impact of postpartum depression screening tests, and setting new guidelines for maternal depression screenings to ensure no one slips through the cracks. I am proud to join Senator Brouk and my Assembly colleagues pushing for the passage of these bills so that all New Yorkers, especially those who have traditionally been overlooked and underserved, will get the help and support needed after childbirth."

Statement From Speaker Adrienne E. Adams on The United States Senate's Failure to Pass The Women's Health Protection Act

"It is a deep disappointment and injustice that the Senate failed to pass the Women's Health Protection Act. This legislation is critical to safeguard abortion and reproductive rights in states across the country. Now, every American will remem-

ber how their United States Senator voted on the fundamental right for millions of women, trans, and gender non-conforming people to make their own reproductive health decisions to access abortion care. I am grateful to New York Senators, Majority

Leader Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, for their leadership on this legislation, and all senators who supported it. We will continue to fight, legislate, and organize to ensure access to safe, legal abortion for anyone needing this care."

Reps. Maloney, Nadler Call on Mayor Adams to Disclose City Records on Governmental Knowledge of The Scope of The Health Threats to 9/11 Responders And Survivors

This letter comes as a follow up to the Representatives' original letter in September 2021 to then Mayor Bill de Blasio

Congressmembers Carolyn B. Maloney (NY-12) and Jerrold Nadler (NY-10) sponsors of the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act, its reauthorization, the Never Forget the Heroes: James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act, and the 9/11 Responder and Survivor Health Funding Correction Act, asked New York City Mayor Eric Adams to release "any documents related to 9/11 that are in its files or emails from the period of September 11, 2001 through the spring of 2002." The members continue:

"While some documents may have been disclosed in past litigation, we do not believe this represents the entirety of the City's files and demand a complete release."

In their letter to Mayor Adams, the members state, "The time has come for a full accounting of the history of 9/11. The ongoing review and declassification of documents related to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's possible involvement in the 9/11 attacks ordered by President Biden was a critical first step in this accounting. Providing full transparency on what the government knew about the health risks at Ground Zero and how they potentially covered up that information will finally provide transparency to a too-often overlooked aspect of the attack's history."

Building on their two decades of advocacy for 9/11 responders and survivors, the members continue: "Throughout our two decades of work with the 9/11 community to guarantee their health care and compensation, we have faced resistance from many in the federal government - namely to admitting that the toxins released in the attacks and during cleanup posed a serious and ongoing health hazard to those on the pile and in the vicinity. Those health risks, about which we immediately warned the government, have now caused enormous harm to thousands of responders and survivors. Many of them are now living with - and too many are dying from - 9/11 related health conditions caused by exposure to those toxins 20 years ago."

Meng Issues Statement on Greek Prime Minister's ...

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said, we must commit to continuing to strengthen the relationship between our two great countries as we stand for democracy around the world. I look forward to doing all I can to strengthen this relationship even further, and

I thank Prime Minister Mitsotakis for coming to Washington and addressing Congress. I was proud to be in attendance for it."

Meng also brought Stacy Bliagos, Executive Director of HANAC, as her guest for the speech. Bliagos' support of the Greek American com-

munity is shown through her work at HANAC, a nonprofit, social services organization serving communities in need throughout New York City. The organization was founded in Queens in 1972 to serve the needs of the Greek American community.

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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, Mishatiase David, Estate of Ola Marie Carroll post deceased heirs at law: Taquala Carroll, Pammie Carroll, Tammie Carroll Smith, Jerome 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

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c.t.a. issue to
[] Further relief requested (if any):
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
Surrogate
Janet Edwards Tucker
Deputy Chief Clerk
Salvatore Marino
Name of Attorney
Dalli & Marino LLP
Firm Name
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Mineola, New York 11501
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Email (optional)
5/5,12,19&26/2022

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

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

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

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

Notice of Formation of Fowler JV APT LLC. Art. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/21/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY Designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 38-08 Union St, Suite 5B, Flushing, NY 11354. Purpose: any lawful activity. 5/12,19,26,6/2,9&16/2022

VP Queens Realty Group, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 3/17/2022. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 357 Soundview Ln., College Point, NY 11356. General Purpose. 5/12,19,26,6/2,9&16/2022

Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company FENSORE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on March 15, 2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC to Jorge Meneses, 45-18 Pearson Street, Long Island City, New York 11101. Purpose: To engage in any lawful activity. 5/12,19,26,6/2,9&16/2022

651718 MP LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 4/26/2022. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 3636 Main St., #CS, Flushing, NY 11354. General Purpose. 5/12,19,26,6/2,9&16/2022

Notice of Formation of 48-30 45 WOODSIDE LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/02/2021. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 2534 N Kimberly Drive, Silver City, NM 88061. Purpose: any lawful activities. 4/28,5/5,12,19,26&6/2/2022

GREENPORT BOAT LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 4/26/22. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Aris Kourkoumelis 3214 30th Ave Ste 202 Astoria NY 11102. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 5/19,26,6/2,9,16&23/2022

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Notice of Formation: KCJZ2022 LLC Art. Of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/04/2022. Office Loc: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 53-16 190TH ST, FRESH MEADOWS, NY, 11365. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 5/19,26,6/2,9,16&23/2022

Notice of Formation of PREMIER LEADS SERVICES LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/09/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: P.O. Box 1222, Manhasset, NY 11030. Purpose: any lawful activities. 5/19,26,6/2,9,16&23/2022

Better Homes & Estates Realty, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 4/29/2022. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Mohammad Kamal, 65 Skelter Ln., Roslyn Heights, NY 11577. General Purpose. 5/19,26,6/2,9,16&23/2022

In Buffalo After Mass Shooting, Biden Calls White Supremacy 'A Poison'

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"Great Replacement theory," a conspiracy theory alleging nonwhite people are immigrating to the United States and other Western countries specifically to diminish the influence of white people.

Gov. Kathy Hochul, who is from Buffalo, said hearts are broken in the city after the loss and attack, but emphasized she hopes the tragedy can be a national call to action to eradicate white supremacy.

"He targeted this community, intentionally coming to this ZIP code because he could do maximum damage and death to people," Hochul stated. "Not just any New Yorkers, but he was targeting and wanted to execute Black New Yorkers."

The shooter was able to legally purchase a gun in Pennsylvania in December despite previously having undergone a mental-health evaluation. During his remarks, Biden acknowledged there is very little he can do when it comes to executive action on gun reform, and stressed it is up to him to convince Congress to pass legislation.



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Older Adult Center at Bay Terrace



Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz attended the ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony for the new Older Adult Center at Comptonpoint Queens in Bay Terrace joined by Assemblyman Edward C. Braunstein, staff and members. The center was built to serve the changing needs of the community and

provide vital services to our elderly population. Since its soft opening in January, the Older Adult Center has served almost 500 individuals and will continue to expand before year's end. QDA Katz thanked them for inviting her to discuss the goals of this Office to keep our seniors safe and thriving.

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Master of Ceremonies:
Christopher Bae, Assistant District Attorney, Felony Trials Bureau II

Honorees:
Samir Sultan, Detective, New York City Police Department
Sandra Ung, Council Member, New York City Council
Charles B Wang Community Health Center
The World Journal Newspaper
Douglas Lira, Detective, Queens District Attorney's Office
Anna Diaz, Intake Bureau Supervisor, Queens District Attorney's Office

Invocation:
Imam Shamal Ali, Director, Jamalia Muslim Center

Benediction:
Venerable Youwang, Deputy Abbot, International Buddhist Progress Society New York

Performances By:
Dancers Gaurav Gulati & Aseer Arshin, Fire and Smoke



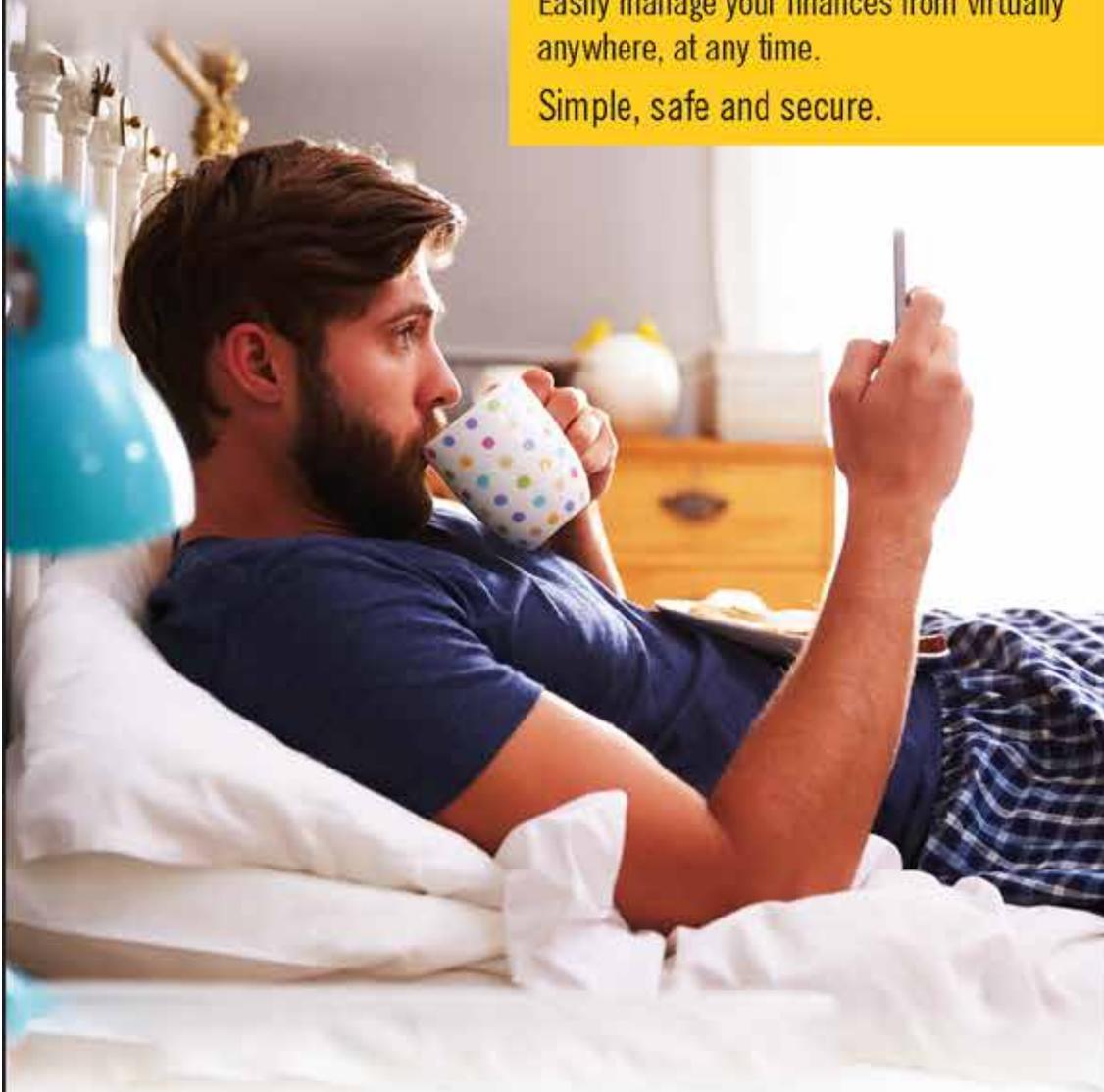
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