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## Memorial Day Adopted in 1868

Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for mourning the U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the United States armed forces. It is observed on the last Monday of May at national cemeteries, by placing flowers and American flags on graves of military personnel. It was formerly observed on May 30 from 1868 to 1970.[3]

Many people visit cemeteries and memorials on Memorial Day to honor and mourn those who died while serving in the U.S. military. Many volunteers place an American flag on graves of military personnel in national cemeteries. Memorial Day is also considered the unofficial beginning of summer in the United States.

The first national observance of Memorial Day occurred on May 30, 1868. Then known as Decoration Day, the day was proclaimed by Commander in Chief John A. Logan of

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## John Liu Will Run For State Senate in District 16



NYS Senator John C. Liu has decided to run for re-election in the newly drawn Senate District 16, representing Flushing, Bayside, Oakland Gardens and Fresh Meadows.

"It has been an honor and privilege to represent District 11 including the communities of College Point, Whitestone, Bay Terrace, Douglaston, Little Neck, Glen

Oaks, Bellerose, Queens Village, Floral Park, Hollis, and Jamaica for the past four years. Now that the courts have redrawn state senate districts such that my house of 29 years is located in District 16, I've decided to run in District 16 and look forward to representing and fighting for my constituents in Bayside, Flushing, Fresh Meadows, and Oakland Gardens. Let's do this."

## Schools Chancellor Banks Announces New Curriculum Centering AAPI Voices



Schools Chancellor David C. Banks has announced a new curriculum designed to center the experiences and voices of the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community, a milestone step in our ongoing commitment to support AAPI students in our public schools. See story on page 3.

## Meng Receives Major Award Recognizing Her Work to Close The Homework Gap

Congresswoman honored for helping to establish the over \$7 billion FCC Emergency Connectivity Fund, which includes money for schools and libraries in Queens. : Pictured is Congresswoman Meng and Chairwoman Rosenworcel with their awards.

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-NY) announced that she received an award from the National Coalition for Technology in Education and Training (NCTET) honoring her, Senator Ed Markey (D-MA), and Federal Communications Commission Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel for their efforts in addressing the Homework Gap through the \$7.17 billion Emergency Connectivity Fund, an initiative providing funding to help more students obtain access to the internet including students in Queens and throughout New York City.

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the Grand Army of the Republic for the purpose of honoring Union soldiers who died in the Civil War. This national observance was preceded by many local ones, between the end of the

Civil War and Logan's declaration. Many cities and people have claimed to have first celebrated the event.

Official recognition as holiday spread among the states, beginning with New York in 1873. By 1890, every Union state had ad-

opted it. The World Wars turned it into a day of remembrance for all members of the U.S. military who died in service. In 1971, Congress standardized the holiday as "Memorial Day" and changed its observance to the last Monday in May.

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hard work and that of Senator Markey and Chairwoman Rosenworcel," said Congresswoman Meng. "The homework gap is an issue near and dear to my heart. We have seen over the last two years that lacking an internet connection means millions of students miss school assignments including their homework. As a mother of two young boys, I have seen firsthand how technology has transformed their learning environment. It is unacceptable

for the homework gap to persist. We must continue to make sure that all students are given the same opportunity to be successful in school and at home, and this means every student must have internet access. I look forward to continuing to work with Senator Markey and Chairwoman Rosenworcel to ensure this gap is closed."

The Emergency Connectivity Fund covers the cost of Wi-Fi hotspots, tablets, computers and helps secure home internet connections and devices for k-12

students. It became law in March 2021 and its funds were distributed to schools and libraries through the American Rescue Plan. After helping to secure the money for the program, Meng last year announced millions for New York City public schools and schools in Queens, as well as local libraries.

The National Coalition for Technology in Education and Training is a non-partisan organization that examines and supports the use of technology to improve education and training in America.

## Asian American Bar Association of New York Releases Second Report on Anti-Asian Hate And Violence in New York City

**Endless Tide: The Continuing Struggle To Overcome Anti-Asian Hate In New York**

The Asian American Bar Association of New York (AABANY) is proud to announce the release of its second report on anti-Asian hate and violence in New York City, entitled *Endless Tide: The Continuing Struggle to Overcome Anti-Asian Hate in New York*. The report was produced by AABANY's Anti-Asian Violence Task Force, which was formed after the release of AABANY's first anti-Asian violence report in 2021. The Co-Executive Editors of the 2022 report are Sylvia Chin, Elaine Chiu, Karen King and Chris Kwok, all members of the Task Force. Sylvia Chin is also President of the Asian American Law Fund of New York (AALFNY), AABANY's 501(c)(3) affiliate. Elaine Chiu is Co-Chair of AABANY's Academic Committee. Karen King is Co-Chair of AABANY's Pro Bono and Community Service Committee. Chris Kwok is an AABANY Board Director and Chair of the Issues Committee. AABANY and AALFNY dedicate the *Endless Tide* report to the memory of Vincent Chin, a Chinese-American man murdered 40 years ago outside of Detroit by out-of-work autoworkers who blamed him for the loss of their jobs due to the popularity of Japanese imports.

A press conference was held at the offices of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison at 1285 Avenue of the Americas on the morning of May 31, 2022, to announce the release of the report. AABANY was joined by Eva Zhao, the widow of Zhiwen Yan, the delivery worker who was murdered in Forest Hills at the end of April. Eva is 38 years old

with three children. Also delivering remarks were

- Council Member Sandra Ung
- State Senator John Liu
- Assembly Member Ron Kim
- Loretta Lynch, Partner at Paul, Weiss and former United States Attorney General
- Scott Richman, Regional Director, NY/NJ, for the ADL

The report is now available to the public at this link:

[https://www.aabany.org/resource/resmgr/aavtf/Endless\\_Tide\\_Report\\_2022\\_FIN.pdf](https://www.aabany.org/resource/resmgr/aavtf/Endless_Tide_Report_2022_FIN.pdf)

*Endless Tide* recounts the surge in anti-Asian violence in New York at the start of 2021 and laments the absence of any sustained effort to reduce hate and violence against the AAPI community in New York. *Endless Tide* details statistical data compiled from news reports and publicly available sources which showed 233 anti-Asian attacks during the first three quarters of 2021. Of these reported attacks 7 resulted in a guilty plea to a hate crime. The report also discusses specific cases that AABANY worked on during 2021 which underscored the difficulty in seeking accountability and justice from incidents of anti-Asian violence. The report proposes several solutions, including:

- (1) Improve Public Hate Crime Data Reporting
- (2) Recognize the Community as Victim and Investigative Partner
- (3) Develop Better Guidance for Hate Crime Investigations
- (4) Reform the Hate Crimes Law
- (5) Fully Fund the Study, Prevention, and Prosecution of Hate Crimes
- (6) Develop Anti-Bias Programming, Training in Cultural

Sensitivity, and Trauma-Assisted Counseling

- (7) Remedy Barriers to Reporting of Hate Incidents
- (8) Improve Investigative Training and Tools Available to Government Agencies.
- (9) Revisit Bail Reform

"We are grateful for the efforts of the AABANY Anti-Asian Violence Task Force, AALFNY and the Co-Executive Editors of the *Endless Tide* report," states AABANY President William Ng. "The report's findings are troubling and raise a call to action to elected officials, law enforcement and the legal community to step up efforts to fight hate in all its forms. AABANY hopes that in recounting the experience of New York's AAPI community in its continuing struggle against anti-Asian hate, we can come together to develop long-lasting and workable solutions to turn the tide against hate."

For more information, please contact Yang Chen, AABANY Executive Director, at (646) 653-2168, or direct any inquiries to [main@aabany.org](mailto:main@aabany.org).

The Asian American Bar Association of New York is a not-for-profit 501(c)(6) professional membership organization of attorneys concerned with issues affecting the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. Incorporated in 1989, AABANY seeks not only to encourage the professional growth of its members but also to advocate for the AAPI community as a whole. AABANY is a New York regional affiliate of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA).

## Council Member Vickie Paladino's Latest Updates in District 19

1. On Monday, May 23, Council Member Paladino and Council Member Lee joined the Bayside Historical Society to lay a wreath on Dermody Triangle in Bayside, New York. Baysider Captain Wil-

liam C. Dermody was an abolitionist and a volunteer soldier of the 67th New York Infantry killed in the battle of Spotsylvania in Virginia on May 12, 1864. The memorial is one of New York

City's oldest war memorials.  
 2. On Friday, May 27, at 9:00AM, Council Member Paladino partnered with the Queens Economic

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# Schools Chancellor Banks Announces New Curriculum Centering AAPI Voices

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This new set of curricular resources, Hidden Voices: Asian American and Pacific Islanders in the United States, is the third phase of the Hidden Voices Project, a companion to the NYC-DOE's Passport to Social Studies curriculum. The Hidden Voices project was initiated to help New York City's students learn about and honor the innumerable people, often "hidden" from the traditional historical record, who have shaped and continue to shape our history and identity. Hidden Voices allows students to find their own voice as they become analysts of the past and to make connections between the past and the present.

"Our diversity is our strength, but refusing to teach our kids about our full past has left New York City students behind for far too long. That ends now," said New York City Mayor Eric Adams. "As home to over a million AAPI New Yorkers, it is only fitting that we are announcing a new AAPI curriculum in city public schools that truly reflects the full picture of AAPI history in the United States. Now, every New York City public school student will learn about the history, culture, and contributions of Asian American and Pacific Islanders in this nation and understand that everyone's stories deserve to be heard. I want to thank Senator Liu and so many others who have fought for so long to make this curriculum a reality for all."

"I'm so proud to announce this exciting new curriculum. It is essential that our classrooms and the lessons we teach our young ones reflect the incredible diversity of the great city of New York," said Schools Chancellor David C. Banks. "Thank you to our partners and stakeholders who have helped us make this a reality – we are grateful for your steadfast dedication to our students."

The initial Asian American and Pacific Islanders in the United States guide will include profiles of individuals, "Portraits of an Era," and pedagogical guidance to support teachers to integrate these resources within the themes and narratives taught in New York City.

With the guide as a foundation, the Department of Social Studies and other content teams from the office of Curriculum and Instruction will develop multidisciplinary lessons for each grade level to amplify student engagement and highlight AAPI history, culture, and contributions. To support instruction and complement the curriculum, the DOE will purchase and make available culturally diverse AAPI trade books. Once developed, the curriculum will be shared with all schools and supported through a comprehensive professional learning plan to bridge information gaps and ensure the effective integration and implementation of the curriculum. Professional learning will help teachers support students in the exploration of their identity, provide richer learning experiences, and deepen all students' apprecia-

tion for the contributions of AAPI communities.

The Asian American and Pacific Islanders in the United States curriculum will be piloted through draft Social Studies and Literacy mini units for all grade bands beginning in fall 2022. A more robust multidisciplinary curriculum, which will incorporate teacher feedback from the pilot, will be delivered to schools in the spring of 2024. This is part of the previously announced Universal Mosaic Curriculum, which is providing culturally responsive titles and classroom support materials to schools, as well as professional development opportunities for teachers and staff.

This curriculum is being developed in partnership with leading scholars and stakeholders from a variety of institutions and organizations, including:

- Asian American Education Project
- The Coalition for Asian American Children and Families (CACF)
- New-York Historical Society
- Columbia University
- Hunter College
- Yuri Education Project

"New York City students deserve to see themselves and their cultures reflected in the curriculum from which they study and learn," said Speaker Adrienne Adams. "Recognizing the vast contributions, histories, and experiences of diverse communities fosters understanding and improves learning opportunities for all students. As we continue to celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, I applaud Chancellor Banks, the Department of Education, and partnering organizations for developing this curriculum and its accompanying books and resources."

State Senator John Liu, Chairperson of the Senate Committee on NYC Education and sponsor of S6359A to teach Asian American history and civic impact statewide, stated, "The city's commitment to an AAPI curriculum is a significant milestone that should serve as a model to be replicated throughout the state of New York. Kudos to the Chancellor for recognizing that the best way to stop the onslaught of anti-Asian hate that has continued unabated over the past several years is through education in our classrooms. This is an important first step, and I will continue working with all stakeholders to prioritize the passage of S6359A in Albany to teach Asian American history and civic impact statewide."

"After leading efforts on the federal level to promote the teaching of Asian Pacific American history in history and civics grant programs administered by the U.S. Department of Education, I am thrilled that my home city will be implementing a new AAPI curriculum in New York City public schools," said U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens). "I thank and commend Mayor Adams and Chancellor Banks for taking this important step, and I am excited that this initiative is being announced during Asian Pacific American Heritage

Month. For generations, Asian Pacific American history has been poorly represented in our nation's K-12 education system and social studies textbooks. Asian Pacific American history is American history, and when we fail to tell our children these stories, we lose a rich and nuanced perspective on our American story. Our school curriculums should be inclusive of all the diverse stories that our nation has to offer. Teaching future generations about our past, and that Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders helped make America the greatest country on the planet, will help breakdown the stereotypes and negative perceptions that sadly still exist about Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. All communities of color must be better represented in the history lessons taught to our students so that we can learn from our past and create a more just society. I look forward to New York City's new curriculum launching soon."

As a proud product of New York City public schools from elementary school through college, I know that a culturally responsive curriculum has a massive impact on students," said Public Advocate Jumaane D. Williams. "I'm glad that curriculum is being updated and expanded to include and center more diverse voices, especially AAPI perspectives. Our young people deserve to feel safe, seen, heard, and represented in their classrooms, and this announcement is a great step in the right direction."

"A better future for all our children depends on teaching the next generation the diverse history of our city and country. AAPI history not only teaches us about the past, but allows our students to reflect upon current events and how to move towards a more tolerant and inclusive future. Back in April, my office proudly partnered with CACF and Hunter College to co-host a student-led initiative, which prepared AAPI students to weave their culture into classroom lessons, and DOE's newly incorporated curriculum will allow our shared history to be more broadly taught," said Comptroller Brad Lander.

"Education is a pillar of our democracy that empowers our students to better know and understand themselves and the world we share," said Congressman Jamaal Bowman, Ed.D (NY-16). "I fully support the New York City Department of Education's introduction of AAPI curriculum in our schools. In order to become a better nation with well-informed people, we must tell the truth and teach our youth the truth. The AAPI community is integral in our nation's history and has been instrumental in society globally. I look forward to seeing this curriculum roll out and seeing the impact it will have on students across New York City."

"New York City is the most diverse metropolis in the nation and it is absolutely fitting to highlight the immense contributions of the Asian American and Pacific Islander community that make up

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# Attorney General James Issues Warnings to More Than 30 Retailers to Stop Overcharging for Baby Formula

*Consumer Reports Show Online Retailers and Stores Overcharging for Baby Formula amid National Shortage*

*AG James Encourages Consumers to Continue to Report Baby Formula Price Gouging to Her Office*

New York Attorney General Letitia James today issued warnings to more than 30 online and brick-and-mortar retailers across the state to stop overcharging for baby formula after consumers reported unreasonably high prices. Due to recalls and supply chain disruptions, there has been a nationwide shortage of baby formula. New York's price gouging statute prohibits merchants from charging excessive prices for essential goods or services during abnormal market disruptions. In cease-and-desist letters to more than 30 online retailers and stores across the state, Attorney General James ordered these businesses to immediately stop overcharging for baby formula and warned of the legal consequences of price gouging.

"It's unconscionable that some retailers are taking advantage of the national baby formula shortage while parents are struggling to find food for their children," said Attorney General James. "Amid this crisis, families already have enough to worry about and should not have to worry about being price gouged. We are warning all retailers that New York will not tolerate price gouging of baby formula, and I encourage anyone who sees this to continue reporting it to my office."

Earlier this month, Attorney General James issued a consumer alert warning retailers against price gouging of baby formula and encouraging consumers to report it to her office. Since then, the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) has received several consumer complaints of baby formula price gouging at local retailers across

the state, primarily in New York City. For example, one consumer reported that a 19.8 ounce can of Enfamil Nutramigen formula, which typically sells for \$44.99, was being sold by an Erie County retailer for \$59.99. Another consumer reported that a 32-ounce ready-to-feed bottle of Enfamil NeuroPro was being sold by a Bronx retailer for \$17.99 when it previously sold for \$11.99.

In her letters, Attorney General James makes clear that wholesalers and distributors are also prohibited from price gouging and encourages retailers to notify her office if they are being overcharged. New York's price gouging statute is expansive and covers actors throughout the supply chain. The law also prohibits price gouging not just of consumers but also of small businesses and state and local governments.

The OAG 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. Due to the nationwide shortage, OAG advises consumers to buy only as much formula as they need and not to unnecessarily stock up. 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 type and size 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.

# Council Member Vickie Paladino's Latest Updates in District 19

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Development Corporation to remove graffiti behind the Utopia Bagels shopping center. This is only the beginning of a long-awaited journey of graffiti cleanup in District 19!

3. On May 29, Council Member Paladino joined Queens Borough President Donovan Richards and NYPD 109th Precinct Commanding Officer Hall at the College Point Memorial Day Parade. The

parade truly brought the neighborhood together in remembrance of those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

4. On Monday, May 30, Council Member Paladino joined Father Joseph Gibino (right) and Father John Costello (leftmost) of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church at the Whitestone Memorial Day parade. Mr. Jim McVey, Commander of the American Legion Post 131, led the parade as the Grand Marshall!

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our vibrant culture and identity. We celebrate our differences in New York, including all the people that have contributed greatly to our American experience, culture and society. Centering the experiences and voices of the AAPI community through these educational programs and partnerships is essential in establishing a well-balanced, equitable and more just society," said Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke. "Americans have multicultural roots, and that must be celebrated. I'm grateful Chancellor David C. Banks is doing just that. This new phase of the Hidden Voices Project will have a profound impact on both our AAPI students and their classmates, and it serves as a particularly welcome and refreshing announcement during this AAPI Heritage Month. Our city is truly blessed and privileged to have this educational program," Clarke added.

"Our curriculum should be reflective of the diversity of our students and today's announcement brings us one step closer to achieving just that," said Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson. "It is essential for our youth to read and learn about their culture and history at an early age to gain a deeper understanding of their identity, and the contributions of their ancestors to our society. For a lot of our students, the classroom is the first time they get an in-depth understanding of history and we owe it to them to have their identity represented. I want to commend Chancellor Banks and Mayor Adams for their commitment to centering AAPI New Yorkers and other historically marginalized communities' experiences in the classroom."

"The Hidden Voices curriculum is a strong step forward in highlighting the profound contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, reflecting the diversity of AAPI experiences that have shaped our city," said Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine. "As Asian New Yorkers face an onslaught of hate and violence, it's especially important that school curricula center AAPI voices and combat racist and xenophobic stereotypes from an early age, and I look forward to continuing to work with DOE to expand this vital curriculum."

"I'm proud to say that New York City is on the right side of history as parts of our country keep school children away from multicultural and historically accurate social studies that has shaped this country and continues to impact our society," said Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso. "As one of the most diverse places in the world, New York City has a responsibility to expose young people to as many cultures and their histories as possible to raise cultural competencies that can in turn reduce the hate, violence, and vitriol we still see in our communities. Thank you, Chancellor Banks for championing the importance of supporting our AAPI students in public schools."

"AAPI history is Queens his-

tory, New York City history and American history. Establishing curriculum centering the experiences of our diverse AAPI communities is critical in our mission to ensure our children receive the most well-rounded and informed education possible," said Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. "I applaud the DOE and all our community partners for this vitally important work, which will pay dividends for generations of children to come."

"Our Asian American and Pacific Islander neighbors in southern Brooklyn and throughout New York City make incredible contributions to our community," said Senator Andrew Gounardes. "Ensuring that all students can see themselves and their cultures represented in their studies is a clear and critical step towards richer learning experiences for every member of a New York City classroom, regardless of their background. I look forward to supporting Chancellor Banks and our community's schools as they implement this new curriculum."

"It is important to include the experiences and contributions of the AAPI community in our school curriculum. By highlighting AAPI culture and historic impact, we will not only be offering a more inclusive educational experience, but also a more accurate one. I recognize the importance because I taught social studies in the NYC high schools. I thank School Chancellor Banks for making sure these voices are no longer hidden," said Senator Toby Ann Stavisky.

"I am thrilled to hear that the city is at last developing a curriculum centering AAPI voices," said Assemblymember Yuh-Line Niou. "The current violence that our community faces is not just a symptom of COVID-induced racism, it is the latest chapter in a long history of exclusion and hate. Making sure that our children see their faces reflected in their textbooks and that all New Yorkers learn about the rich history and important contributions of Asian Americans is an important step towards creating a more equitable New York."

"New York City is where the entire world comes together, and our students need to be fully versed in the histories and contributions of everyone who makes up our Gorgeous Mosaic. The new AAPI curriculum will cut through misconceptions and misinformation about Asian-American history and shine a light on this community's American story. With the development of this inclusive, factual curriculum, Mayor Eric Adams demonstrates his outstanding commitment to the comprehensive education of each and every student. As the first South Asian-American woman elected to New York State Office, I will proudly offer any help or resources needed to ensure the accuracy and success of this historic initiative," said Assemblywoman Jennifer Rajkumar.

"In a city as richly diverse as New York, it's crucial that our curriculum reflects all our students' cultural heritage and history. AAPI students deserve to have

a curriculum that reflects their experiences and voices. Thank you to the activists, partners, and stakeholders who made this possible!" said NYC Council Education Committee Chairwoman Rita Joseph.

"A quality education should inspire all our children, and every kid deserves an education that is meaningful to who they are," said Council Member Alexa Avilés. "As the Council Member representing 8th Avenue, the heart of Brooklyn's Chinese community, this new curriculum is intended to bring Asian American and Pacific Islander voices front in center. As our city confronts rising hate crimes directed at Asian Americans, culturally responsive education is important not only to our Asian American students, but to build shared cultural understanding so that all students can appreciate the vibrancy and diversity of our city. For more than a century, Asian Americans have been part of the fabric of New York City in every way, lived here and raised families here—though we haven't always been welcomed or celebrated. I thank Chancellor Banks for his commitment to telling our stories in our schools within this new curriculum. South Asian public school children, like my own, will finally be able to see themselves reflected in their textbooks."

"As the proud representative of one of the largest Asian communities in New York City, I am thrilled about this curriculum supplement that will center the voices and experiences of the AAPI community. Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are a vital part of the American cultural mosaic. Their stories and contributions must be taught in our city's classrooms. In one of the most diverse cities in the world, the inclusion of this curriculum is not only proof of our city's commitment to the representation of all New Yorkers, but it will engage and inspire young leaders for years to come," said Council Member Justin Brannan.

"For decades, the accomplishments and contributions of the AAPI community have been little more than a footnote in our history books despite the enormous impact we have made. But with the Department of Education's new curriculum, Asian-American history will finally be taught in its full extent in our City's schools," said Council Member Shahana Hanif. "The Hidden Voices projects will help tell untold stories key to American history that have been excluded from our educational curriculum for far too long. The Department of Education's multidisciplinary approach will help students better understand the full scope of the complex and multicultural mosaic that is our City and our nation's past."

"The expansion of the Hidden Voices Project with the addition of Asian American and Pacific Islander curriculum is a great step forward in ensuring that the New York City public school system is truly representative of its students.

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# Vintage New York Train Rides Are Back



By Joseph M. Calisi

New York's Metropolitan Transportation Authority is offering a true ride into the past—vintage subway car rides that haven't happened for the last 2 years with 3 trips.

The trips feature rides on the routes of The Transit Authority's three predecessor lines, some of the on the exact lines those subway systems began on originally.

The first rides occur with two trips on the 'Low Voltage' or 'Lo-Vs' cars on Saturday, June 4th, 9:30am and 2pm. These 2 separate trips depart from the vintage South Ferry loop platform for a round trip on the Dyre Avenue or the White Plains lines and back. The cars were built a century ago.

The second trip is to Coney Island's Stillwell Avenue terminal and patrons will be able to traverse the famous boardwalk with the R 1-9 cars during a mid-trip break for the return trip to the Transit Museum. The train will ride on the BMT (Brooklyn Manhattan Transit) lines. The train departs at 10 am from the New York Transit Museum.

The third and final summer time excursion departs for the Rockaways on Saturday, August 13th, 10am. The trip originates from the 96th Street-Second Avenue Station in Manhattan to Rockaway Park-Beach 116th Street terminal in Queens. It rides the INDpendent (or IND) A line to 175th Street in Manhattan.

## Senator John Liu Introduces Bills to Extend Mayoral Control And Reduce Class Sizes in NYC Public Schools

NYS Senator John Liu, Chairperson of the Senate Committee on NYC Education, today introduced S9459 to extend mayoral control of NYC public schools system and S9460 to significantly reduce class sizes in every grade throughout NYC public schools.

Senator Liu stated, "After months of intense and complex negotiations, today we put forth legislation that will significantly modify NYC's system of school governance in a way that will strengthen parental input and engagement, and for the first time, mandate the reduction of class sizes in New York City. As introduced, parents and the public

will continue to be able to hold the mayor accountable while enjoying more meaningful engagement in PEP and CEC decision making. Students and teachers will finally realize the fruits of the Campaign for Fiscal Equity court decision, which found reducing class sizes is fundamental to a sound, basic education. Many thanks to my colleagues in the legislature, the Adams administration, CEC and PEP members, and all the students and parents who weighed in throughout these last months with insights into how and why we should change the system of school governance to make it more accountable to the people."



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**ARIES**  
(Mar. 21 - April 20)  
You can come into money; however, perhaps not under the best circumstances. Take a close look at documents before signing on the dotted line. Your lucky numbers are 1,9,4.

**TAURUS**  
(Apr. 21 - May 21)  
Think about making a career move. You will find that social activities will lead to a good business opportunity. Don't neglect your mate. Your lucky numbers are 5,3,2.

**GEMINI**  
(May 22 - June 21)  
Go out with friends. Eliminate situations that are no longer to your advantage. Travel will initiate new friendships or love connections. Your lucky numbers are 5,8,3.

**CANCER**  
(June 22 - July 22)  
Strength will come from your ability to overtake just about any one. Put your thoughts into some trendy new ideas. You need a change at home. Your lucky numbers are 6,9,2.

**LEO**  
(July 23 - Aug. 22)  
You are best not to confront situations that deal with in-laws or relatives. Correspondence may not clear up issues. Your lucky numbers are 2,5,7.

**VIRGO**  
(Aug. 23 - Sept. 23)  
Entertain in your home this week. You will be a bit of a spendthrift this week. Be concerned about new business ideas. Your lucky numbers are 5,9,2.

**LIBRA**  
(Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)  
You can pick up valuable information if you listen to those with more experience. Your ideas may be a little ahead of their time. Your lucky numbers are 3,8,7.

**SCORPIO**  
(Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)  
Your ability to charm others will put you in the limelight at social functions. You may want to get involved in some kind of creative group. Your lucky numbers are 6,3,4.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)  
Your efforts will be rewarded handsomely. Unexpected bills will leave you a little short. You may attract attention if you get out socially. Your lucky numbers are 4,9,5.

**CAPRICORN**  
(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)  
Family trips or projects should be on your mind. Relatives will not agree with the way you are dealing with your personal problems. Your lucky numbers are 9,3,2.

**AQUARIUS**  
(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)  
Catch up on correspondence. Don't forget that your budget is limited right now. Don't be critical or overly opinionated with dislikes. Your lucky numbers are 1,3,7.

**PISCES**  
(Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)  
Take a look at the renovations that are necessary and try to find the cheapest way to get things done. Your lucky numbers are 8,5,4.

**Did You Know?**

- Artificial Christmas trees have outsold real ones every year since 1991
- 70% of all Irish barley grown goes towards the production of Guinness beer
- All of the cobble stones used to line the streets in New York were originally stones found in the hulls of Belgian ships ballast
- A Chinese checkerboard has 121 holes
- Britain was the first country to use postage stamps
- The average person will consume 100 tons of food and 45,424 liters (12,000 gallons) of water in their lifetime
- A deck of cards should be shuffled at least 7 times before playing
- The side of a hammer is called a cheek
- 32% of all land in the U.S. is owned by the government
- Pinocchio is Italian for 'pine head'
- The letter W is the only letter in the alphabet that has 3 syllables (all others have 1)
- The longest word that can be typed using only our right hand is 'lollipop'
- 1 out of every 8 letters written is an e
- People who work at night tend to weigh more
- You can only see a rainbow if you have your back to the sun
- The oldest exposed surface on Earth is New Zealand's south island

**Answer to Last Weeks Puzzles**

**"Sudoku"**

1	3	9	2	4	5	7	8	6
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4	2	7	8	3	9	5	6	1
9	5	6	4	2	1	3	7	8
8	1	3	5	6	7	4	9	2
7	9	1	6	5	4	8	2	3
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3	8	4	1	9	2	6	5	7

**"Crossword Puzzle"**

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**"Try And Find"**

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**SUDOKU**

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**CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

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- ACROSS**
- Run off to wed
  - Train track
  - Taxis
  - Lawful
  - Unit of land
  - Curved molding
  - Immense
  - Frosts, as a cake
  - Principal
  - Too shocked for words
  - Needles
  - Ripped
  - Citrus
  - Decorative case
  - Decay
  - Neither
  - Forsaken
  - Back talk
  - Plane driver
  - Consecrated
  - Breathtaking
  - Gladden
  - Cumberbund
  - Death notice
  - Strike
  - South southeast
  - Memo
  - Take for granted
  - Empty weight
  - Hit hard
  - Occupation
  - Healthy
  - Decant
  - Appraise
  - Smooth or level
  - European volcano
  - Consumer of food
  - Bird home
  - Scarlets
  - Get to one's feet

- DOWN**
- LLLLL
  - Jump
  - Brute
  - Part of a book
  - Select by voting
  - Train networks
  - Highlighting hues
  - Ticks off
  - Textbook division
  - Likening
  - Once more
  - Existence
  - Perception
  - Equine
  - Lariat
  - River to the North Sea
  - Fee
  - Fertilizer component
  - Musical device
  - Root-bark flavoring
  - Timber wolf
  - Leave out
  - French for "Head"
  - Crease
  - At which location?
  - Astonish
  - Goes with salt
  - Pale
  - Someone who is owned
  - The business of selling goods
  - S S S
  - Memorization method
  - "Go away!"
  - Infinitesimal amount
  - Not closed
  - Geek

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**TRY AND FIND**

**"IT'S A SHOE THING!"**

S C O A T A S K E C H E R S G Q E S N F  
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# Wreath-Laying at Woodside's Three War Memorials



This is a panoramic view of the CMV ceremony at the World War 1 statue of the Doughboy in Doughboy Park located between Skillman Avenue and Woodside Avenue, and between 54th Street and 56th Street, Woodside, NY. Photo by Walter Karling



Past Catholic War Veterans (CWV) Commander Ed Gambichler conducting the start of the ceremony by the Vietnam War memorial at the corner of 57th Street and Woodside Avenue. The Rev. Patrick West, the pastor of St. Sebastian's RC church gave the invocation and four wreaths were laid at the Vietnam War memorial. Photo by Walter Karling



CMV place two wreaths at the Vietnam and Korean War Memorial in War Memorial Park at the intersection of Woodside and Roosevelt Avenues. Photo by Walter Karling

Catholic War Veterans (CWV) Annual wreath-laying ceremony held at three war memorials in Woodside is: the Vietnam War memorial at the corner of 57th Street and Woodside Avenue, the Vietnam and Korean War Memorial in War Memorial Park at the intersection of Woodside and Roosevelt Avenues and the WWI statue of the Doughboy in Doughboy Park. These ceremonies occur annually under the auspices of the Woodside Catholic War Veterans Post 870.

# Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar's Statement on Passing of Dominick Andrea Rubino Brienza



Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar with Dominick Andrea Rubino Brienza, April 2021

I join all of Woodhaven in mourning the passing today of our beloved neighbor Dominick Andrea Rubino Brienza. A neighborhood fixture for over six decades, Dominick came to America from Monteleone di Puglia in Italy as a child, finding his true home of Woodhaven at age 9. Over the years, he operated a delicatessen, laundromat, and the beloved Sal's Pizza. Besides his small business ventures, Dominick also served the community

as a social worker for Catholic Charities, where he specialized in assisting seniors who were the victims of crimes.

Like many others, I will remember Dominick most for the many hours I spent in his pizzeria, including when I brought Mayor Adams to meet him. I will also never forget the time I came to Sal's Pizza, only for Dominick to remark, "Where's your red dress?"

Dominick, you will be missed by us all.



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### Senator Liu Inducts College Point Resident, James Black, Into New York State Senate Veterans Hall Of Fame

NYS Senator John Liu inducted College Point veteran James (Jim) Black into the New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame on May, 29th, 2022. The Hall of Fame was established in 2005 to honor and recognize outstanding veterans from the Empire State who have distinguished themselves in both military and civilian life.

Senator John Liu said, "James Black answered our nation's call and pledged himself to defend our lives at home and our values abroad. We are eternally grateful for his dedicated service, which continues to this day with his involvement in our community and as Commander of the College Point Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 885. On this Memorial Day, I'm proud to induct him into the NYS Senate's Veterans Hall of Fame. We owe him our deepest gratitude and respect."

James Black said, "Being inducted into the New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame is a great privilege and an honor. I'd like to thank Senator Liu for this recognition, and especially all the service men and women of the military who I had the privilege to serve alongside, and those who continue to serve today."

James Black was drafted into the United States Army in 1970. He achieved the rank of Field Artillery Specialist 4 (SP4) and received an Honorable Discharge in 1972.

Mr. Black grew up in College Point, Queens, the middle child of eight brothers and sisters. He attended St. Fidelis Grammar School and Thomas Edison High School. During his teenage years, he played drums in a band of four with his fellow high school friends. They would play at local and surrounding community events and school dances, in addition to a few summers in upstate New York, at various Catskill Mountain resorts.

After high school, he had



planned on starting a career as a long haul truck driver, but he started working locally, right out of high school, for his brother's manufacturing business in College Point.

Mr. Black grew up in a military family. His father, brother,

uncles, and cousins all served in either World War II, Korean War, or Vietnam War. He was drafted in the U.S. Army in June 1970, and went to basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. He had

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### Jackson Heights Marches Against Gun Violence

NYC Councilman Shekar Krishnan who organized the march addresses those who gathered before the march against gun violence that began in Jackson Heights. The march began in Jackson Heights and ended in nearby Corona. The men, women and children marched along the Open Streets along 34th Avenue, started at IS 230 at 73rd Street and headed 21 blocks east to PS 149 at 94th Street. These 21 blocks between these schools were to symbolize the 21 people, 19 students and 2 teachers, who recently were killed in Uvalde, Texas. Councilman Krishnan said that the name of one of each murdered victim would be recited in commemoration at each intersection along the way.



Pictured above are the Marchers who gather at 34th Avenue and 73rd Street while Councilman Shekar Krishnan addresses the issue of gun violence in schools from IS 230 to PS 149. Photo by Walter Karling



### Fraud Prevention



The Queens District Attorneys Office is committed to ensuring a safe environment for our senior citizens and public education is key to preventing fraudulent activity. Our Elder Frauds Unit recently collaborated with India

Home on an important presentation for community members on scam awareness.

QDA Katz said "If you believe you've been a victim, contact ElderFraud@queensda.org or 718-286-6578. We're here to help."

### Israel Day Parade



The community-focused approach to prosecution that I have taken has resulted in stronger partnerships with the diverse cultures we represent and safeguard.

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz took part in the Israel Day Parade last weekend

to celebrate Jewish Heritage and demonstrate support for the State of Israel. QDA Katz thanked the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York for bringing community leaders, elected officials, non-profit organizations, educators, and residents together for this joyous parade.

### Meng Lights Up Top of Empire State Building to Bring Attention to Anti-Asian Hate



Pictured is Rep. Grace Meng flipping the switch.

Lighting takes place as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month winds down

To mark the final day of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, Congresswoman Grace Meng (D-NY) today flipped the switch to light up the top of the

Empire State Building to continue bringing attention to the ongoing hate and violence against Asian Americans.

Meng took part in a lighting ceremony with Empire State Building officials, delivered remarks about

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# IT'S IN QUEENS

(June 2 to June 9)

A water lantern festival, cheesemaking, and Queens Pride's triumphant return add spice to an already hot week of carnival rides, outdoor movies, all-you-can-eat challenges, and a normal (normally psychedelic, that is) version of "Alice in Wonderland."

- June 1, Astoria Park Carnival, June 5. Rides, games, and delicious carnival food. Admission is free. Rides are cheap. Astoria Park, Hoyt Avenue North and 19th Street.

- June 2, Life Between Buildings, Jan. 16, 2023. Fourteen artists and collectives exhibit drawings, photographs, sculptures, multimedia works, and performances that examine the history of artists working with residents to rethink cityscapes. The show explores such issues as gardening, property rights, gentrification, access to public space, environmental concerns, and community engagement. MoMA PS1, 22-25 Jackson Ave., Long Island City.

- June 2, Buggy Baby, June 26. The Astoria Performing Arts Center presents this surreal horror comedy about trying to build a normal life when nothing about life is normal. Shows are Thursdays to Saturdays at 7:30 pm and Sundays at 6 pm. APAC Stage, 44-02 23rd St., Long Island City.

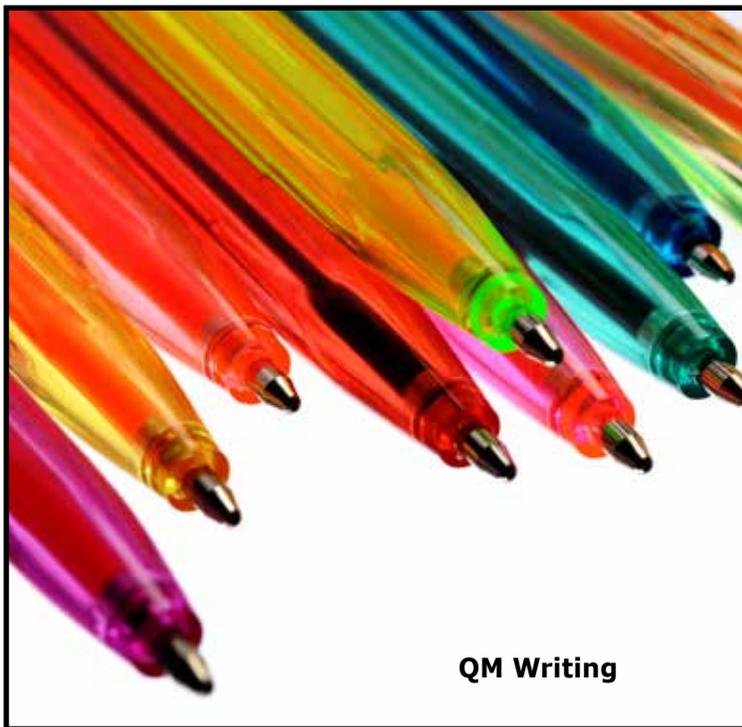
- June 3, Traditions Festival, June 4. Two days of art and festivities featuring Queens artisans and small local businesses representing a variety of cultures from the World's Borough, as well as costumed historical interpreters. Noon to 5 pm both days. King Manor Museum, 150-03 Jamaica Ave.

- June 3, Movie Nights: Moana, 7:30 pm. A lei-making workshop followed by an outdoor screening of the animated film that follows adventurous Moana and demigod Maui as they deal with monsters and impossible odds to restore the island goddess's heart. Queens Botanical Garden, 43-50 Main St., Flushing.

- June 3, Seventh Annual Night of Country Music, 7 pm. Cathy Maguire leads a night of country with classics from Patsy Cline, Dolly Parton, Loretta Lynn, and others. New York Irish Center, 10-40 Jackson Ave., Long Island City.

- June 4, Kaleidoscope, 3 pm. Long Island City Ballet dancers perform a magical kaleidoscopic version of "Alice in Wonderland" to Sir Malcolm Arnold's score. Queens Theatre, 14 United Nations Ave S., Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- June 3, Three Days of Dance, June 5. The Take Root program opens with the B3W Performance Group at 8 pm on June 3 and June 4. The Fertile Ground New Works Showcase goes next with various artists on June 5 at 7 pm. Green Space, 37-24 24th St., Long Island City.



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- June 3, New Yorkers: A City and its People in Our Time, 8 pm. Craig Taylor discusses his latest book which brings together a symphony of contemporary NYC voices after interviewing 200 people about life in the Big Apple. Queens College, Kupferberg Center for the Arts, Chorus Room 264, 65-30 Kissena Blvd., Flushing.

- June 4, Water Lantern Festival, 5:30 pm. This unique event happens around the United States. In Queens, unique water lanterns float as the sun goes down along with food, games, activities, vendors, and music. Vicinity of Fountain of the Planets, between Grand Central Parkway and Van Wyck Expressway, Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- June 4, Queens Rising Opening Show, 5 pm. The wildly popular all-women Brazilian Samba Reggae drum line band Fogo Azul kicks off a night of global music and food. Queens Night Market, New York Hall of Science Grounds, Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- June 4, Queensboro Dance Festival, Oct. 2. Twenty-six Queens-based dance companies offer performances and classes in public spaces around the borough. Expect Hawaiian, West African, Turkish Gypsy, Kathak, and other genres.

- June 4, Family Friendly Hike, 2 pm. A group walk along trails with plenty to learn about plants, animals, and insects. Alley Pond Environmental Center, 224-65 76th Ave., Oakland Gardens.

- June 4, LIC Waterfront 5K + Kids Dash, 9 am. A friendly (or competitive) run around the Long Island City waterfront. Proceeds benefit the Hunters Point Parks Conservancy. Starting line is Center Boulevard and Borden Avenue.

- June 4, Creative Writing Seminar, 10 am. Queens Museum offers an online workshop focusing on different aspects of writing, storytelling, and literary

devices.

- June 5, Bayside Food & Music Fest, 1 pm to 6 pm. An afternoon of live music, art, games, bouncy houses, volleyball, and a restaurant stroll. Vicinity of Bell Boulevard and 41st Avenue.

- June 5, The New Queens Pride Parade, 11 am. An annual tradition and multi-cultural festival returns after a two-year, Covid-provoked hiatus. Expect a fun afternoon of marchers, vendors, performances, and costumes. Vicinity of 37th Road and 75th Street, Jackson Heights.

- June 5, Rebirth, 6 pm. The Caribbean vocal ensemble Braata Folk Singers performs a concert for the ages. Jamaica Performing Arts Center, 153-10 Jamaica Ave.

- June 5, Queens to Bali: Gamelan Yowana Sari, 6:30 pm. Queens College-based Gamelan Yowana Sari presents Balinese music, joined by traditional Balinese dancers. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd.

- June 5, Back to a New World, 3 pm. Queens Symphony Orchestra presents a free matinee program with Tchaikovsky and top-notch musicians. LeFrak Concert Hall, 65-30 Kissena Blvd., Flushing.

- June 5, Poetry Workshop, 11 am. Poet Bernard Ferguson and educator Naima Dobbs lead a poetry workshop inspired by Noguchi's 1978 sculpture "Core." The Noguchi Museum, 9-01 33rd Rd., Long Island City.

- June 6, Roosevelt Island: End to End, 7 pm. Roosevelt Island Historical Society President Judy Birdy leads a virtual tour of a community with six landmarks and many secrets.

- June 9, Cheesemaking 101, 6 pm. American Cheese Society Certified Cheese Professional Carol Johnson, a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, guides this workshop through the history and science behind curds and whey. Queens County Farm Museum, 73-50 Little Neck Pkwy., Glen Oaks.

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## Attorney General James Warns New Yorkers of Summer Rental Scams

*With Summer Approaching, AG James Offers Tips to New Yorkers to Avoid Scams When Booking Vacation Rentals*

New York Attorney General Letitia James today warned New Yorkers of scams on vacation rentals and offered tips on how to avoid them as summer approaches. As millions of New Yorkers plan their getaway trips and look to rent homes, they should be mindful of scammers that misrepresent rentals or list fake homes online that do not actually exist, tricking consumers into paying and leaving them with nowhere to stay. To protect people from this fraud, Attorney General James encourages New Yorkers to verify their host and booking before making a payment. Attorney General James urges New Yorkers to report any summer scams to her office.

“Scammers don’t take the summer off,” said Attorney General James. “Summer plans can quickly melt if consumers aren’t careful when they book their getaway. Vacation fraud happens every year, but there are ways to avoid it and protect yourself from getting burned. School might be out, but don’t forget to do your homework — take the time to verify the host and read online reviews to ensure that vacation rentals are real and not a dupe. All year, my office is working to protect New Yorkers’ wallets

from scammers, and we encourage anyone to report this fraud to our office.”

Attorney General James recommends consumers take the following precautions before booking their summer getaway:

- Verify the host. Make sure the renter or host has a valid address and phone number.
- Make sure the listing has reviews and read the reviews. Be wary of listings on websites like Airbnb or VRBO that do not have any reviews listed. When reading reviews, check for multiple reviews that repeat the same phrases — that could be a sign that the reviews are fake.
- Check that the photos have not been stolen from another website. Use reverse image search of photos of the rental to ensure that the photos have not been listed on another website.
- Communicate only through the listing site before booking. One way that scammers try to trick consumers is by first posting a listing on a site like Airbnb or VRBO, and then requiring you to communicate directly with the host outside the website or app to book the listing. Do not share your email address or phone number with the host or renter before your booking is accepted.
- Only book with a credit card or debit card. Use verified payment sources such as a major debit or credit card, which can be traced in the event something goes wrong. One advantage of using a credit

card specifically is that you have certain protections under the Fair Credit Billing Act, which allows you to dispute unauthorized charges.

- Only make payments through the listing site. If using a site such as Airbnb or VRBO, make all payments through the site, as they may be able to refund you if you are later defrauded.
- Never make wire payments or cash payments. NEVER make a payment using a wire transfer service or money transfer service such as Western Union, Money Gram, Zelle, CashApp, or Venmo.
- Rent security deposits. You may be asked to make a security deposit. Generally, you cannot be required to pay more than one month’s security deposit. The owner can apply the security deposit to cover any damages caused by you or unpaid rent but otherwise must return the deposit to you at the conclusion of the rental.
- Know your rights. It is illegal for a host to deny a vacation rental to you based on your race, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, military status, disability, or marital status. If you believe that you have been discriminated against or harassed based on any of these protected classes, you can file a complaint with the New York State Division of Human Rights.

To report a summer scam, contact the Office of the Attorney General’s Consumer Frauds Bureau.

## Schools Chancellor Banks Announces New Curriculum Centering AAPI Voices

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In a period of increased violence and hate crimes against Asian Americans, cultural exposure can be a powerful tool in breaking away prejudices and biases at a young age and help reinforce New York City’s status as a cultural melting pot and capital of the world. This is an excellent initiative and I applaud the Mayor Adams and Chancellor Banks,” said Council Member Ari Kagan.

“For more than a century, Asian Americans have been part of the fabric of New York City in every way, lived here and raised families here—though we haven’t always been welcomed or celebrated. I thank Chancellor Banks for his commitment to telling our stories in our schools within this new curriculum. South Asian public school children, like my own, will finally be able to see themselves reflected in their textbooks,” said Council Member Shekar Krishnan.

“Last week my City Council colleagues and I introduced a resolution calling on New York State to recognize AAPI history through the curriculum of our schools, and today Mayor Adams and Chancellor Banks showed they are listening,” said Council Member Linda Lee, Vice-Chair of the New York City Council Black, Latino, and Asian Caucus and first Korean-American alongside Julie Won. “New York City is home to over 1.2 million AAPI New York-

ers, and we have made, and will continue to make invaluable contributions to our city. Having our history included in the Department of Education’s curriculum through Hidden Voices will educate others about our culture and instill pride in AAPI children learning across the city. AAPI history is American history, and I am immensely proud that our heritage will be recognized in our schools thanks to Chancellor Banks’ leadership.”

“Since taking office I have been a vocal supporter of teaching AAPI history in our schools, not only in an effort to stem the recent rise in anti-Asian hate crimes by promoting an understanding of the rich history of the AAPI community in this country, but also to instill a sense of pride among our children in the Asian American community,” said Council Member Sandra Ung. “Last week, I introduced a resolution in the City Council with my colleague Linda Lee to support legislation at the state level to include AAPI history in the curriculum in schools across New York State. I am pleased to learn that the Department of Education is leading the way in this effort, and has pledged to begin teaching AAPI history and culture and sharing our stories in the city’s classrooms.”

“AAPI Americans have been for far too long invisibilized and stripped of our individual cultures and languages, and treated as strangers in our own homes. We

must address the ignorance that has been deliberately fostered in our country to facilitate the disempowerment of AAPI Americans through education to show all New Yorkers that we are a part of this city and have been for much of its history.” said Council Member Julie Won. “I applaud the Department of Education for creating The Asian American and Pacific Islanders in the United States curriculum and I look forward to the growth of this program and permanent implementation in our city.”

“I’m honored to work with the stellar DOE team and an amazing team of scholars on this pioneering project to highlight AAPI history, culture and contributions,” said Vivian Louie, director of the Asian American Studies Program & Center and professor of Urban Policy & Planning at Hunter College, and a lead scholar on the Hidden Voices: AAPI project. “This is a history that we should all know, along with the experiences of so many, whose histories have rarely been told. This is the story of America.”

“Like President John F. Kennedy once wrote, ‘History...is always alive.’ However, we need to teach Asian American and Pacific Islander history in class and talk about it, otherwise, it will become just another book collecting dust on a shelf somewhere,” said Mikayla Lin, Student, Stuyvesant High School.

## Senator Liu Inducts College Point Resident, James Black, Into New York State Senate Veterans Hall Of Fame

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Advanced Individual Training for radio mechanics at Fort Benning, Georgia and trained in Artillery at Fort Sill, Oklahoma prior to shipping to Vietnam on New Year’s Day 1971. He served in Field Artillery Specialist 4 (SP4) for 10 months and returned to the United States at Fort Hood, Texas before his honorable discharge in January 1972.

For his time and service to this nation, James received multiple medals and commendations, including the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 1 Bronze Service Star, Republic of Vietnam Cam-

paign Medal, and Sharpshooter Rifle.

Upon his discharge, he returned home to College Point and continued working for his brother’s manufacturing business for 32 years. After his service in the military, James stayed active in the community. He coached Little League and served as the Commodore of Skyline Sportsman Club for 15 years. He has been a proud member of the College Point Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 885 for over 40 years, and has served as the current Commander for the last two years. He met his wife, Jane, at a school dance; they have been happily married for 47 years.

## Meng Lights Up Top of Empire State Building to Bring Attention to Anti-Asian Hate

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the importance of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and combating anti-Asian hate, and turned-on the ceremonial switch for the lights which will be displayed on the iconic building tonight, from sunset to 2 a.m.

The color of the lights will be a combination of blue and yellow.

The lighting was held in connection with The Asian American Foundation (TAAF).

“I thank officials at the Empire State Building for commemorating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and standing in

solidarity with the Asian American community as we continue to endure despicable acts of bigotry and violence,” said Meng. “It was an honor to join them and I thank The Asian American Foundation for their partnership and work as well. In lighting the towers of the building, we not only celebrate our heritage, but honor the victims of these senseless attacks, and underscore our commitment to standing up to xenophobia and racism whenever and wherever they occur. It also sends the message to the country and the world that there is no place for hate anywhere in our society.”



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**Slide Lecture on the History of Jackson Heights**  
At 10:45am and 12:15pm at the Community Church, 81-10 35th Avenue; FREE

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From 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Community Church, 81-10 35th Avenue; FREE  
Leisurely view many original photographs, maps and brochures from Jackson Heights’ early days

**A Self-Guided Tour of Private Interior Gardens**  
From 12 noon to 4:00pm. These park-like private gardens, surrounded by 1920s-era garden apartments, are only open to the public once a year. Visit up to fifteen gardens at your own pace, following a map included in your ticket; Tickets can be purchased in advance or in front of the Community Church, 81-10 35th Ave, on Saturday morning; \$10

**SUNDAY, JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>**

**Escorted Walking Tours of the Historic District - Rain or shine**  
At 12 noon. Tickets must be purchased or reserved in advance. The tours will meet in front of the Community Church, the southwestern corner of 82nd Street and 35th Avenue; \$10

**Ticket Pricing**  
Tickets are \$10 for one tour  
Tickets may be purchased beginning May 25th at: Espresso 77  
For ticket information and directions leave a message at (347) 766-9129



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## Gillibrand, Rubio Fox News Op-Ed: Burn-Pit Bill Gives Veterans Health Care to Overcome Ongoing Crisis

In case you missed it, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand wrote a joint op-ed with Senator Marco Rubio for Fox News about their bipartisan bill, the Presumptive Benefits for War Fighters Exposed to Burn Pits and Other Toxins Act, which is expected to pass the Senate next week as part of the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act of 2022.

Gillibrand's bill is the centerpiece of the legislation's provision that establishes a presumptive service connection for veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxins. This provision would remove the "burden of proof" from the veteran to provide enough evidence to establish a direct service connection between their health condition and exposure. Rather, the veteran would only need to submit evidence of deployment to one of the countries named in the bill during the Global War on Terror or the Gulf War and documentation that they suffer from a qualifying health condition.

Read the piece here or below:

Burn-pit bill gives veterans health care to overcome ongoing crisis | Fox News

By Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and Senator Marco Rubio  
May 27, 2022

Among the great injustices of recent American history is the government's continued failure to provide care and benefits to military veterans suffering from toxic burn pit exposure. Finally, after years of inaction, that injustice is potentially coming to an end.

When America's military service members willingly risk their lives for their country overseas, they do so with the understand-

ing that they will be cared for when they come home. However, that does not always happen as it should.

While serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, and beyond, millions of U.S. troops lived and worked in the vicinity of toxic burn pits. These pits, which the military has used for decades to dispose of everything from human waste and trash to electronics and jet fuel, spewed forth a dangerous mix of airborne particles that pose a serious health risk.

Since their exposure, many of the more than 300,000 service members who have added their names to the Burn Pits Registry have developed permanent injuries and illnesses, ranging from chronic bronchitis to brain cancer — and that is not counting those who remain unregistered. There is little doubt these conditions are the result of inhaled toxins.

The government authorized the use of burn pits, so it is the government's responsibility to care for the victims of toxic exposure. But instead of helping our veterans, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has spent years denying them the care and benefits they need and deserve.

In the late 2000s, when medical researchers discovered the link between burn pits and adverse health conditions, the VA tried to cover it up. When the connection was no longer deniable, the VA demanded veterans in search of care prove their conditions were caused by burn pit exposure.

That demand is unreasonable, since proving direct causation in cases like these is virtually impossible. The real reason for all the red tape is that the federal government did not want to bear

the cost of its mistakes.

We refuse to stand by and let the VA neglect veterans in need. So last year, we introduced a bipartisan bill to fix the problem. Our Presumptive Benefits for War Fighters Exposed to Burn Pits and Other Toxins Act would force the VA to presume that soldiers who were exposed to burn pits in the line of duty and are now suffering from associated injuries and illnesses merit government care and benefits.

That bill helped start a movement, in Washington and across the country, to get justice for burn-pit victims. Finally, it looks like our mission may be nearing completion. Earlier this year, the House of Representatives passed a bill that contains the presumption enforcement from our 2021 bill. And now, the Senate is poised to do the same by passing the bipartisan Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our PACT Act.

When that bill becomes law, phased-in reforms will allow veterans to finally get treatment and benefits for 23 toxic exposure-related conditions. VA claim processing will also be streamlined, and more research on the health effects of toxic exposure will take place.

This victory cannot make up for the years veterans spent suffering without care. However, it is a victory nonetheless and one that Americans should be proud of. For a long time, we have failed to do right by those who have made great sacrifices on our behalf. No more — justice for America's military men and women begins now. We call on our colleagues in Congress to pass this legislation without delay.

## Attorney General James Cracks Down on Gun Sellers Illegally Selling And Advertising Ghost Gun Parts

On the first day of Gun Violence Awareness Month, New York Attorney General Letitia James today took action to crack down on firearms sellers illegally selling and advertising gun parts that are used to create homemade, untraceable firearms, known as ghost guns. An investigation by the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) found that 28 firearms sellers across the state advertised and/or offered to sell one or more unfinished frames, receivers, and/or kits containing both. The OAG's investigation found that a majority of these gun sellers were located in Western New York and on Long Island. New York law prohibits the sale, exchange, or disposal of unfinished frames and receivers. In cease-and-desist letters to all 28 dealers, Attorney General James ordered these businesses to immediately stop advertising and selling the prohibited parts and warned of the legal consequences, including imprisonment, if they do not comply.

"Ghost guns are fueling the flames of the gun violence epidemic, and we will not sit idly as they proliferate in our streets and devastate communities," said Attorney General James. "Across the nation, too many lives are being lost because of these untraceable and unregistered weapons that anyone can get their hands on without a background check. We are not going to wait for another tragedy, my office is taking action to crack down on gun sellers that are illegally advertising ghost guns. If gun sellers do not comply with the law, they will face the full force of my office."

The OAG's investigation found that most of these firearms sellers advertised the prohibited unfinished receivers, frames, and kits online or at gun shows. They advertised them on their websites, with some allowing consumers to buy online and others telling consumers to call and ask for the price. Today's enforcement action is the result of the Jose Webster Untraceable Firearms Act and the Scott J. Beigel Unfinished Receiver Act, which recently came into effect and criminalizes the sale of ghost guns and requires gunsmiths to register and serialize all such firearms.

Nine of these businesses are in Western New York, six on Long Island, five in Central New York, four in the Hudson Valley, two in the Southern Tier, and one in the Capital Region.

Unfinished receivers and frames, also known as 80 percent frames, do not have serial numbers and can easily be used to make untraceable guns, or ghost guns, at home using basic tools. Unfinished receivers hold the upper, lower, and rear portions of a semi-automatic rifle together. Purchasers of unfinished receivers only have to make a few small changes with a common drill press to transform an unfinished receiver into a fully operational one. Once milled, a receiver may be readily turned into a fully-assembled, illegal assault weapon. Similarly, a purchaser of an unfinished frame can use commonly available tools

to finish the frame, which may then be readily assembled into an untraceable handgun.

Some of the businesses identified by OAG were selling kits that contained unfinished frames and the tools needed to put a finished gun together at home. They advertised "blank serialization plates," which makes the firearms untraceable.

In her cease-and-desist letters, Attorney General James reminds the gun sellers that it is illegal in New York for any person not licensed as a gunsmith or dealer in firearms to knowingly possess an unfinished frame or receiver, and false or misleading advertisements about the legal risks of buying an unfinished frame or receiver could subject them to disgorgement, restitution, and penalties of up to \$5,000 for each violation.

"For too long, ghost guns have been haunting our streets and taking lives. I have been warning about these dangerous gun kits for years, and we must take more aggressive action now to stop them from further proliferating," said U.S. Senator Charles Schumer. "The new federal rule issued by the Department of Justice earlier this spring will help keep ghost guns off our streets, but there is still more to be done. That's why I'm proud to support Attorney General James in cracking down on New York gun dealers who are illegally selling and advertising ghost gun parts. The time is right now to take action on these ghost guns because they are too easy to build, too hard to trace, and too dangerous to ignore."

"It is chilling that anyone — including convicted felons and domestic abusers — can bypass the background check system and purchase individual, untraceable gun parts to build a homemade assault-style weapon," said U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand. "We have to do more to combat the epidemic of gun violence in New York, and I thank Attorney General James for taking this decisive action to crack down on firearms dealers."

"Uvalde. Buffalo. Sunset Park. New Yorkers are sick to their stomachs from bearing witness to horrific tragedies because of our federal government's failure to properly regulate guns," said State Senator Brad Hoylman. "In the federal void, New York is leading the way. Last year, we made ghost guns illegal. They are dangerous, untraceable firearms bought by people looking to evade New York's robust background check requirements. Thanks to the leadership of Attorney General James, now the 28 firearm sellers across the state advertising or offering to sell these ghost gun parts are looking at serious consequences if they do not comply. I am proud of the progress we made and are continuing to make throughout New York state to help prevent further gun violence."

"We passed the Scott J. Beigel Unfinished Receiver Act last year because too many people were

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## Meng Introduces Resolution Recognizing Menstrual Hygiene Day

*Congresswoman sponsors measure ahead of Saturday's annual observance*

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-NY) introduced a resolution in the House of Representatives to recognize Menstrual Hygiene Day. The global observance, held every May 28th, seeks to raise awareness about period poverty. This year, the observance will take place on Saturday.

Period poverty is a lack of access to menstrual products, education and hygiene facilities. Currently, about 17 million individuals in the U.S. have reported a lack of access to menstrual products; 1 in 5 women and girls have reported that they've missed school or work because of period poverty; and 1 in 4 menstruators report struggling to secure enough period products.

Meng's resolution aims to increase conversation, awareness, and break social stigmas surrounding period poverty in the United States and around the world. The measure would also recognize the need to change social norms surrounding menstrual hygiene, and it calls for increased research on access to menstrual health management. Additionally, the resolution uplifts and recognizes the work of activists around the country working to combat period poverty, while also urging the enactment of laws to address the challenges of menstruators around the globe.

"Period products are essential for over half of our nation's population. It is unconscionable that some students must forego educational opportunities because they lack access to these items. We have to begin by breaking

down the social stigmas that surround conversations of menstrual health," said Congresswoman Meng. "Period poverty is something that affects all ages. Young people miss school, extra circular activities, and time with friends while adults miss work and time with family because they cannot afford menstrual products. That is why I introduced this resolution to continue to highlight the conversation around menstrual equity, and what we must do to end period poverty once and for all."

In addition to raising awareness of period poverty, Menstrual Hygiene Day highlights the importance of good menstrual hygiene management and the importance of talking about the subject to break the stigma over discussing period poverty. Menstrual Hygiene Day was first celebrated in 2014.

## TAKE 5 Top-Prize Tickets Sold in GLEN OAKS

The New York Lottery announced there were multiple top-prize winning tickets sold for the May 28 TAKE 5 EVENING drawing. One ticket was sold in GLEN OAKS. The ticket was sold at:

7-ELEVEN #27690C located at 254-02 HILLSIDE AVE. in GLEN OAKS, which sold 1 prize winning ticket worth \$19,739.50

Take 5 players with midday and evening draws on the same ticket must check their numbers at nylottery.ny.gov to determine if they have the winning numbers for the corresponding midday or evening drawing.

TAKE 5 numbers are drawn from a field of one through 39. The drawing is televised twice daily at

2:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. A Lottery draw game prize of any amount may be claimed up to one year from the date of the drawing.

About the New York Lottery -The New York Lottery continues to be North America's largest and most profitable Lottery, contributing \$3.59 billion in fiscal year 2020-21 to help support education in New York State.

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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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

Anthony Residence LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 3/18/2022. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Boris Babakhanov, 185-08 Union Tpke., Ste. 106, Fersh Meadows, NY 11366. General Purpose. 4/28,5/5,12,19,26&6/2/2022

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

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

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

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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

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WLP REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/22/22. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 40-54 Warren Street, Elmhurst, NY 11373. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 4/28,5/5,12,19,26&6/2/2022

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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

Notice of Formation of CASTRO CANE, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/11/22. Office location: Queens County. Princ. office of LLC: 133 Beach 116th St., #3C, Rockaway Park, NY 11694. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Thomas Adorno Castro, 1032 Beach 20th St., Far Rockaway, NY 11691. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 5/26,6/2,9,16,23&30/2022

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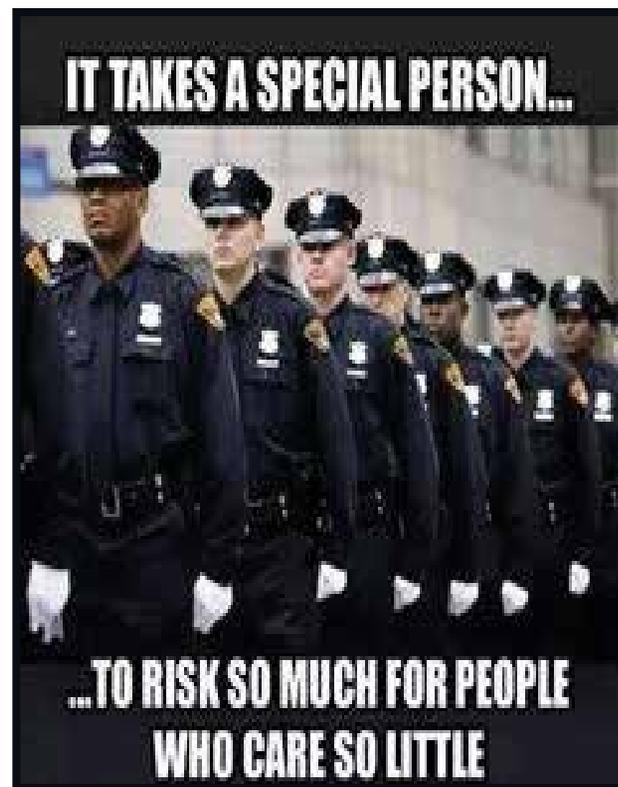
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**Attorney General James Cracks Down on Gun Sellers Illegally Selling And Advertising Ghost Gun Parts**

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exploiting a loophole in our gun laws and getting their hands on dangerous, untraceable ghost guns without ever going through a background check," said State Senator Anna M. Kaplan. "I'm proud that the law I sponsored is now being used by Attorney General James to crack down on gun sellers who were selling these dangerous weapons in our community, and I applaud her efforts to hold these individuals accountable and keep our communities safe from the epidemic of gun violence."

"Gun violence is ravaging communities across our state and country," said Assemblymember Charles D. Lavine. "The last thing New Yorkers need is more untraceable guns flooding our streets and devastating communities. I am proud to have sponsored the Scott J. Beigel Unfinished Receiver Act to protect New Yorkers, and I thank Attorney General James for taking action to enforcing it."

"No one is above the law. Contrary to the belief of many gun enthusiasts, that extends to firearms sellers now that my law to ban the sale, possession, and exchange of unfinished frames and receivers went into effect," said Assemblymember Linda B. Rosenthal. "In the aftermath of the devastation wrought by guns in Buffalo and Uvalde, we must continue to take every action we can to protect every single New Yorker against preventable gun violence. I applaud Attorney General Letitia James for taking swift and aggressive action to crack down on firearm sellers and get ghost guns off the street. I look forward to continuing

to provide her office, and law enforcement across the state — with powerful tools to get guns and the dangerous criminals who use them off the street."

"Gun manufacturers and shops that flout the law by selling untraceable ghost guns are a central cog in the gun violence epidemic," said Zeenat Yahya, policy director, March For Our Lives. "While gun shops and producers chase profits at any cost, children suffer the consequences. This last year guns became the leading cause of death for children in America, for the first time outpacing motor vehicle deaths. That horrifies us and scares us. We're pleased that Attorney General Letitia James is taking this important step to ensure that our laws aren't just paper tigers, and that they actually serve to protect young people and our communities."

"When gun manufacturers and dealers break the law and flood our communities with illegal ghost guns, New Yorkers pay the price with our lives," said Nick Suplina, senior vice president for law and policy, Everytown for Gun Safety. "We're grateful that Attorney General James is taking these lawbreaking members of the gun industry to task for their role in facilitating our gun violence epidemic."

"There's no reason why anyone should have access to untraceable, unserialized ghost guns — and when companies illegally sell those ghost guns, they're putting our lives in danger," said Nathalie Arzu, volunteer, New York chapter of Moms Demand Action, and a member of the Everytown Survivor Network whose 16-year-old brother, Jose Webster, was shot and killed in the Bronx in 2011.

"Attorney General James has been a leader in getting ghost guns off our streets and going after those who put them on our streets in the first place, and New Yorkers are safer as a result of her decisive action."

Today's action is the latest example of Attorney General James' commitment to cracking down on ghost guns and combatting gun violence in New York. In April 2021, Attorney General James sent a letter to U.S. DOJ urging them to strengthen federal regulations on ghost guns. In February 2021, Attorney General James led a coalition of 21 attorneys general from around the nation in filing an amicus brief in the case *Grewal v. Defense Distributed* before the U.S. Supreme Court, where the coalition fought a lawsuit that seeks to stop states from enforcing their laws against a company disseminating dangerous 3D-printed gun files on the internet. In September 2019, Attorney General James sent cease and desist letters to the companies behind a number of websites selling incomplete weaponry pieces to New Yorkers that could be easily assembled into illegal assault weapons. In July 2020, Attorney General James announced that all the companies behind the sale of these firearms or firearms components had complied with her cease and desist letters and ended the sale of these weapons to New Yorkers.

To date, Attorney General James has taken more than 3,000 firearms, including dozens of ghost guns, out of communities through gun buyback events and takedowns of violent drug and crime rings since taking office in 2019.

# Flags Fly in Corona Heights Remembering Our Fallen Heroes



Surrounding the PFC William F. Moore USMC Park in Corona Heights Flanders Field VFW Post #150 and the PFC. William F. Moore Marine Corps Association placed POW and American Flags in memorial to all our military heroes. Pictured in front of the American Flags attached to the fence surrounding the PFC William F. Moore USMC Park in

Corona Heights at the intersection of 108th Street and Corona Avenue in Corona Heights, Queens, NY is (l to r) 110 Pct Sgt. Dominic Regerio, the Commander of Flanders Field VFW Post #150 Michael Liquori and a member of PFC. William F. Moore Marine Corps Association Joe Bellacicco. All the Flags were provided by Joe Bellacicco.

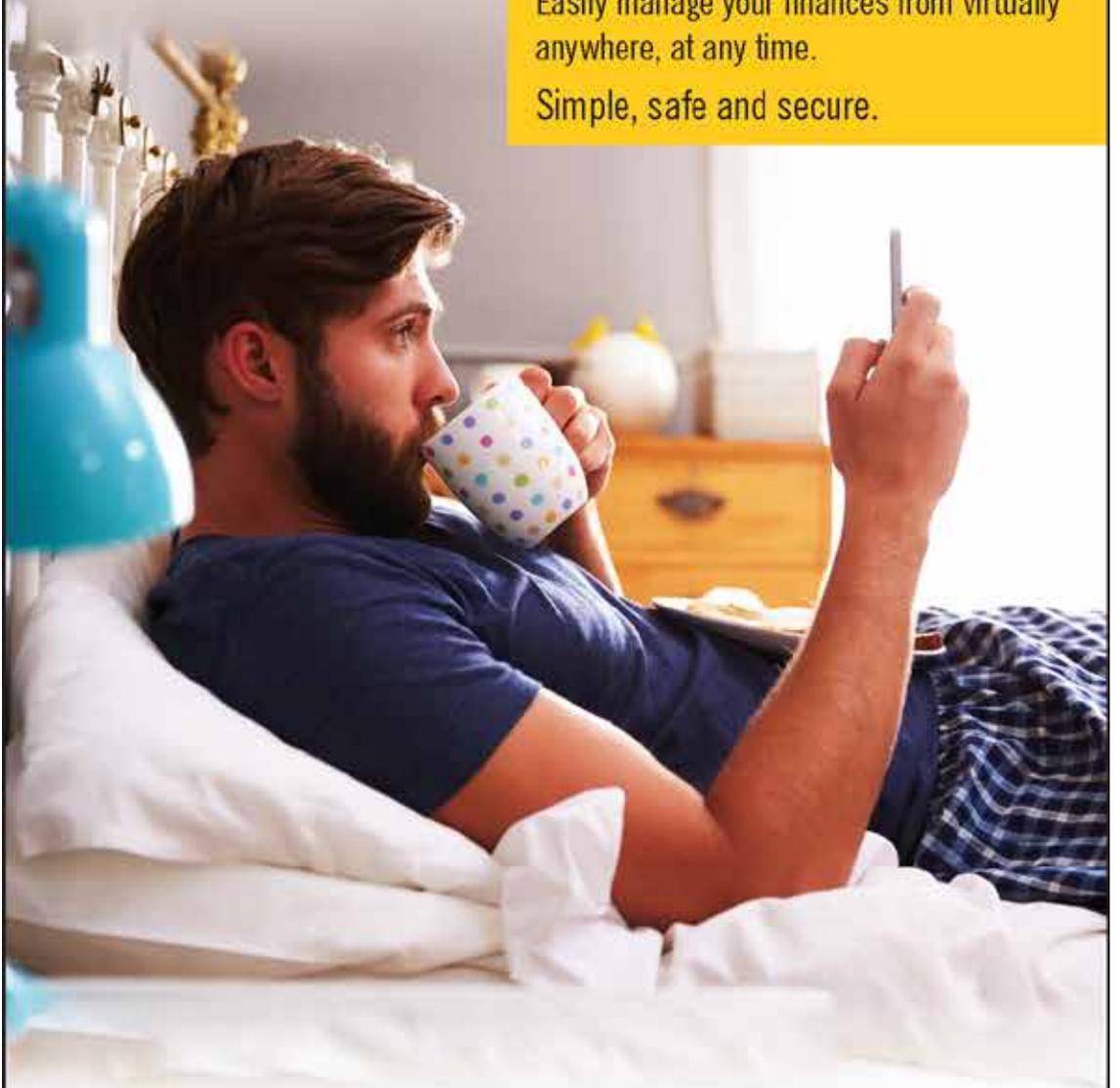
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