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Assemblyman Colton is Outraged With The NYC Council Proposal to Remove Historical Monuments, Such as Washington, Jefferson, And Columbus Statues

Assemblyman William Colton (D – Gravesend, Bensonhurst, Bath Beach, and Dyker Heights) is outraged with the NYC council’s proposal to remove historical monuments such as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Christopher Columbus. Did anybody ever stop to think how much money would be wasted on this project? The money that the city is in dire need now!

“In 2022 the Christopher Columbus statue was proposed to be removed, and now NYC is facing a migrant crisis. The mayor is planning to stabilize the city’s budget by slashing up to 15% from the city agencies such as NYPD, education, senior services, and sanitation, and the city council is thinking of removing centuries-old monuments. These statues are the history and legacy of this country and it’s very disturbing to hear that elected officials worry more about the past than the present,” Colton stated.

“Crime, homelessness is on the rise, quality of life is nearly destroyed, the middle class is struggling and barely able to survive and we are thinking of how to remove monuments. It’s very disturbing and shocking. Therefore, I strongly oppose the NYC council’s proposal. Instead of dividing people and driving them apart with the past, we need to work together to make sure that our city will bloom again,” Colton continued.

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Meng Introduces Legislation Seeking Commemorative Postage Stamp in Honor of Queens’ Lewis Latimer



Congresswoman Meng over the weekend at the 175th birthday celebration of Lewis Latimer which took place at the Lewis Latimer House Museum in Flushing.

Lewis Latimer, an inventor and electrical pioneer, lived in Flushing in the early 1900s and his house now serves as a museum in the area dedicated to his legacy

Congresswoman introduces bill just prior to attending Latimer House Museum’s 175th birthday celebration of Latimer this past weekend. See story on page 2.

IAM President Dr. Scelsa Greets Italian Prime Minister Meloni at Columbus Circle

The President of the Italian American Museum (IAM) Dr. Joseph Scelsa greets Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni at the famous Columbus Circle after the wreath-laying ceremony in honor of Columbus where Meloni stopped next to the statue for a moment of silence; to honor Columbus before the United States holiday of October 12 in honor of Christopher Columbus.

“Meloni showed Italian-Americans that they have her support and the support of the Italian people — we are not forgotten,” said Joseph Scelsa, president of the Museo Italo-Americano, who attended the wreath-laying event.

“The prime minister, Giorgia Meloni, laid a wreath on the statue located in the center of Columbus Circle, one of the most famous in the United States depicting Christopher Columbus,” said a statement from Meloni’s office, which is in town for the annual United Nations General Assembly.



Pictured: The President of the Italian American Museum (IAM) Dr. Joseph Scelsa with Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni.

Democrat Sam Berger Wins Queens Assembly Special Election



Democrat Sam Berger won an Assembly special election in eastern Queens which includes Kew Gardens Hills and Electchester, College Point, Whitestone and

Beechhurst – the northern parts of the district.

“Sam was the perfect candidate for the district,” said Kevin Elkins, political director at the New York

City District Council of Carpenters – one of the major unions that canvassed for Berger – in a text

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"My office is circulating petitions all over my district against

the removal of these statues. Anybody who would like to help circulate the petition can come to my office at 155 Kings Highway.

I always advocated for people and their rights and will continue to do so. Together we can make a difference," Colton added.

Meng Introduces Legislation Seeking Commemorative Postage Stamp in Honor of Queens' Lewis Latimer

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U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens) has announced that she introduced a House resolution calling for a commemorative postage stamp that honors the life and legacy of Lewis Latimer, a Black American inventor and patent draftsman who settled in Queens, New York in the early 1900s.

The Congresswoman introduced the resolution this month to commemorate the 175th birthday celebration of Latimer, which she attended on Saturday at the Lewis Latimer House Museum in Flushing.

The museum is Latimer's final residence. It is where he lived with his family from 1903 until his death at the age of 80 in 1928, and today, the facility highlights his work and legacy.

Latimer was the son of two escaped slaves, that eventually settled in Chelsea, Massachusetts. At 16, he joined the U.S. Navy, and served on the USS Massasoit during the Civil War. Latimer had a passion for mechanical drawings, which aided in his work in a patent law firm. He eventually took to inventing, and some of his notable inventions included an evaporative air conditioner, an improved process for manufacturing carbon filaments for light bulbs, and an improved toilet system for

railroad cars. Latimer also worked with Alexander Graham Bell and Thomas Edison.

"Lewis Latimer's life and story is a real-life example of the American Dream, and a commemorative stamp honoring that story is a great way to recognize an amazing person who spent over two decades living in Queens, New York," said Rep. Meng. "Latimer's work, not only in the scientific community, but also for the advancement of civil rights for Black Americans cannot be understated. Despite his passing nearly a century ago, his contributions are still appreciated today, and honoring him with a commemorative stamp is just one way we can show that appreciation."

"A commemorative postal stamp honoring Lewis Latimer would celebrate a great Black American who, despite never progressing beyond grade school, became a legendary inventor, esteemed Edison Pioneer, and author of the early 'bible' on incandescent lighting," said Hugh Price, Lewis Latimer's great grandnephew who also serves as Vice Chair of the Board of the Lewis Latimer House Museum. "He was a corporate trailblazer who helped light America and exemplified the indispensable contributions that those who all-too-often are marginalized and excluded can make

when the gates of opportunity are open to everyone."

"Black history is American history, and Lewis Latimer is a perfect example," said Rep. Steven Horsford, Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus. "Born to escaped slaves in Massachusetts, he served in the U.S. Navy before becoming a patent draftsman. That career led him on a path that included drafting the necessary drawings for Alexander Graham Bell to patent the telephone. In his own right, he innovated designs for the lightbulb, toilets on railroad cars, air conditioning, and many other items. Today, as we work to ensure economic mobility and wealth building, it's important to recognize the story of a Black in the 19th century who, despite slavery, the Civil War, and the rise of Jim Crow, was able to carve out a path of success."

"It's an honor to play a part in recognizing Lewis Latimer and his trailblazing life," said Rep. Gregory Meeks. "As a longtime resident of Queens, Latimer was able to build a legacy as a pioneering inventor, despite the racism and discrimination prevalent in 19th century America. I believe it's critical we recognize the heritage of our intellectual leaders, and Latimer's legacy of innovation is an exemplary example for our community."

On 50th Anniversary of "Battle of The Sexes," Gillibrand, Capito, Sinema Introduce Bill to Award Billie Jean King The Congressional Gold Medal

King would be the first individual woman athlete to receive the honor

U.S. Senators Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) and Kyrsten Sinema (I-AZ) introduced bipartisan legislation to award the Congressional Gold Medal to tennis legend and American icon Billie Jean King. The medal will be awarded in recognition of Billie Jean King's groundbreaking leadership, throughout her life and career, in advancing equal rights for women in athletics, education and society at large. King was instrumental in securing equal prize money in men's and women's tennis at the U.S. Open, spearheaded the formation of the Women's Tennis Association and brought worldwide attention to pay equality throughout her career and in her "Battle of the Sexes" match against Bobby Riggs. Today is the 50th anniversary of the match.

The House companion bill is led by Representatives Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) and Mikie Sherrill (D-NJ) and currently has more than 80 cosponsors.

"Billie Jean King is a tennis legend, a trailblazing American icon

and a pioneer for gender equality," said Senator Gillibrand. "From her leadership on equal rights and Title IX to her advocacy on behalf of the LGBTQ community, Billie Jean's life and career is an example of using one's platform and talents for positive, lasting change. No female athlete has ever been awarded the Congressional Gold Medal and no one could be more fitting to break this barrier than Billie Jean King."

"Billie Jean King has been an inspiration for female athletes around the world— not only for her incredible talent on the tennis court but also for her determination in fighting for women to receive equal pay. I can think of no other female athlete that has done more to advance women and girls in sports than Billie Jean King, and I'm proud to join my colleagues in introducing legislation to award her the Congressional Gold Medal for her efforts," Senator Capito said.

"Billie Jean King is an incredible athlete and unmatched trailblazer for women and girls in sports," said Congressman Fitzpatrick. "I was honored to introduce this legislation in the House, honoring her important

accomplishments. And I look forward to working with my colleagues in recognizing Billie Jean's tireless advocacy for female athletes."

"Women's sports simply wouldn't be what they are today without the trailblazing leadership of Billie Jean King," said Representative Sherrill. "From her 39 Grand Slam titles and her advocacy before Congress for the passage of Title IX, to her iconic victory in the Battle of the Sexes and establishing the Women's Sports Foundation, she won greater respect and visibility for women's sports as she fought for equality— both on and off the court. Billie Jean King is a true American icon, one of the greatest examples our country has to offer, and there's no doubt she should be awarded the Congressional Gold Medal."

"I am incredibly excited that after just finishing the 2023 US Open— where we celebrated the event's 50th anniversary of awarding equal prize money to men and women champions— and in a year where a new American woman champion was crowned

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Taste of Sunnyside Will Return to Queens For Its 13th Year on October 15th

This Annual Neighborhood Festival will Feature over 40 Local Restaurants, Roving Musical Performances, Local Artists, Family-Friendly Activations & More

Taste of Sunnyside will return on Sunday, October 15th for the 13th year, featuring over 40 local restaurants and breweries and a block party on 46th Street between Queens Boulevard and Greenpoint Avenue with live music, a local artists exhibition, family friendly activities and more. Early Bird Tickets will go on sale on Friday, September 22nd and can be purchased for \$50 by visiting www.sunnysideshines.org.

"Attendees will be treated to a wide variety of tastes of local signature dishes and brews as ticket holders travel between participating restaurants and bars," said the event's producer Dirk McCall de Palomá, Executive Director of Sunnyside Shines. "Event goers will get to visit each participating restaurant, which is great for small business owners to make direct connections with their neighbors," he continued.

Sunnyside Shines Business Improvement District produces this annual event to showcase the

neighborhood as a diverse culinary destination and to encourage locals and visitors to discover local restaurants. The event will also feature local artists, musicians and merchants making it a weekend activity that brings families together to support the community.

Check in for the event will be at Lowery Plaza at 40th Street and Queens Boulevard and 46th Street and Queens Boulevard. Guests will be provided with recommended routes to experience each 'taste' on the crawl. Two trollies and an ADA compliant bus will be available for those who would like transportation along the event route. The event will start at 2pm and finish at 7pm.

A launch event for the Taste of Sunnyside will take place at QBK Sports on Thursday, October 5th, 6PM - 8PM with ticket holders welcome.

The full list of participating food and beverage sponsors is growing and includes:

43rd Bar & Grill (Home of the Atomic Wings)
Arcobaleno Gelateria NYC (Italian)
Ariyoshi (Japanese)
BK Dim Sum (Chinese Fusion)
Bolivian Llama Party (Bolivian)

Cardamom Indian Cuisine (Indian)
Chakra Café (Turkish)
City Tamale (Mexican)
Cool Beans (lattes, hotdogs, coffee and more!)
Danubius (Romanian)
De Mole (Mexican)
Elio's Ice Cream (Ice cream, donuts and more!)
Empire Shop (Sandwiches, acai bowls, and smoothies)
Fat Puppies
Kaprichos (Colombian)
La Pollera de Mario (Colombian)
La Vienes Bakery (Colombian Bakery)
Limena Pisco Bar (Peruvian)
Maison De Gateaux (French)
Mad For Chicken (Korean)
Moa Coffee (coffee, sweets and more!)
Mr. Buncha (bubble teas)
Ricas Pupusas and Mas (El Salvadorian)
Riko Peruvian (Peruvian)
Sanger Hall (American)
Senso Unico (Italian)
SoleLuna (Italian)
Sotto le Stelle (Neapolitan Pizza)
Spicy Nepal (Nepalese)
Sweet Avenue (taproom devoted to local brews)
The Spot Café (Craft sandwiches and Burgers)
Tito Rad's (Filipino)

toxins, particularly as the EPA continues to delay taking needed action."

"The UFW Foundation urges the EPA to ensure the protection of farmworker families who are on the frontlines of exposure to harmful insecticides," said UFW Foundation spokesperson Daniel Larios. "Organophosphates have no place in our food. To advance environmental justice, the agency must ensure that its decisions leave no farmworker behind. To protect ALL farmworkers, the United States must ban ALL uses of this neurotoxic pesticide and we will continue to advocate to that end."

"We cannot allow any more farmworkers, especially farmworker women and their families, to be exposed to pesticides. The reproductive health of too many farmworker women have been harmed," said Mily Trevino-Sauceda, executive director of Alianza Nacional de Campesinas. "Many have suffered complications during pregnancy. Too many children of farmworkers have been born with birth defects."

"Farmworker families across the country are struggling to raise children with learning disabilities, ADHD, and other neurodevelopmental problems due largely to their chronic exposure to agricultural organophosphate pesticides. With lack of access to necessary resources, these families struggle every day to make a living and provide for their families," said Jeannie Economos, Pesticide Safety and Environmental Health Program Coordinator, Farmworker Association of Florida. "Not only is this an incredible injustice to the men and women whose work feeds America, it is

tragic for their children's futures. Our communities suffer. Banning OP pesticides is a public health and justice issue."

"Farmworkers cannot achieve humane working conditions without the removal of poisonous pesticides; this country is completely dependent on farmworkers to provide food for our daily meals," said CEO of Farmworker Justice Ron Estrada. "Keeping them safe and healthy at work — as well as treating them with respect as we do all other essential workers — requires us to ban neurotoxic organophosphate pesticides."

"Farmworkers and their families have faced heavy exposure to organophosphate pesticides for far too long. Use of these dangerous pesticides must be ended," said Anne Katten, Pesticide and Work Health and Safety Specialist, CRLA Foundation.

"Farmworkers and their children, the health professionals who serve them, and others all agree, we cannot regulate away these hazards. OPs must be banned," said Margaret Reeves, Pesticide Action Network.

"We need to stop neurotoxic pesticides from poisoning the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the fruits and vegetables we eat," said Tracy Gregoire, Healthy Children Project Director for the Learning Disabilities Association of America. "Given the science demonstrating strong links to learning disabilities and other neurological impacts, organophosphates have no place anywhere near our food."

"The United Farm Workers welcomes the reintroduction of BAN OPs From Our Food Act

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in the amazing Coco Gauff, that Senators Gillibrand, Capito, and Sinema have introduced legislation in the Senate to recognize Billie Jean King with the Congressional Gold Medal," said USTA Chairman of the Board and President Brian Hainline. "Billie Jean has utilized her status as both a champion of tennis and as an American icon to fight for equality in all aspects of life. Her legacy and impact are embodied by these three women who have introduced this legislation, and in the Coco's phenomenal lift of the US Open trophy. It is only fitting that today, on the 50th anniversary of Billie Jean King defeating Bobby Riggs in the 'Battle of the Sexes,' that

this legislation is being put forth in the Senate."

Since the American Revolution, Congress has commissioned gold medals as its highest expression of national appreciation for distinguished achievements and contributions to society. To date, an individual woman athlete has never received the Congressional Gold Medal. Previous athletes who have received the Congressional Gold Medal include Jackie Robinson, Jesse Owens, Roberto Clemente, Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Byron Nelson, Willie O'Ree, Greg LeMond, Larry Doby, Joe Louis and the 1980 Summer Olympic team.

The legislation is endorsed by the United States Tennis Association.

Hochul Signs Rozic/Ramos Legislation to Ensure Language Access Services For Injured Workers

Governor Kathy Hochul signed into law a groundbreaking piece of legislation championed by Assemblymember Nily Rozic (D-Queens) and Senator Jessica Ramos (D-Queens), marking a significant milestone in workers' rights and language accessibility.

A5609/S6069 directly addresses the language access needs of employees with limited proficiency in English, with a special emphasis on cases involving workers. This bill streamlines the language access standards within the workers' compensation law. Its resounding passage through both houses of the Legislature in May underscores its broad-based, bipartisan support.

"It is crucial that the needs of all employees, regardless of their English proficiency, are served, especially those workers who seek assistance and intervention from Workers Compensation Boards," said Assemblymember Rozic. "By ensuring consistency across agencies, we are providing transparency and easier access to workers' benefits to the many employees across the state whose first language is not English. I thank Governor Hochul for signing this crucial piece of legislation into law."

"Support that the State is able to offer is only valuable if people know about it. Workers' compensation is an economic stabilizer for families that rely both on the ability to heal and the paychecks that keep them afloat. Assemblymember Rozic and I represent some of the most diverse zip codes in the entire country, and we know that policy is only as good as its implementation. I'd like to thank the Governor for signing this bill and prioritizing measures that working families in my district rely on," said State Senator Jessica Ramos.

"As immigrant workers continue to be amongst the most vulnerable to workplace hazards, language accessibility must always be a top priority for policymakers," Asian American Federation Executive Director, Jo-Ann Yoo, said. "We

are grateful to Governor Hochul for signing A5609/S6069 into law, and to Assemblymember Rozic and Senator Ramos for demonstrating their concern for our most susceptible populations and emphasizing the need for clear, consistent, and impactful regulations that address language access. Our immigrant workers, the drivers of our state's economy, deserve nothing less."

The Coalition for Asian American Children and Families (CACF) applauds Governor Hochul for signing Assemblymember Rozic and Senator Ramos' bill A5609/S609 into law. This new legislation will help ensure Limited English Proficient (LEP) injured workers are provided necessary language access services in order to receive their Workers' Compensation benefits," said Vanessa Leung and Anita Gundanna, Co-Directors of CACF. "Language barriers are a huge obstacle faced by many folks in immigrant communities and can prevent them from accessing essential services. Workers' Compensation is a critical program for the wellbeing of injured workers and this bill helps ensure that LEP injured workers receive the benefits they are entitled to. Proper language access is necessary to achieve health equity and this bill is an important step towards a more equitable health care system."

"This commonsense law will make it easier for immigrant workers with limited English proficiency to access essential benefits when they're injured on the job," said Thomas Yu, Executive Director of Asian Americans for Equality (AAFE). "We are grateful to Assemblymember Rozic and Senator Ramos for standing up in support of some of our most vulnerable community members and to Governor Hochul for signing this legislation."

This legislation builds upon the success of Senator Ramos and Assemblymember Rozic's 2022 law that requires the Workers' Compensation Board to provide translations of specific documents and forms.

Attorney General James Scores Major Victory For Small Businesses Harmed by Predatory Lender

Richmond Capital Required to Cancel Tens of Millions of Dollars in Debt and Repay Thousands of Small Businesses Nationwide for their Predatory Loans

New York Attorney General Letitia James secured a major court victory against three merchant cash advance companies, Richmond Capital Group, Ram Capital Funding, and Viceroy Capital Funding (the Richmond companies) and their principals, Jonathan Braun, Tzvi Reich, Robert Giardina, and Michelle Gregg, for harming small businesses through high-interest loans and undisclosed fees. The lawsuit filed by the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) alleged that the Richmond companies' merchant cash advances, which are a form of short-term, high-interest funding for small businesses, were in fact illegal, high-interest loans with astronomical and illegal rates. The court order requires the Richmond companies to cancel the debt owed by thousands of small businesses nationwide and to repay all interest and overcharges collected, totaling tens of millions of dollars.

"Small businesses are the backbone of our economy, and

of all the challenges they face to stay open, predatory lenders shouldn't be one of them," said Attorney General James. "This decision will bring relief to thousands of small business owners in New York and across the country who were cheated by Richmond Capital. Small business owners were trying to get up on their feet when Richmond Capital crushed them with predatory loans that buried them in harmful debt. Richmond Capital will finally pay the price for the harm it caused for thousands of small businesses nationwide."

In June 2020, Attorney General James sued Richmond Capital Group, Ram Capital Funding, and Viceroy Capital Funding for a variety of offenses that were harming small businesses in New York and throughout the nation. Attorney General James found that the Richmond companies were illegally loaning money to small business owners at astronomically-high interest rates, fraudulently charging undisclosed fees, debiting excess amounts from merchants' bank accounts, and illegally obtaining judgments against merchants by filing false affidavits in New York State courts. In one example, the Richmond companies loaned

\$10,000 to a small business and required its owner to pay back \$19,900 within 10 days, through daily payments of \$1,999. As a result of the large daily payments and the short, 10-day repayment term, the annual interest rate for the merchant cash advance, including fees, came close to 4,000 percent — almost 250 times the legal interest rate.

The court decision requires Richmond Capital to stop collecting on its outstanding debt and to repay thousands of small businesses the unfair interest they had to pay. In order to determine the full amount of restitution, the Richmond Capital is required to provide an accounting and full history of monies collected.

This case was led by Assistant Attorneys General Jack Figura and Dami Obaro with assistance from Assistant Attorneys General Adam Riff and Christopher L. Filburn, law fellow Emily Smith, and former Data Scientist Chansoo Song under the supervision of Deputy Bureau Chief Laura Levine and Bureau Chief Jane Azia of the Division of Economic Justice. The Division of Economic Justice is led by Chief Deputy Attorney General Chris D'Angelo and overseen by First Deputy Attorney General Jennifer Levy.

Sunnyside Community Services Celebrates 100th Birthday of Teresa Forlini



Members of the Center for Active Older Adults at Sunnyside Community Services (SCS), along with SCS staff, and friends and family of Teresa Forlini, gathered at SCS' Sunnyside location to celebrate a very special birthday. Teresa "Terry" Forlini turned 100 years old on September 1.

Teresa was born in Italy on September 1, 1923 and came to New York City when she was three years old. She travelled by

ship from Italy to New York, and she and her family moved to Arthur Avenue in the Bronx. Teresa married and in 1977 moved to an apartment in Sunnyside, Queens. She worked as a bank teller for Chemical Bank and retired in 1993 at the age of 70. She currently lives with her daughter-in-law, Santa, in that same Sunnyside apartment she moved to in 1977. Photo by Sunnyside Community Services.

Register Online For Fall Learn to Swim, Other Free Aquatics Programs With NYC Parks

LOCATION: Multiple locations — register online at: nyc.gov/parks/aquatics

DETAILS: NYC Parks is once again offering FREE Learn to Swim, Adaptive Swim, and Senior Water Exercise classes this fall for members of recreation centers!

Learn to Swim classes are open for adults and kids, as well as toddlers. Participants learn basic swimming and safety skills. Register at nyc.gov/parks/learntoswim Adaptive Swim for people with

disabilities offers aquatic exercise therapy that ranges from gentle water walking to aerobic-type exercise. The program also includes swim instruction that focuses on learning basic swimming and safety skills.

Adult and Senior Water Exercise offers a stress-free time to swim, improve health and fitness by participating in an instructor-led water exercise class, and socialize with others, while enjoying the benefits of the water at our

indoor pools.

Registration is conducted through a free secure online lottery system. You must have a valid email address to register. Visit nyc.gov/parks/aquatics for a list of locations, more program details, and to register.

All program participants, including children, adults, and the parents of tots, must be members of a recreation center. Learn more about becoming a recreation center member.

Meng Announces New Blue Ribbon Schools in Queens

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens) announced today that several schools in Queens have been designated as Blue Ribbon Schools.

The schools were awarded the designation by the United States Department of Education and include four schools in Meng's congressional district:

- P.S. 205, the Alexander Graham Bell School in Bayside which includes grades pre-K to 5.
- P.S. 242, the Leonard P. Stavisky Early Childhood School in Flushing which includes grades pre-K to 3.
- P.S. 244, the Active Learning Elementary School (TALES) in

Flushing which includes grades pre-K to 3.

• The Academy For Excellence Through The Arts (P.S. 303) in Forest Hills which includes grades pre-K to 5.

The National Blue Ribbon School program honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools, and the recognition is based on a school's overall academic performance or progress in closing achievement gaps among student groups on assessments.

"Being named a Blue Ribbon School is an outstanding achievement and I congratulate these local schools for attaining this prestigious recognition," said

Meng. "It underscores the hard work and dedication of the entire school team, and I am proud to have the schools in my congressional district and serving children in our communities. Our kids are our future, and their education must always be a top priority."

For P.S. 205, P.S. 242 and P.S. 244, the designation marks the second time that they have been honored as a Blue Ribbon School.

The four schools are among 22 schools that were selected in all of New York State, and 353 schools chosen from across the nation. This year represents the 40th anniversary of the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program.

Rep. Velázquez Re-introduces a Bill to Ban All Neurotoxic Pesticides

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and thanks Congresswoman Velázquez for her leadership on this issue," said UFW President Teresa Romero. "For too long farm workers across America have been exposed to dangerous pesticides

including organophosphates while working in the fields. This bill would do right by both workers and consumers by prohibiting the use of this dangerous chemicals in producing the food we eat and protecting the farm workers who make that food possible."

Democrat Sam Berger Wins Queens Assembly Special Election

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message. "(He) didn't take anything for granted and was relentless which made it easy for labor to rally early and effectively."

Former Assembly Member Daniel Rosenthal, a moderate Democrat, resigned earlier this year to take a job at the UJA-Federation, opening up the seat for a special election. While the district has been represented by moderate Democrats like Berger for a long time, some of Berger's backers in the final days of the campaign expressed concerns that the race could be close, and even an opportunity for a Republican upset.

Berger won with large margins in Kew Gardens Hills and Electchester, while Hirsch won College Point, Whitestone and

Beechhurst — the northern parts of the district that overlap with Paladino's City Council district.

"We need to send the message to Albany that we've had enough of a lot of these bad policies," Hirsch said earlier in the night, noting that his campaign focused on three key issues — crime, the asylum-seeker crisis and education.

Despite a significant fundraising advantage and dozens of high-profile endorsements, Berger and his backers have been pounding the pavement over the past week. City & State previously reported that Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie made calls to union leaders about the race, and that some of the large unions backing Berger have been out in force campaigning for him to ward off a Republican upset.



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TAURUS
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 Don't let others saddle you with guilt that isn't warranted. Travel will promote new romantic encounters and additional cultural knowledge. Your lucky numbers are 2,7,4.

GEMINI
 (May 22 - June 21)
 You will be able to borrow money in order to invest. Your ideas may be good, but they aren't necessarily right for everyone. Your lucky numbers are 6,5,3.

CANCER
 (June 22 - July 22)
 Unexpected bills will be impossible for you to pay. You can make financial deals that will bring you extra cash. Your lucky numbers are 1,8,9.

LEO
 (July 23 - August 22)
 New innovative technology will make your job easier. Money could slip through your fingers. Don't believe everything you hear. Your lucky numbers are 5,7,4.

VIRGO
 (August 23 - September 23)
 Concentrate on getting the job done and steer clear of office politics and gossip. Use your better judgment before you sign up for a costly venture. Your lucky numbers are 8,4,3.

LIBRA
 (September 24 - October 23)
 Do your research before taking on new ventures. Look into some form of physical recreation. You need to make changes to your investments this week. Your lucky numbers are 2,9,8.

SCORPIO
 (October 24 - November 22)
 Don't let an incident at work play on your mind. Try not to get every one involved; it will not help bring you closer together. Your lucky numbers are 6,8,9.

SAGITTARIUS
 (November 23 - December 21)
 Risky ventures may turn in your favor. Travel and educational pursuits may help alleviate the stress you have been feeling. Your lucky numbers are 4,9,6.

CAPRICORN
 (December 22 - January 20)
 Don't upset elders in your family who don't understand your present situation. Don't confide in anyone for the time being. Your lucky numbers are 5,7,4.

AQUARIUS
 (January 21 - February 19)
 Help an older member with a problem that faces them. Go after your goals and don't be afraid to ask for assistance. You'll need to exercise control. Your lucky numbers are 2,7,5.

PISCES
 (February 20 - March 20)
 Communications with loved ones may be strained. You should channel your efforts into getting rid of bad habits. Watch you stock investments closely. Your lucky numbers are 1,2,7.

Did You Know?

- The first aluminum drink can was introduced in 1964
- The first drug that was sold as a water soluble tablet was aspirin in 1900
- The national anthems of Japan, Jordan, and San Marino each have only 4 lines
- There are only 3 sets of letters on a keyboard which are in alphabetical order (f g h, j k l, and o p)
- Women were not allowed to vote in France until 1944
- A bumble bee flaps its wings at 160 times a second
- A dragonfly can fly at 40kph (25mph)
- Flies can react to an object it sees and change direction in less than 30 milliseconds
- A queen bee can lay up to 3,000 eggs in one day
- Ants can lift 50 times their own weight
- Bees can see ultraviolet light
- 80% of the world's food crops are pollinated by insects
- 10% of with world's food supply is consumed by insects
- It takes 110 silkworm cocoons to make an average tie
- Queen termites can live up to 50 years
- Most spiders have transparent blood
- Caterpillars have over 2,000 muscles

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Answer to Last Weeks Puzzles

"Sudoku"

2	7	9	3	6	4	5	8	1
4	8	3	5	1	7	9	2	6
1	5	6	8	9	2	3	7	4
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"Crossword Puzzle"

S	H	A	H	B	A	S	H	D	E	A	L	S	
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"Try And Find"

K	X	S	D	S	X	W	E	B	B	U	Z	A	P	
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B	Q	T	Y	V	Q	J	A	T	Y	L	M	R	U	
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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- ACROSS**
- Declines
 - Away from the wind
 - Compassion
 - Blemish
 - Leguminous plant
 - Love intensely
 - Predictions
 - Plunges into water
 - Direct
 - Chosen one
 - Sweeping views
 - Elephant variety
 - Very important person
 - Back of the boat
 - Boards
 - Damp
 - Assert
 - Ping-___
 - Breakfast bread
 - Former Italian currency
 - Cuts lumber
 - Possibilities
 - Land surrounded by water
 - Before, in poetry
 - Type of umpire
 - Vivid
 - Not the driver
 - Emergency armed forces
 - Tequila source
 - Monetary units of Serbia
 - Dredging machines
 - Companionless
 - European volcano
 - Consumes food
 - Ate
 - Outbuilding
 - Blackthorn

- DOWN**
- FFF
 - Smudge
 - Naked
 - Repeated cleanings with brooms
 - Goat hair fabric
 - Textbook division
 - Consumer of food
 - Subjugates
 - Zany
 - Rewrites
 - Amble
 - Algonquian Indian
 - Affirmative
 - Split
 - Giving off
 - Most spiteful
 - A computer company
 - What we walk on
 - Scope
 - Birdlike
 - Flowerless plants
 - Exchange
 - Past tense of To be
 - Sensitivities
 - Football infractions
 - Abscond
 - Elevated
 - Crazy
 - Aircraft
 - Our planet
 - French Sudan, today
 - Weightlifters pump this
 - Nitpicky to a fault
 - Quash
 - Being
 - Cushion
 - Roam

TRY AND FIND

J T P L S Y O V F Y S L O O T
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Pheffer Amato Calls Out Plan For Migrant Housing at Floyd Bennett Field & Prepares Lawsuit to Stop it



New York State Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato (D-South Queens) released the following statement upon the action by the Federal, State and City Governments to sign a lease to house migrants at Floyd Bennett Field:

"I am remarkably disappointed in the action of President Biden, Governor Hochul and Mayor Adams for their flagrant disregard for the valid concerns of the residents of South Brooklyn and the Rockaway Peninsula. It is without a doubt unacceptable, inhumane and cruel to construct a shelter and house migrants in a known flood zone like Floyd Bennett Field. This location lacks basic infrastructure like plumbing and electricity, along

with adequate resources that will cause further disparities for the residents that already reside in these communities.

I have heard your objections and share your concerns. Several colleagues and I from both the City and State government are joining together to file an injunction in court to stop this plan from moving forward. Attorneys are ready, the paperwork is being filed and my commitment to stand against this plan remains intact. We are prepared to use the legal avenues available to oppose this plan and prevent its implementation. This is a national problem, and it is not going to be solved on the backs of the residents of this community."

Council Member Nantasha Williams Presents \$2.8 Million Check For Resilience Upgrades to Cambria Heights Library

On Monday, September 18th, Council Member Nantasha Williams presented a monumental \$2.8 million check to support the vital resilience upgrades at the Cambria Heights Library. The event marked a remarkable demonstration of unwavering commitment to the community.

This significant investment in the Cambria Heights Library is a part of Council Member Williams' ongoing dedication to improving the infrastructure and resources available to the residents of the District. This investment in her local library was only possible thanks to the close support of Speaker Adrienne Adams, who partnered with her office to make this investment possible. The resilience upgrades are designed to enhance the library's ability to withstand and recover from adverse events, to ensure that it remains a valuable hub for education, information, and community engagement. The basement of the library currently faces groundwater penetration amongst other resiliency needs in the ever present threat of climate change that constantly tests our infrastructure.

Dennis Walcott, President and CEO of Queens Public Library, accepted the symbolic check on behalf of the library. In addition to Mr. Walcott, numerous community members, including Bryan Block, President of Cambria Heights Civic Association, Cheryl Caddle, Program Director at



Community Youth Care Services, and staff of the Cambria Heights library were in attendance.

"Council Member Williams' substantial investment in making sure this building is watertight shows considerable foresight as climate change continues to generate more storms, rain, and flooding. We are grateful to her for providing the funding we need now to protect this community asset for future generations," said Queens Public Library President and CEO Dennis M. Walcott. "We also thank NYC Council Speaker Adrienne Adams for supporting the Council Member's priorities for her district and being a constant champion of public libraries."

"Libraries are vital community resource and information hubs that are critical to residents of all ages," said Speaker Adrienne Adams. "I am proud to partner with Council Member Williams to allocate \$2.8 million in the recent city budget to make the Cambria Heights Library more resilient and prepared for extreme climate events. It is critical that we prioritize funding to safeguard and improve critical infrastructure in our communities. The Council will continue to deliver key investments to support the residents of Southeast Queens for generations to come."

Council Member Nantasha Wil-

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Back-to-School Party



Assembly Member Catalina Cruz recently hosted a back-to-school block party in Corona as a day of celebration and unity for local res-

idents. Queens District Attorneys Office was on hand to provide information regarding safety and bullying prevention.

Bishop Ignatius Catanello Commision Elder Care Committee And Hermanyvoices Foundation Grandparent Resource Centers Luncheon



The Bishop Ignatius Catanello Commision Elder Care Committee in collaboration with Hermanyvoices.org Foundation's grandparent resource centers and cacnyc.org is sponsoring a lunch and educational session entitled "The value of dialogue between grandparents and grandchildren."

Those who were unable to attend our Queens Lunch you may want to consider attending our Manhattan program to be held at

Meller's on Second Avenue on October 10, 2023 from 12:30 to 4:30.

"Some practice elder care and elder law that we developed in the 1980s such as educational, legislative, and court programs spanning over two centuries need to be discussed," said Angelo A. DiGangi, Executive Director of Elder Care and Grandparent Resource Centers. Email angelo@hermanyvoices.org for further information.

Two Pheffer Amato Bills Signed Into Law to Help New York State's Workforce

New York State Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato (D-South Queens) had two bills signed into law furthering the protection and accessibility for potential and incoming public employees. Assemblywoman Pheffer Amato serves as Chair of the New York State Committee on Governmental Employees which oversees all governmental employees like individuals who work for the State, City or a municipality. Her push for these bills to be signed into law emphasizes her commitment



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Queens Chamber of Commerce Crowns Smoke & Barrel as Queens' Best Barbecue

Queens foodies nominated and voted for their favorite barbecue restaurants during the inaugural competition held by the Queens Chamber of Commerce

The debate is settled. Smoke & Barrel is the winner of the inaugural Queens' Best Barbecue Competition, held by the Queens Chamber of Commerce, the oldest and largest business association in Queens. Over the past several weeks, foodies nominated and voted on their favorite barbecue joints in the borough, with the Far Rockaway eatery emerging as the winner.

"Queens residents have placed their votes and we're delighted to honor Smoke & Barrel as the inaugural winner of the Queens' Best Barbecue Competition," said Tom Grech, President and CEO of the Queens Chamber of Commerce. "Everyone knows that Queens is the foodie capital of New York City and judging by the variety of barbecue types nominated for this contest we can see the borough's remarkable diversity play out in our foods. Congratulations to Brian and Susan Baldwin and the entire team at Smoke & Barrel on winning this coveted title. They are worthy winners!"

"We are honored to have been awarded the winner of the best



barbecue in Queens. Thank you to Tom Grech and the rest of the Queens Chamber of Commerce for organizing this competition," said Brian and Susan Baldwin, owners of Smoke & Barrel. "We want to thank our amazing staff, chef, and pitmaster for always bringing their best to work every day. To our dedicated customers and community, thank you for your unwavering support and for coming back for more barbecue! We invite everyone to come and visit Smoke & Barrel and see why we were voted the best in the borough!"

"I am so excited to hear about Smoke & Barrel winning this award," said Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato. "Having been able to help with the upbringing of this fine eatery, I am overjoyed to witness the Baldwin family's hardwork and dedication being recognized."

"It's an honor to say that District 32 is home to both the winner of the Queens Chamber inaugural best pizza competition and now the best BBQ in the borough," Councilwoman Joann Ariola said.

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New York Junior Tennis & Learning Brings ACES Afterschool Program to 8 Queens Schools For 2023-2024 Academic Year

Serving 32 schools across New York City, the program provides over 3,000 students with free tennis, plus academic, enrichment, and mental health services

Tennis' popularity is surging on the heels of the highest attended U.S. Open of all time

Starting Monday, September 18, the New York Junior Tennis & Learning (NYJTL), is bringing its free "ACES" afterschool program to eight schools throughout Queens for the 2023-24 school year. NYJTL is the largest non-profit youth tennis and education program in the nation.

The program provides free tennis and academic, enrichment, and health and wellness support to 3,000 students in under-resourced neighborhoods through New York City. ACES also offers students access to participate in city-wide tournaments.

ACES takes place at elementary and middle schools (and one high school) in Manhattan, Brooklyn, The Bronx, and Queens. Operating from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. daily, ACES provides a safe and nurturing environment for children during afterschool hours.

In Queens, ACES will be offered at P.S. 037 Cynthia Jenkins School, P.S. 042 R. Vernam, P.S. 127 Aerospace Science Magnet, P.S. 147 Ronald McNair, P.S. 148 Queens, P.S. 219 Paul Klapper, P.S. 706 Our World Neighborhood, and I.S. 061 Leonardo Da Vinci.

ACES is funded through the



Department of Youth and Community Development and New York State Education Department, and offers a myriad of enriching opportunities for kids, including tennis instruction, academic support, healthy living, character education, and multi-disciplinary activities.

"As one of the largest providers of afterschool programming in the city, NYJTL is thrilled to kick-off another year of ACES, and provide tennis instruction and enrichment opportunities after the school day is done," said DJ Rouzeau, Chief Program Officer at NYJTL. "Rooted in character development and social learning, our services strive to provide future generations with tools they need to succeed."

Last year, following a nationwide increase in youth experiencing mental health concerns, NYJTL expanded its mental health counseling to a number of additional schools by hir-

ing a full-time social worker to oversee its ACES sites. ACES' curriculum also focuses on social and emotional learning methods to foster skills such as self and social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision making.

"Following the stark decline in students' mental health as a result of the pandemic, we examined the ways in which we could best meet our children's needs. Providing mental health support allows us to recognize the needs of our students so we can be a better resource for them," said Udai Tambar, President & CEO of NYJTL. "We want to ensure our scholars feel comfortable coming forward about their struggles, so we can then provide potentially life-saving resources, such as counseling."

For more information about the programming, visit NYJTL's website at <https://www.nyjtl.org/aces-afterschool/>.

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IT'S IN QUEENS

It's In Queens! (Sept. 22 to Sept. 28)

There's an interesting combination of annual events and brand new ones in Queens this week. Activities include dance, films, Irish music, superheroes, momos, somatic healing, a dog parade, and Moon Festivals.

- Sept. 22, Making Moves Dance Festival, Sept. 24. This 14th annual festival promotes new, emerging, and underrepresented dance companies. Shows are 7 pm to 11 pm on all three nights. Jamaica Performing Arts Center, 153-10 Jamaica Ave.
- Sept. 22, Reverse Shot's 20th Anniversary Celebration, Nov. 26. Dozens of film screenings along with panel discussions, a symposium, and other events. Times vary. Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th St., Astoria's Kaufman Arts District.
- Sept. 22, All Shook Up, Oct. 1. Royal Star Theatre presents a play about a small town shaken by a young man on a motorcycle. The plot is filled with heartbreak, longing, discovery, and love. Shows are Sept. 22 at 8 pm; Sept. 23 at 8 pm; Sept. 29 at 8 pm; Sept. 30 at 8 pm; and Oct. 1 at 3 pm. The Mary Louis Academy, 176-21 Wexford Ter., Jamaica Estates.
- Sept. 22, Three Days of Dance, Sept. 24. The Take Root program presents Hector Canonge ("Ode to the Winds") and Catherine Cabeen ("Exhale") at 8 pm on Sept. 22 and 23. Then, the Fertile Ground New Works Showcase provides a venue for emerging artists to demonstrate their pieces on Sept. 24 at 7 pm. Green Space, 37-24 24th St., Ste. 211, Long Island City.
- Sept. 22, Wanjiru Kamuyu: A Disguised Welcome, Sept. 23. This dance is a solo exploration of displacement. It draws inspiration from Kenya-born, France-based choreographer Wanjiru Kamuyu's experiences in Africa, North America, and Europe. Both shows are at 7 pm. The NEW Chocolate Factory Theater, 38-33 24th St., Long Island City.
- Sept. 23, New York State of Mind SuperHero Festival 2023, 6 pm. This sixth annual festival attracts heroes, heroines, and villains, such as Batman, Spider-Man, and Darth Vader, along with such video game characters as Super Mario Brothers and Mega Man. Evergreen Park, vicinity of 60th Place and St. Felix Avenue, Ridgewood.
- Sept. 23, Slavic Soul Party, 7 pm. This nine-piece brass band plays a blend of fiery Balkan brass, irresistible beats, Roma (Gypsy) accordion, and virtuoso jazz chops. Dance workshop at 7 pm. Concert at 8 pm. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd.
- Sept. 23, Queens Irish Heritage Festival, 2 pm. Three hours of outdoor Irish entertainment and activities by the waterfront with the New York Irish Center and McManus Irish Dance. Hunter's Point South Park, vicinity of Cen-



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- ter Boulevard and the East River, Long Island City.
- Sept. 23, Vegas Legends, 4 pm. An afternoon of songs inspired by Vegas legends. The program includes "My Way," "I Get a Kick Out of You," and "Copacabana." The Center at Maple Grove, enter via the gate at Kew Gardens Road and 129th Street.
- Sept. 23, Opening Reception, 6 pm. Celebrate the unveiling of four exhibitions: Tania Pérez Córdova: Generalization; Julian Abraham "Togar": Too good to be OK; In Practice: Marina Xenofontos; and In Practice Devin T. Mays. SculptureCenter, 44-19 Purves St., Long Island City.
- Sept. 23, Moon Festival, 2 pm. Four hours of dance and live music along with Hong Kong MX MoonCake and Dimsum Tasting. A ticketed moon cake workshop, too. The Shops at Skyview, 40-23 College Point Blvd., Flushing.
- Sept. 23, Harvest Fire Feast, 11 am. Marcela Torres leads an outdoor cooking session around a bonfire. Socrates Sculpture Park, 32-01 Vernon Blvd., Long Island City.
- Sept. 23, Conventum, Dec. 9. This live-action podcast aims to inspire experimentation and cross-pollination between artists. It includes short performances and spontaneous reactions in real time. Always at 7 pm, the shows are on Sept. 23, Oct. 14, Nov. 4, and Dec. 9. 3AM Theatre, 9-20 35th Ave., Long Island City.
- Sept. 23, Melody and Rhythm, 5 pm. The Bangladesh Institute of Performing Arts celebrates its 30th anniversary with music, dance, and fun. Diversity Plaza, 73-19 37th Rd., Jackson Heights.
- Sept. 23, Bilalian Night, 6 pm. In Situ artist fellow Nsenga Knight leads three hours of Black Muslim culture with an exhibition tour, workshop, food, and a Q&A. Queens Museum, NYC Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park.
- Sept. 23, Moon Festival, 4 pm. Glow Cultural Center's Moon Festival includes pony rides, games, bouncy houses, giveaways, food stalls, prizes, and more. Kissena Corridor Park, vicinity of 45th Avenue and Colden Street, Flushing.
- Sept. 23, Cross Stitch Workshop for Beginners, noon. Participants learn how to sew a design using cross stitch embroidery. They also learn the history of cross stitch and samplers in the

- lives of early American girls and women. Bowne House, 37-01 Bowne St., Flushing.
- Sept. 24, The 11th Annual Momo Crawl, noon. Walk around and try dumplings from various Tibetan and Nepali restaurants and food trucks. Meet at Diversity Plaza, 73-19 37th Rd., Jackson Heights.
- Sept. 24, Dogtoberfest, 11 am. This second annual dog parade features humans and their leashed best friends. They march down the boardwalk and then in front of a distinguished panel of judges who will award prizes for Best Dressed, Funniest, and Best Match. Kicks off at Beach 108th Street Roller Rink.
- Sept. 24, Bang On A Can, 4 pm. Guitarist Brandon Ross and bassist Stomu Takeishi have developed a unique dialogue and timbral language for guitar and bass. Their music poses questions while inviting listeners to participate in intimate conversations. The Noguchi Museum, 09-01 33rd Rd., Long Island City.
- Sept. 27, Somatic Healing Group, Jan. 30. Holistic sessions that utilize Core Energetics to help with PTSD, anger, body image, guilt/shame, anxiety, panic, self esteem, and other afflictions. Sessions are from 7 pm to 9 pm weekly on Tuesdays. Green Space Studios, 37-24 24th St., #221, Long Island City.
- Sept. 28, Esrever, Dec. 2. This show -- whose title is "reverse" in reverse -- is a blend of live electronic music, video, lighting installation, and experimental juggling. Always at 7 pm, the shows are Sept. 28 to Oct. 1; Oct. 26 to Oct. 29; and Nov. 29 to Dec. 2. 3AM Theatre, 9-20 35th Ave., Long Island City.
- Sept. 28, The Amish Project, Oct. 8. Starring Annie Kefalas, this one-woman show investigates the Amish path to forgiveness after a catastrophe took place in the Nickel Mine Schoolhouse in 2006. All shows are 7:30 pm and Sept. 28-30 and Oct. 1, 5-8. The Secret Theatre, 38-02 61st St., Woodside.
- Sept. 28, Between the Lines: Little Island Books, 7 pm. A celebration around the U.S. launch of three Irish children's books: "The Fox's Tower" by Sam Thompson; "The Girl who Fell to Earth" by Patricia Forde; and "Savage Her Reply" by Deirdre Sullivan. The authors read and answer questions.

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City Council Members Honor Hip-Hop With Two Landmark Resolutions

The New York City Council is thrilled to announce the momentous passage of not one, but two extraordinary resolutions, marking a significant milestone in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Hip-Hop. These resolutions stand as a testament to the enduring and indomitable influence of Hip-Hop, as well as the profound impact of Def Jam Recordings on the music industry, the arts, our cultural tapestry, and the hearts of music enthusiasts spanning the globe.

Resolution 1: Def Jam Recognition Month in the City of New York

Sponsored by Nantasha M. Williams, Althea V. Stevens, Kevin C. Riley, Farah N. Louis, Rita C. Joseph, Amanda Farías, Crystal Hudson, Chi A. Ossé, Carlina Rivera

The first resolution celebrates Def Jam Recordings, a pioneering record label that has played an instrumental role in shaping the music landscape over the past four decades. Founded in 1984 by Russell Simmons and Rick Rubin, Def Jam Recordings quickly became a powerhouse, propelling Hip-Hop into the mainstream and nurturing some of the genre's most iconic artists. With its influential roster and groundbreaking releases, Def Jam Recordings has left an indelible mark on the music industry.

"As a proud New York cultural institution for nearly 40 years, Def Jam Recordings is honored to be recognized by the New York City Council through this resolution. Hip-Hop – at once a movement, an industry, and a culture – has provided opportunity, connectivity, inspiration, and a sense of community for so many New Yorkers throughout its first half century. Today, Hip-Hop continues to provide a space to dream, aspire, celebrate, grieve, and come together. Looking towards the future, Def Jam Recordings reaffirms its commitment to supporting and uplifting the great City of New York through the power of music," said Tunji Balogun, Chairman & CEO, Def Jam Recordings.

By designating January 2024 as Def Jam Recognition Month in the City of New York, we pay tribute to the label's legacy and its significant impact on artists, fans, and the entire culture of Hip-Hop. This commemoration will serve as an opportunity to reflect on the label's groundbreaking achievements and its dedication to pushing artistic boundaries.

"As my testimony elucidated, Def Jam Recordings has curated the soundtrack of New York City for the last 40 years, melodically painting a picture of who we are as New Yorkers for people around the world." shares Dr. Charlene Thomas, VP of Marketing, Def Jam Recordings. "We, Def Jam Recordings (the generations of artists and staff), recognize not only the importance of this honor, but we are also privileged to be New Yorkers!"

Resolution 2: Hip-Hop Celebration Day, Hip-Hop Recognition Month, and Hip-Hop History Month in the City of New York

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The second resolution acknowledges the extraordinary impact of Hip-Hop on arts, culture, and society at large. Hip-Hop, born in the boroughs of New York City, has transcended geographical boundaries, becoming a global phenomenon that unites people from all walks of life. This resolution designates August 11 as Hip-Hop Celebration Day, August as Hip-Hop Recognition Month, and November as Hip-Hop History Month annually in the City of New York.

"As a city, we stand united in our celebration of Hip-Hop and Def Jam Recordings, recognizing their profound influence on our culture. Through these resolutions, we proudly affirm our dedication to preserving the rich legacy of Hip-Hop's pioneers and nurturing the creative spirit of future artists. Let us continue to amplify the beats, rhythms, and stories that shape our diverse tapestry, ensuring that the vibrant essence of this genre remains an integral part of our city's identity," said Council Member Nantasha Williams, 27th Council District in Queens.

Hip-Hop Celebration Day will serve as a vibrant tribute to the genre's pioneers and artists who have paved the way for future generations. Hip-Hop Recognition Month will provide an opportunity to celebrate the continued evolution of the culture and its influence on various art forms. Lastly, Hip-Hop History Month will encourage education and reflection on the origins and development of Hip-Hop as a powerful force for social change.

"As a proud Bronxite and Hip-Hop lover, I am excited to continuously witness these historic moments as we commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Hip-Hop. With the passing of both resolutions, we etch into the city's legacy and honor the proud impact of Hip-Hop and Def Jam Recordings on music, art, culture, and the lives of countless music enthusiasts across the globe. This milestone is a testament to The Bronx's enduring creative spirit and role as the birthplace of a movement that has transformed the world. Let us celebrate the undeniable contributions of Hip-Hop and Def Jam Recordings, recognizing the ability to inspire, empower, and unite people of all backgrounds," said Council Member Althea Stevens, 16th District in The Bronx.

These resolutions affirm the City of New York's commitment to recognizing and honoring the

immense cultural impact of Hip-Hop and Def Jam Recordings. By celebrating these milestones, we aim to preserve the legacy of the genre's pioneers and inspire a new wave of artists to contribute to its ever-evolving narrative.

"As we continue to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Hip-Hop, I am proud to join with my colleagues in solidifying New York City Council's commitment to amplifying the art and culture of Hip-Hop and its impact on our City," said Council Member Kevin C. Riley, 12th District in The Bronx. "With the passing of two resolutions, one proclaiming the celebration of Def Jam Recognition Month and the second designating Hip-Hop Celebration Day, Hip-Hop Recognition Month and Hip-Hop History Month, we mark history in uplifting Hip-Hop pioneers and artists of the past, present and future. We recognize the contributions of Hip-Hop music and its trailblazers, like Def Jam Recordings, and how it has positively shaped not only our communities but also its profound mark on society as a whole. These resolutions are vital to upholding the legacy of Hip-Hop and lighting the torch to ignite the preservation of Hip-Hop's culture and unity for future generations to come."

The City Council expresses gratitude to all sponsors of these resolutions, whose dedication and passion for Hip-Hop and its pioneers have made this momentous occasion possible. It is their collective belief in the transformative power of music and their recognition of the profound influence that Hip-Hop has exerted on our society that have paved the way for this celebration. Through their tireless efforts and genuine enthusiasm, they have helped ensure that the legacy of Hip-Hop and the pivotal contributions of Def Jam Recordings continue to be acknowledged, celebrated, and cherished for generations to come.

"Hip-Hop was born in New York City before it went on to take over the globe," said Council Member Chi Ossé, Chair of the Committee on Cultural Affairs. "It is a music of soul, resistance, persistence, and love that we are proud to call our own. These resolutions make official our commitment to celebrating and uplifting our city's artists — from the past through the present and into the future. We will preserve the legacy of these music pioneers and support others to continue making strides in the arts. I am proud of my heritage and my city, and proud to co-sponsor these acts as a member of the New York City Council."

As we look forward to the upcoming celebrations, we invite all New Yorkers and visitors to join us in commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Hip-Hop and the profound contributions of Def Jam Recordings during the designated months.

Queens Chamber of Commerce Crowns Smoke & Barrel as Queens' Best Barbecue

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"I look forward to Smoke and Barrel serving the community for years, and I congratulate them on this award."

In total, 19 establishments were nominated for this contest and Smoke & Barrel was selected the winner after that public nomination process and vote. Nominations included traditional barbecue restaurants, as well as Brazilian-style barbecue, Filipino barbecue, and others. In addition to earning the title of Queens' Best Barbecue, Smoke & Barrel received a complimentary year of membership to the Queens Chamber of Commerce.

The top-5 eateries selected by the public were:

1. Smoke & Barrel (Far Rockaway)
2. Batesy's BBQ and Bar (Arverne)
3. John Brown BBQ (Sunnyside)
4. Pig Beach BBQ Queens (Astoria)
5. Goody's BBQ Chicken and Ribs (Arverne)

About the Queens Chamber of Commerce:

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

Council Member Nantasha Williams Presents \$2.8 Million Check . . .

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Williams, known for her unwavering dedication to the betterment of her district, expressed her enthusiasm for the Cambria Heights Library resilience project. "Today marks a milestone in our commitment to strengthening the fabric of our community," Council Member Williams stated. "This \$2.8 million investment in the Cambria Heights Library will not only enhance its environmental resilience to withstand future challenges by climate change and groundwater flooding but also improve its overall functionality, making it an even more valuable resource for our residents. As a local homeowner, I know this library stands as an anchor for the Cambria Heights area and we will continue to invest in its longevity."

In addition to the financial contribution, Council Member Williams also took the opportunity to acknowledge the collaborative spirit of the Cambria

community. She emphasized the importance of coming together as neighbors to address the challenges of climate change that face the neighborhood, reinforcing the belief that unity and resilience are the cornerstones of any thriving community. Council Member Williams expressed her gratitude to the residents of Cambria Heights for their ongoing support and involvement, noting that it is their collective determination that makes such transformative initiatives possible.

The Cambria Heights Library resilience project represents not only a significant investment in infrastructure but also a testament to the strength and determination of the Cambria community itself. As the project takes shape in the coming months, it will serve as an example of what can be achieved when dedicated public servants, engaged community members, and forward-thinking organizations collaborate for the betterment of their neighborhood.

Two Pheffer Amato Bills Signed Into Law to Help . . .

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to governmental employees and their families.

"A job with the State is a rewarding career, and it's bills like these that ensure workforce equity, especially by getting the message out there to those seeking jobs in the public sector. By these bills being signed into law, we are making it clear that our governmental employees, the amazing men and women who work for our State, are supported, respected and appreciated," said Assemblywoman Pheffer Amato.

Bill A.6855 requires the State civil service department and municipal civil service commissions to issue announcements of competitive civil service examinations more broadly, opening the door to more accessible opportunities to prospective public employees. This includes civil service examination announcements to

be issued to the local board of cooperative educational services (BOCES), all high schools, colleges, universities, local social services districts, and job training programs in New York. It is estimated that through Pheffer Amato's legislation thousands of more residents will be informed of career opportunities with the State which will successfully expand the State's workforce.

Bill A.7155 ensures that any time spent as a provisional State employee will be counted towards probationary time period upon being hired as a permanent employee. Due to the limited availability of civil service examinations, employees can be hired provisionally until a test is offered. Once hired permanently upon passing a civil service test, Pheffer Amato's legislation ensures that time spent as a provisional employee will count towards the required probationary period.



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Bipartisan Lawmakers Push to Include Senate-Passed Amendment to Help Close World Trade Center Health Program Funding Gap in Final NDAA

On the heels of 9/11, a group of bipartisan senators and members are announcing a bipartisan push to include the Senate-passed amendment sponsored by U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) and Senator Mike Braun (R-IN) to help address the funding shortfall in the World Trade Center Health Program (WTCHP) in the final version of the FY24 NDAA. Their amendment would deliver \$676 million for the WTCHP and allow excluded Pentagon and Shanksville responders to join the program. The Gillibrand-Braun amendment is modeled off the bipartisan 9/11 Responder and Survivor Health Funding Correction Act of 2023 and is fully offset by reforms that will reduce administrative costs in the federal government. The letter supporting this amendment is led by Senator Gillibrand and Representative Andrew Garbarino (R-NY-02), the House sponsor of 9/11 Responder and Survivor Health Funding Correction Act of 2023. The letter is also signed by Senator Braun, Majority Leader Charles Schumer (D-NY) and Representatives, Jerrold

Nadler (D-NY-12), Anthony D'Esposito (R-NY-4), and Dan Goldman (D-NY-10).

"This July, the Senate voted to uphold our promise to care for all those still suffering from 9/11-related illnesses by helping to close the funding gap in the World Trade Center Health Program. Those who need this program should not have to live in fear that it could run out of funding and go over a cliff. We will continue fighting until these heroic men and women can rest assured this program will always be there for them," said the lawmakers. "To honor those we lost and to thank those who risked everything to save their fellow Americans, we urge congressional leadership to include our amendment in the final NDAA conference report."

After years of efforts and calls on the federal government, Congress established the WTCHP on a bipartisan basis in 2011 with a five-year authorization to provide medical treatment and monitoring for 9/11 responders and survivors suffering from the effects of the toxins at Ground Zero. The program covers the lifespans of all exposed,

including responders and survivors of the attack on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, the Shanksville crash site, children who were in schools in downtown Manhattan on 9/11 and during clean-up, and those who have since experienced, or are expected to experience, adverse health effects that are linked to the attacks in the coming years. The program was reauthorized in 2015 and extended through 2090 with bipartisan support. In 2022, lawmakers delivered \$1 billion for the program in the end-of-year spending bill.

Today, eight years since Congress reauthorized the program, it is estimated that the funding formula in the statute will not be able to keep pace with the anticipated costs of providing the program's services for 9/11 heroes, who span all fifty states and 434 of the 435 congressional districts. Soon, the WTCHP will not have the funds needed to provide care for all those still suffering the physical and mental impacts of 9/11 and for those who have yet to be diagnosed with new 9/11-associated conditions caused by their toxic exposures.

Gillibrand Announces Legislation to Prevent Jobseekers From Being Kicked Off SNAP Benefits

If Jobseekers Earn Wages From Work Training Programs, They Face The Prospect Of Losing SNAP Benefits

Gillibrand: "Jobseekers Should Not Face The Impossible Choice Between Work And Food"

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand held a video press conference to announce her Training and Nutrition Stability Act, legislation to help prevent jobseekers from losing their SNAP benefits. The bill would rectify loopholes within the SNAP Employment and Training program that can cause a SNAP recipient to lose benefits due to receiving wages as part of their job training. By doing so, it would help ensure that SNAP recipients continue to receive critical nutritional assistance while gaining skills, working to secure employment, and eventually achieving self-sufficiency.

"Loopholes in SNAP's E&T program force job seekers to make an impossible choice: to participate in job training and potentially lose desperately needed nutritional assistance, or to give up employment opportunities in order to keep food on the table," said Sen-

ator Gillibrand. "My Training and Nutrition Stability Act is a commonsense fix that will provide jobseekers with sustained nutritional assistance as they seek to expand their skill sets and secure good-paying jobs so that they no longer need to rely on SNAP. I'm committed to getting this bill passed and making sure working families have the support they need to get back on their feet."

"People returning home from incarceration should have every opportunity to gain additional skills and job training to provide a better life for themselves and their families. However, right now, there's a 'Catch-22' in SNAP Employment & Training where an individual could be kicked off of SNAP due to the income they earn from a job training program," said Sam Schaeffer, Chief Executive Officer of Center for Employment Opportunities. "We thank Senator Gillibrand for pursuing a fix in the Farm Bill that will allow people to complete paid employment training – that will support permanent independence – without having to compromise putting food on the table while they're doing it."

The SNAP Employment and Training program offers

a variety of services to help SNAP recipients secure employment, including work experience opportunities, job search assistance, and educational and vocational programs. It also offers participants a variety of supportive services to overcome other common barriers to sustained employment, like reimbursements for transportation, child care services, and safety equipment.

Under current law, SNAP E&T program participants risk losing their SNAP eligibility, and subsequently their ability to participate in the E&T program itself, because of the extra income they earn through the program. The Training and Nutrition Stability Act would fix this issue by excluding wages derived from a public workforce training program from SNAP income calculations. This change would allow participants to maintain their nutrition benefits and maintain their enrollment in high-quality training programs leading to better outcomes, permanent employment, and self-sufficiency.

Rep. Adriano Espaillat (D-NY), Rep. Alma Adams (D-NC), Rep. Max Miller (R-OH), and Rep. Marcus Molinaro (R-NY) lead this bill in the House.

Flu Shots And New Respiratory Vaccine (RSV) Available At New York Metro Area Stop & Shop Pharmacies

Immunizations Available for Adults and Children Aged Three-or-Older. Other Immunizations May Be Administered Alongside Flu Vaccine

Schedule Appointments Online or Walk-in to Receive Immunizations

Stop & Shop has announced that seasonal flu vaccinations are once again available at its pharmacy locations across the New York Metro area for both adults and children aged three-or-older. In addition to flu shots, Stop & Shop is also offering the newly approved RSV, respiratory vaccine to those 60 and older. Eligible customers can receive immunizations for both the flu and RSV during the same pharmacy visit, as the CDC has indicated that these vaccines may be administered alongside each other. Vaccinations are administered by Stop & Shop's trained & trusted pharmacists and are at no-cost with most insurance plans.

Stop & Shop offers several types of flu vaccines, and its team of licensed pharmacists can help each patient select the type that is best for them. Stop &

Shop pharmacists will help customers by addressing concerns about allergies, preservatives, or potential side effects. In addition to flu shots, customers aged five and older in need of a COVID-19 vaccine or bivalent booster can receive both the flu and COVID-19 vaccine at once per the CDC, with no need for a waiting period. Stop & Shop pharmacies have an ample supply of Bivalent COVID-19 vaccines for eligible patients available at no-cost with most insurance plans. An updated COVID-19 vaccine, that Stop & Shop will offer, is anticipated later this Fall.

In addition, Stop & Shop pharmacists are experienced in screening for risk factors associated with various health conditions and providing immunization support to help protect against shingles, RSV, pneumonia, and tetanus. Customers should consult their local Stop & Shop pharmacist for a full immunization review and to discuss other important immunizations that can help keep them, their families, and the community healthy.

"The health of our community is of utmost importance to Stop & Shop, and

we welcome everyone to come and meet with one of our specially trained, dedicated pharmacists about flu shots and other immunizations," shares Katie Thornell, Director of Pharmacy at Stop & Shop. "It's never too early to start taking preventative measures to stay healthy, and we are happy to offer the flu shot as well as COVID-19 boosters, RSV, pneumonia, and shingles vaccinations. We are well-stocked and offer same-day immunizations, either by appointment or simply walking in. Stop & Shop aims to make it easy for everyone to get the care they need to keep themselves and their loved ones healthy."

Stop & Shop takes extensive health and safety precautions at its pharmacies and has secured additional stock of the flu vaccine. The immunization area also has strict disinfecting and sanitization measures in place between each patient.

To find a Stop & Shop Pharmacy near you, to view which vaccine is available in your local Stop & Shop Pharmacy, or to schedule an immunization appointment, visit www.stopandshop.com/pages/ss-pharmacy.



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Maxim Management LLC filed w/ SSNY on 9/15/23. Office: Queens Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 35-35 149th St., #204, Flushing, NY 11354. Purpose: any lawful. 9/21,28,10/5,12,19&26/2023

SYDNEY TILLMAN PR LLC filed articles of organization with the NY Secretary of State on 7/28/2023. Office: Queens County. NY Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. NY Secretary of State shall mail copy of process to: 3516 80th St, Apt 42, Jackson Heights, NY 11372. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 9/21,28,10/5,12,19&26/2023

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A Notice of Formation of 9712 AIJJ Realty LLC, Art. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/21/2023. 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, 97-12 Northern Blvd, Flushing, NY 11368. Purpose: any lawful activity. 9/21,28,10/5,12,19&26/2023

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Notice of Formation, One Soppo LLC Art. of Org. were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/22/2023. 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 process to the LLC, 166-20 Union Turnpike, Fresh Meadows, NY 11355. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 8/31,9/7,14,21,28&10/5/2023

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Notice of Formation of DL ATM FAST CASH LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/29/2023. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 11632 141st St, Jamaica, NY 11436. Purpose: any lawful activities. 8/17,24,31,9/7,14&21/2023

Notice of Formation of DAHLIA. LONDONNYC LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/11/2023. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 12-15 Broadway Apt 125, Astoria, NY 11106. Purpose: any lawful activities. 8/24,31,9/7,14,21&28/2023

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Notice of formation of Shannah May Henderson Consulting LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 8/4/2023. Office located in Queens County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLP to: 228 Park Ave S#186808 New York, NY, 10003. Purpose: Any lawful activity or purpose. 8/17,24,31,9/7,14&21/2023



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PROBATE CITATION File No. 2022-2467 SURROGATE'S COURT - QUEENS COUNTY CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: To the heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of Elvira Kellenberger, deceased, 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; Vreni Schoch a/k/a Vreni Schoch-Beyeler; Kathi Beyeler a/k/a Kathrin Sandmeiser-Beyeler; Beat Haas; Roland Haas, Public Administrator of Queens County, and Claudis Pius, G.A.L. A petition having been duly filed by Brian A. Raphan who is domiciled at 164 Everett Road, Lincroft, NJ 07738 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County, at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York, on 5th day of October, 2023 at 9:30 A.M. of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Elvira Kellenberger lately domiciled at 2523 31st Ave, Apt. B34, Astoria, NY 11106-3647 admitting to probate a Will dated March 3, 2008, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Elvira Kellenberger deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to : Brian A. Raphan NOTICE: THIS CITATION IS SERVED UPON YOU AS REQUIRED BY LAW. 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. Dated August 21, 2023 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate (Seal) JANET EDWARDS TUCKER Chief Clerk Samantha Benadiba, Esq. Attorney for Petitioner 212-268-8200 Telephone No. Sbenadiba@raphanlaw.com Email Address 7 Penn Plaza, Suite 810, New York, NY 10001 Address of Attorney 8/31,9/7,14&21/2023

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Flushing 192 LLC filed w/ SSNY on 8/8/23. Office: Queens Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 40-32 192nd St., Flushing, NY 11358. Purpose: any lawful. 8/17,24,31,9/7,14&21/2023

Notice of formation of Precious Moments For All Occasions LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/03/2023. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 251-21 Jericho Turnpike #1071 Bellerose, NY 11426. Purpose: Any lawful activities. 9/7,14,21,28,10/5&12/2023

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KARMAZING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/08/23. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 24-42 88th Street, East Elmhurst, NY 11369. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 9/14,21,28,9/5,12&19/2023

Notice of Formation: 120-01 18 AV LLC Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 2/28/2020. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copies of any process served against the LLC to 11-10 130TH ST., COLLEGE POINT, FLUSHING, NY 11356 Purpose: Any lawful purpose or activity. 8/24,31,9/7,14,21&28/2023

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Notice of formation of Monkey King The Musical LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York SSNY on 8/21/2023. Office located in Queens. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC to 8946 70th Rd., Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 8/24,31,9/7,14,21&28/2023

Emei Realty LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 6/23/2023. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Tian J Kuan, 14330 Roosevelt Ave., Ste. 7N, Flushing, NY 11354. General Purpose. 8/31,9/7,14,21,28&10/5/2023

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE-SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF QUEENS - MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC, Plaintiff, -against- ANY AND ALL KNOWN OR UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF SYLVIA RHODA; ALRIEN CLAUDETTE SMITH, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF STEPHANIE TENNANT, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF SYLVIA RHODA; EVELYN TENNANT JAMES, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF SYLVIA RHODA; EVETTE FACEY, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF STEPHANIE TENNANT, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF SYLVIA RHODA; DERRICK TENNANT AKA DERRICK CAMPBELL, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF JONAH TENNANT, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF SYLVIA RHODA; HUGHE TENNANT AKA HUGHE CAMPBELL, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF JONAH TENNANT, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF SYLVIA RHODA; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING ON BEHALF OF DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, Defendants - Index No. 704007/2017 Plaintiff Designates Queens County as the Place of Trial. The Basis of Venue is that the subject action is situated in Queens County. To the above named Defendants-YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff's Attorney(s) within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. That this Supplemental Summons is being filed pursuant to an order of the court dated August 11,

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2023. NOTICE-YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME - If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Allan B. Weiss, J.S.C. Dated: August 11, 2023 Filed: August 14, 2023. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage and covering the premises known as 113-23 209th Street, Queens Village, NY 11429. Dated: May 1, 2023 Filed: August 25, 2023 Greenspoon Marder LLP, Attorney for Plaintiff, By: Monica G. Christie, Esq., 590 Madison Avenue, Suite 1800, New York, NY 10022 P: (212) 524-5000 F: (212) 524-5050 No Service by fax) Service purposes only: Trade Centre South 100 W. Cypress Creek Road, Suite 700, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309 P: (888) 491-1120 F: (954) 343-6982 9/7,14,21&28/2023

MAIA PALAGI DDS, PLLC, a Prof. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/30/2023. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The PLLC, 69-10 108 Street, Apt 7C, Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: To Practice The Profession Of Registered Professional Nursing. 9/7,14,21,28,10/5&12/2023

Notice of Formation of KATZ GP, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/28/23. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 45-17 Marathon Parkway, Little Neck, NY 11362. Purpose: any lawful activity. 9/7,14,21,28,10/5&12/2023

750 CONC LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 7/5/23. Office in Queens Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 172-14 89th Ave., Jamaica, NY 11432. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 8/24,31,9/7,14,21&28/2023

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PROBATE CITATION File No: 2017-1059 SURROGATE'S COURT - QUEENS COUNTY CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: Bernadette Destin if living and if dead, to his/her heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if he/she died subsequent to the decedent herein, to his/her executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose name and places of residence are unknown and to all other heirs at law, next of kin, and distributees of Fannie Bras The decedent herein, whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence, and Louis A. Cannizzaro, Esq, G.A.L. and Ismona, St. Louis, Ineres St. Louis and Phrlia St. Louis A petition having been duly filed by Eddy Jean-Baptiste who is domiciled at 130-14 133 Avenue, Jamaica New York 11420 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County, at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York, on 19th day of October, 2023 at 9:30 AM of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Fannie Bras lately domiciled at 31-42 98 Street, East Elmhurst New York 11369 admitting to probate a Will dated February 19, 2009, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Fannie Bras deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to: Eddy Jean-Baptiste

NOTICE: THIS CITATION IS SERVED UPON YOU AS REQUIRED BY LAW. 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. Dated September 6, 2023 HON. PETER J. KELLY JANET EDWARDS TUCKER Chief Clerk SJ Chapman Attorney's Name 80 Broad St. 5th Fl. New York, NY 10004. Attorney's Address (312) 583-9430 Attorney's Telephone No. 9/14,21,28&10/5/2023

Sweet Moment 37, LLC filed w/ SSNY on 8/21/23. Office: Queens Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 47-15 33rd St., LIC, NY 11101. Purpose: any lawful. 9/14,21,28,10/5,12&19/2023

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Sikh Cultural Society Parade



The Sikh Cultural Society, Inc. -- Gurudwara -- in Richmond Hill recently held its annual Nagar Kirtan parade to honor the contributions of Sikhs to the borough and beyond. The Gurudwara, which serves close to 1,000 people every week with daily hot meals, spiritual guidance, and community events,

hosts this congregational parade to recognize the efforts of Sikhs in promoting peace, equality, and justice. Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz was pleased to march alongside President Bhupendar Boparai and a number of Gurudwara dignitaries and community members.



Council Member Linda Lee Presents:

FALL HEALTH FAIR

**Sunday, October 8th
12PM-3PM
Alley Pond Park
76th Ave. and Springfield Blvd.**

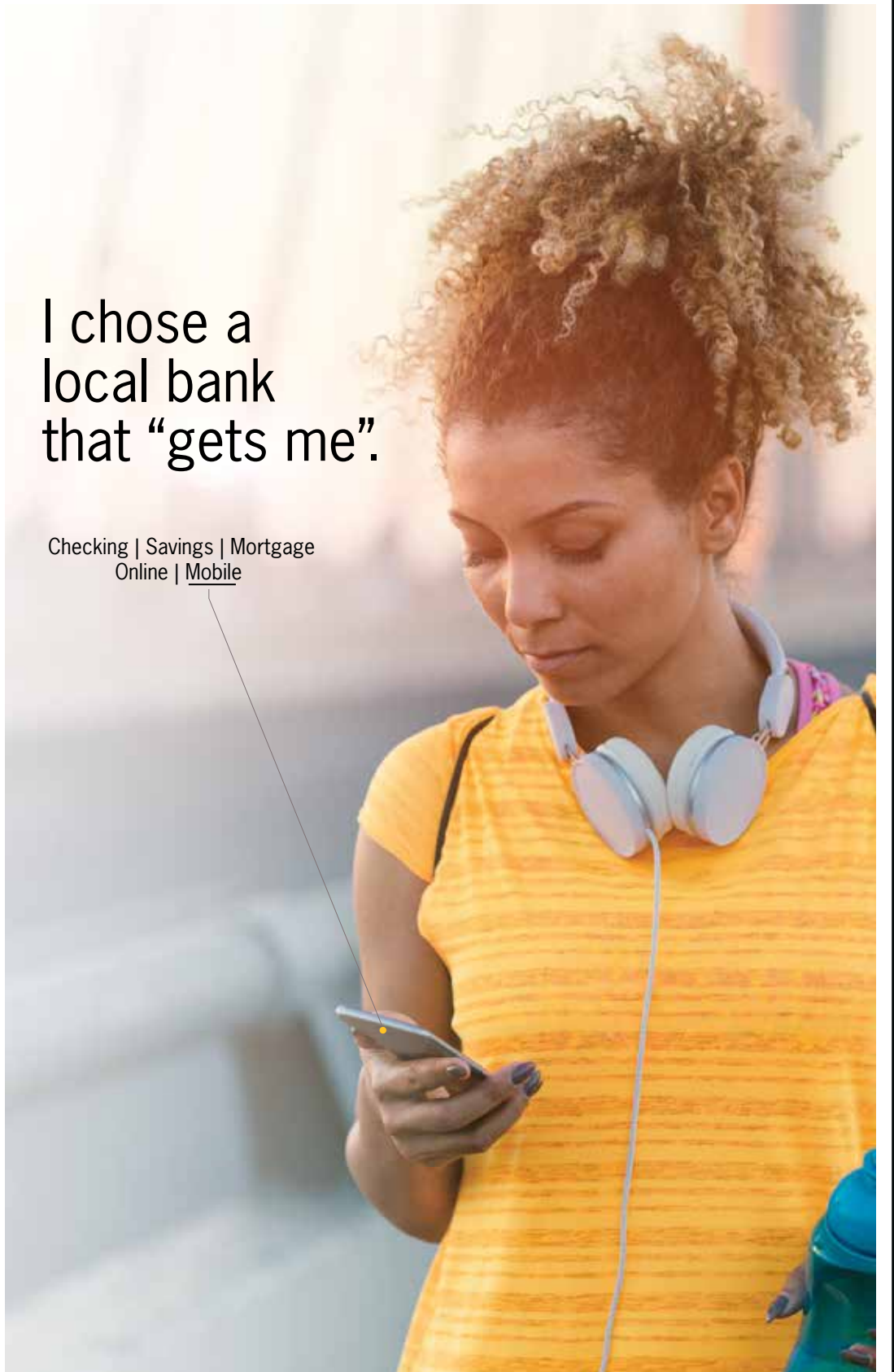
JOIN US FOR

- YOGA CLASS (Beginning at 12PM)
- ZUMBA CLASS (Beginning at 1PM)
- BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS
- NUTRITION ASSESMENTS
- ADULT & CHILDREN HEALTH SCREENINGS
- AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

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