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Great Demand For NYS General Obligation Bonds Allows State To Reduce Costs To Taxpayers

\$572,715,000 Awarded: Series 2023ABCD General Obligation Bonds

State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli yesterday awarded through negotiated sale \$572,715,000 of New York State General Obligation (GO) Bonds. After a one-day retail and institutional order period, the State received total orders of over \$1.6 billion or 2.8 times the amount of bonds offered, which allowed the State to reduce yields in many maturities. Ultimately, retail orders supported over 55 percent of the total bond sale, of which 85 percent was from New York retail buyers. The true interest cost of the GO Bonds was 3.99 percent.

"I am very pleased with the sale results, which demonstrate robust demand from investors large and small for New York's General Obligation bonds," said DiNapoli. "This buoyant demand allowed the state to reduce yields offered, and hence reduce costs for taxpayers."

- The GO Bonds consist of:
 - - \$216,035,000 of Series 2023A Tax-Exempt Bonds, which will finance projects authorized by the following voter-approved bond acts: Environmental Quality (1972), Clean Water/Clean Air (1996), Pure Waters (1965), Rebuild and Renew New York Transportation (2005), and Smart Schools (2014). The Series 2023A Tax-Exempt Bonds will mature over eighteen years.

- \$242,075,000 of Series 2023B Tax-Exempt Bonds, which will finance projects authorized by the voter-approved Rebuild and Renew New York Transportation (2005) bond act. The Series 2023B Tax-Exempt Bonds will mature over eighteen years.

- \$104,445,000 of Series 2023C Tax-Exempt Refunding Bonds, which will facilitate the tender, purchase and refunding of certain outstanding Series 2013C Tax Exempt Refunding Bonds and Series 2021B Taxable GO Bonds. The Series 2023C Tax-Exempt

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Getting Guns Off The Streets of Queens



Getting guns off the streets of Queens is one of my top priorities.

I recently talked to FOX 5 News about our fight against the proliferation of ghost guns –

untraceable firearms just about anyone can assemble at home with cheap parts available online.

We will continue to work tirelessly to ensure the safety of our neighborhoods.

Recognition of Italian American Heritage Month

Conference of Presidents of Major Italian American Organizations join the First Lady, Jill Biden, as she hosts an Italian delegation on Thursday, October, 12th

COPOMIAO Major Italian American Organizations the White House

Basil M. Russo, in his capacity as president of the Conference of Presidents of Major Italian American Organizations (COPOMIAO), wrote the First Lady in July requesting that she host an event to celebrate her Italian heritage and honor the 18 million Americans of Italian descent.

On Sept. 25, the First Lady agreed and graciously invited a large delegation of COPOMIAO leaders to the White House.

This is a precedent-setting moment, as this is the first time in history that the White House has ever hosted an event celebrating Italian American Heritage Month.



"We are extremely grateful to the First Lady for creating this wonderful event that will allow us to focus national at-

tention on the many exceptional contributions Italian Americans have made to our great country," said Russo.

Council Member Robert Holden's Bill to Register E-Bikes?



Queens Council Member Bob Holden new bill would require the DOT to issue license plates to be affixed to the back of all stand-up scooters, electric bikes and other motorized vehicles that are currently legal. The bill is gaining

support, even from people with pro-biking street cred.

The bill, Intro 758, introduced by Holden last year, states that "Every bicycle with electric assist, electric scooter and other legal motorized vehicle" shall be registered with

the Department of Transportation and provided a distinctive identification number and a license plate corresponding to that distinctive identification number.

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Refunding Bonds will mature over fourteen years. Furthermore, the refunding will save taxpayers over \$8.5 million on a present value basis, or 6.3 percent of the par amount of bonds refunded, and \$10,160,000 of Series 2023D Taxable Bonds, which will finance projects authorized by

the voter-approved Rebuild and Renew New York Transportation (2005) bond act. The Series 2023D Taxable Bonds will mature over one year.

BofA Securities, Inc. was the Senior Book-Running Manager along with Ramirez & Co., Inc. as Co-Senior Manager, to sell the bonds on behalf of the State. Co-Managers included Loop Capital

Markets, RBC Capital Markets and Seibert Williams Shank & Co.. In addition, BofA Securities, Inc. acted as Lead Dealer Manager, along with Loop Capital Markets as Co-Dealer Manager, to assist the State with an Invitation to Tender certain outstanding GO Bonds to be refunded.

The bonds are scheduled to be delivered on Oct. 11, 2023.

CM Robert Holden's Bill to Register E-Bikes?

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"Electric scooter" commonly referred to as a "stand-up scooter" defined under state law which are being used by many individuals and are widely available as part of a massive "scooter share" program

in the East Bronx. The bill is not about illegal mopeds.

Registering commercial e-bikes, which are mostly used by delivery workers, is in vogue right now. State Sen. Brad Hoylman-Sigal has a bill that would force the registration of such bikes, even though they

are currently legal.

We hope that when Intro 758 is passed it will require every bicycle with electric assist, electric scooter and other legal motorized vehicle when registered will also be require the driver to be licensed and to carry insurance.

Tips For Student Loan Payments That Resume This Month to Avoid Scams

As Federal Student Loan Payments Resume This Month, the New York Department of State's Division of Consumer Protection Offers Tips for Borrowers to Avoid Scams

Student Loan Borrowers are Reminded to Only Use Trusted Government Websites and Not Respond to Unsolicited Offers of Student Loan Relief or Assistance

The New York Department of State's Division of Consumer Protection is providing tips to help federal student loan borrowers avoid scams. As federal student loan borrowers resume payments this month after a three and a half year-long pause, this may cause confusion about the repayment process and make borrowers vulnerable to potential scams. Follow the New York Department of State on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and check in every Tuesday for more practical tips that educate and empower New York consumers on a variety of topics. Sign up to receive consumer alerts directly to your email or phone here.

"The pause on federal student loan payments has officially ended, and many New Yorkers may be searching for new solutions to ease the burden of making their payments," said Secretary of State Robert J. Rodriguez. "Unfortunately, potential scammers will also be using this time as an opportunity to take advantage of unsuspecting borrowers looking for relief or assistance. I'm reminding all student loan borrowers to be extra vigilant during this

time and to read our tips to protect yourself from falling victim to a student loan scam."

What You Need to Know to Avoid Student Loan Forgiveness Scams:

- Don't trust any person or program that promises you special access or guaranteed eligibility. You might be contacted by a scammer saying they will help you get your loan cancelled or reduced for a fee. You will never need to pay for advice or help with your federal student loans or any deferment or income-based plans. All federal student loan borrowers can enroll directly and stay updated at no cost by contacting the U.S. Department of Education directly at StudentAid.gov. If you're contacted unexpectedly with any of these offers, it's a scam.
- Be wary of scammers that make false claims or say you have an incomplete application. If you have any questions about your application status, go directly to the U.S. Government federal student loan portal to access your account and confirm any details. To access the portal, go to StudentAid.gov.
- Stay updated with trusted information and sources. The U.S. Department of Education webpage provides borrowers with accurate and the most up-to-date information about the program. They also recommend logging in to your StudentAid.gov account to ensure your contact information is up to date and to sign up for alerts for when new information becomes available.
- Protect yourself from phishing scams. If you didn't initiate the communication, don't share your personal information. Keep your personal information, including your Federal Student Aid ID and

social security number private. The U.S. Department of Education will never call or text you with a request of confidential information. Make sure you work only with the U.S. Department of Education and never reveal your personal information or account password to anyone. Genuine emails to borrowers will only come from noreply@studentaid.gov; noreply@debtrelief.studentaid.gov and gov@public.govdelivery.com.

- If you encounter a scam, report it. Contact the official Federal Student Aid website to file a complaint, or contact the Federal Trade Commission. The U.S. Department of Education offers additional tips and resources. You can also contact your loan servicing company or the Federal Student Aid Information Center (FSAIC) at 1-800-433-3243.
- Don't forget to regularly monitor your credit report and score. As you begin the repayment process, stay one step ahead and make it a routine to check on your credit report and look for inconsistencies. Visit annualreport.com or call 1-877-322-8228 to get your free reports.
- Looking for help navigating your student loans? EDCAP (Education Debt Consumer Assistance Program) is an independent, New York State funded, nonprofit program of the Community Service Society of New York (CSS) that helps New Yorkers navigate the student loan system. They offer free, one-on-one counseling with their student loan experts. To schedule an appointment call (888) 614-5004 or email them at edcap@cssny.org for more information.

Attorney General James Leads Multistate Statement in Support of CFPB in Supreme Court Case

Sixteen AGs Highlight CFPB's Role in Protecting Consumers Nationwide

On Tuesday, October 3rd, the United States Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in Consumer Financial Protection Bureau v. Community Financial Services Association of America Ltd. The

Community Financial Services Association of America (CFSA) is asking the Supreme Court to affirm the Fifth Circuit's ruling that threatens the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's (CFPB) funding and existence. A coalition of 16 attorneys general led by New York State Attorney General Letitia James is asking the Supreme

Court to reverse the Fifth Circuit's decision and maintain the CFPB's existence because it is vital to protecting consumers and ensuring a fair financial system. Earlier this year, Attorney General James led a multistate coalition in submitting an amicus brief in this case.

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Council Passes One Time Waiver That Will Allow EMS Workers to Apply For Promotional FDNY Exam

Council also approved legislation to make New York City the largest U.S. municipality to require its fleet be made up of zero emissions vehicles

The New York City Council voted to pass legislation that would allow a one-time exception to the maximum age requirement for employees of the FDNY's Bureau of Emergency Medical Services seeking to take the next civil service promotion examination to become firefighters. FDNY hiring cycles were delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic causing civil service examinations from being offered at their usual frequency. This legislation creates a one-time waiver to the maximum age requirement for these EMS workers who missed their opportunity in 2020 to take the next exam in 2024.

In addition, the Council passed legislation to make New York City the largest U.S. municipality to require its vehicle fleet consist of zero emissions vehicles. It would require the City to only purchase zero emissions light- and medium-duty vehicles after 2025, and zero emissions heavy-duty vehicles after 2028. It would also require the City to ensure that its entire fleet of municipal vehicles is converted to zero emissions vehicles by 2035 with earlier goals for some vehicle types, the training of city workers on the repair and maintenance of these new vehicles, and reporting on workforce development.

The Council also approved bills to require the creation of off-street parking for commercial trucks and tractor trailers, screen incarcerated New Yorkers for dyslexia and offer interventions when necessary, and mandate that City employees provide identification when issuing violations.

"Our city's Emergency Medical Services staff are essential to the health and safety of all New Yorkers, and we should support their efforts to serve our communities," said Speaker Adrienne Adams. "We are proud to pass a one-time waiver to the maximum age requirement for EMS workers so those whose promotional exams were delayed because of the pandemic can have a fair shot at securing an opportunity to serve our city as firefighters."

"Today, the Council made history in becoming the largest U.S. city to require our vehicle fleet be made up of zero emissions vehicles, setting a standard towards addressing the environmental and health impacts of vehicle pollution," continued Speaker Adams. "I'm also proud that the Council is passing legislation to create off-street parking for tractor trailers and commercial trucks, so that they have designated spaces to park other than residential streets. Illegal truck parking has been a persistent issue in Southeast Queens and communities across the city, which impacts public health and safety. This important bill advances solutions that deliver relief for both residents and truck drivers, and I thank my Council colleagues for their partnership in passing today's critical legislation."

Creating One-Time Exception to Maximum Age Requirement for FDNY Promotion Exam

Preconsidered Introduction, sponsored by Council Member Gale Brewer, would create a one-time exception to the maximum age requirement for employees of the FDNY's Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) seeking to take the next civil service promotion examination to become firefighters. Under existing local law, in order to become a firefighter for the FDNY, an individual may not have passed their 29th birthday on the date of filing their application for the requisite civil service examination. However, FDNY hiring cycles were delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and civil service examinations were not offered at their usual frequency. As a result, a group of nearly 300 FDNY-EMS who would have otherwise been eligible to take a promotion exam in 2020 will now be ineligible to take the next one offered in 2024. This legislation creates a one-time waiver to the maximum age requirement for these EMS workers who missed their opportunity in 2020, to take the next exam in 2024.

"Young people who have the skills, experience, and dedication to be New York City firefighters deserve a fair chance," said Council Member Gale A. Brewer. "Being shut out because of interruptions to the civil service exam schedule during the worst of the pandemic is far from fair. I am so impressed by the EMTs and other advocates who fought for this legislation. They deserve credit and, more importantly, the opportunity to serve the city."

Requiring NYC to Purchase and Convert Vehicle Fleet to Zero Emissions

Introduction 279-A, sponsored by Majority Leader Keith Powers, would require the City to only purchase zero emissions light- and medium-duty vehicles after 2025, and zero emissions heavy-duty vehicles after 2028. It would also require the City to ensure that its entire fleet of municipal vehicles is converted to zero emissions vehicles by 2035 with earlier goals for some vehicle types. Introduction 279-A also requires the training of city workers on the repair and maintenance of these new vehicles and reporting on workforce development.

Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by Majority Leader Keith Powers, calls on the Mayor to procure on the basis of best value when contracting for the purchase, operation, and maintenance of zero emission vehicles.

"Today, New York City is taking a major step forward in reducing our carbon footprint and advancing environmental justice with the passage of Intro. 279," said Majority Leader Keith Powers. "The new law codifies an ambitious new timeline to transition the city's municipal fleet of over 30,000 vehicles - the largest in the nation - to being made up of zero emissions vehicles. New York City continues to lead the country in creating a greener, more sustainable world."

Creating Off-Street Parking for Tractor Trailers

Introduction 906-A, sponsored by Council Member Justin Brannan, requires an agency or office designated by the Mayor to offer off-street parking for tractor trailers and commercial trucks at three or more locations citywide by 2025. City data from 2021 shows that 80 percent of package deliveries are to residential customers, partly due to a rapid expansion of e-commerce. As a result, deliveries have increased, taking up curbside space that often block car traffic, bus lanes, or bike lanes, and have exacerbated the problem of overnight truck parking in residential neighborhoods, which is illegal in New York City.

"In districts like mine all across the outer boroughs, tractor-trailers and commercial trucks illegally parking overnight on residential streets has long been an unsolved and intractable problem. Every day, 3.6 million packages are delivered within the five boroughs. Each year, some 365 million tons of cargo passes through the City of New York and nearly 90% of that cargo is still carried by truck," said Council Member Justin Brannan. "This commerce and these workers are absolutely crucial to our city's economy. We have an insufficient number of designated areas for truck parking in this city, and my bill would fix that. Our residential streets shouldn't look like a Flying J truck stop and our cops shouldn't be forced to play Whac-A-Mole towing these vehicles every night. Just as truck drivers shouldn't be forced to roll the dice parking their rigs on residential streets overnight and risk getting a ticket because the City of New York hasn't established locations for them to park legally. Solutions for both truck drivers and our constituents that have been dealing with illegal truck parking are long overdue."

Screening for Dyslexia and Offering Interventions to Incarcerated New Yorkers

Introduction 349, sponsored by Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, would require the Department of Correction to screen all individuals in custody who self-report lack of a high school diploma or its equivalent for dyslexia, and offer evidence-based interventions. Upon passage, the department must immediately provide screening and interventions to individuals in custody between the ages of 18-21 years old, and subsequently to sentenced individuals, regardless of their age, culminating with the Department offering to screen and provide interventions to all individuals in custody. The Department also must issue quarterly public reports on how many individuals are being screened for dyslexia and enrolling in available programming.

"Rikers remains in crisis, and the foundations on which the system was built were not designed to truly support the needs or well-being of people on the inside," said Public Advocate Jumaane Williams. "Dyslexia is already under-discussed- and likely under-

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WQXR Presents Classical Kids Fair at the Queens Theatre Flushing Meadows Corona Park

On Sunday, October 8th, New York's Classical Music Station WQXR 105.9 FM and wqxr.org heads to the Queens Theatre for the Classical Kids Fair, a day filled with live performances, an instrument "petting zoo," dance & songwriting workshops, arts & crafts, and more! Participating partners include musicians from The Knights, the Copland School of Music and Kupferberg Center for the Arts at Queens College, Louis Armstrong House Museum, Spanish-English music duo Musiquita, and teaching artists from the Queens Theatre. Admission to this event is free and reservations are encouraged, but not required.

This event is part of an ongoing series of Kids Fairs held by WQXR and partnering organizations throughout the five boroughs to bring the joy, fun and wonder of classical music to the next generation of listeners. More information can be found here.

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in the city's rich musical life on-air at 105.9FM, online at WQXR.org, and in the community through live events and performances. An essential partner to the city's musical and cultural organizations, WQXR presents new and archival classical recordings and performances from New York City's esteemed performance venues. Signature programs include Carnegie Hall Live, Metropolitan Opera Saturday Matinee Broadcasts, New York Philharmonic This Week, New York in Concert, and the Young Artists Showcase. WQXR also produces podcasts that showcase compelling storytelling and powerful music: The Open Ears Project, Made in New York: the NY Philharmonic Story, Every Voice with Terrance McKnight, Helga, and Aria Code, a joint project with the Metropolitan Opera. As a public media station, WQXR is supported through the generosity of its members, donors, and sponsors, making classical music relevant, accessible and inspiring for all.

Meng Issues Statement on Vote to Oust House Speaker Kevin McCarthy

Motion comes following months of broken promises and chaos in the House GOP

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-NY) issued the following statement on the vote to remove Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House of Representatives.

"Since the earliest days of the 118th Congress, we have seen dysfunction, chaos, and disarray from House Republicans' attempt to govern The People's House. From taking four days and 15 ballots to elect a Speaker, to nearly shutting the government down with only hours to spare, this institution has become paralyzed due to demands from the far-right.

As a member of the House Appropriations committee, I have watched bipartisan agreements be made to keep the government functioning and protected, and then watch as Speaker McCarthy walked away from these agreements at the last minute request of the extreme members.

In his short tenure, Speaker McCarthy has shown an inability to govern with integrity. This has resulted in a long list of broken promises. He went back on the bipartisan spending deal he negotiated with President Biden and the Senate to appease the far-right members of his party. He reneged on his promise to hold a floor vote before starting an impeachment inquiry, spending valuable time and resources on impeachment

hearings without evidence.

And instead of passing legislation to improve the lives of the American public, Speaker McCarthy has focused his energy on limiting diversity, women's reproductive rights, and attacking the LGBTQ+ community.

Furthermore, I have been dismayed to see that he continues to stoke anti-Asian sentiment. During the height of anti-Asian hate and the COVID-19 pandemic, I approached McCarthy to talk about the challenges facing Asian Americans. He brushed me off and literally walked away from me, and later saying these were not issues that Americans talk about at the kitchen table.

These are just some of the reasons why I made the sad decision to vote yes on the Republican Motion to Vacate the Chair.

Last Congress, a unified Democratic majority delivered some of the most historic investments our country has ever seen - investing in our infrastructure, delivering on job creation, protecting our climate, providing life-changing benefits for veterans, and lowering the cost of prescription drugs.

The next Speaker should be chosen by the majority of the House. The candidate with the second highest number of votes behind McCarthy was Hakeem Jeffries. Only a few more votes are needed to elect Jeffries as Speaker in order to keep the House functioning for the American people."



Velázquez's Statement on House Passage of Continuing Resolution to Avert Government Shutdown

Congresswoman Nydia M. Velázquez (D-NY) released this statement following House passage of a continuing resolution to fund the government for 45 days:

"For months, Speaker McCarthy has sought to appease the extreme wing of his caucus by pushing for a budget filled with cruel and unworkable cuts to vital government programs. As MAGA Republicans pushed our nation to the brink of a government shutdown that would devastate the American people, Speaker McCarthy continued to play partisan games yesterday by proposing a continuing resolution that cut health care, housing,

childcare, and Social Security.

"Through all these political stunts, Democrats have held firm on our commitment to safeguard the programs Americans rely on from the Republican's extremist agenda. From the beginning, we've been clear that these proposed budget cuts were unacceptable, and nothing less than a clean continuing resolution would suffice. This morning, Speaker McCarthy finally chose to face reality by bringing a continuing resolution to fund the government at FY23 levels. But even then, the Speaker could not organize his party around this reasonable position, so Democrats stepped up to

pass this resolution and keep the government open

"This episode has made it clear that Republicans cannot govern. Though a shutdown has been avoided for now, we will likely face the same predicament if Republicans continue to allow their most extreme members to drive the appropriations process. After Congress and the President reached a deal on the federal budget just a few months ago, Republicans have walked away from that deal to score political points. Speaker McCarthy must honor the deal he made so we can finally put the potential pain of a shutdown behind us."

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diagnosed- in our city, and evidence suggests that this problem is exponentially worse among incarcerated people. By screening and servicing affected individuals, we can help correct an educational services gap that should have been addressed long ago, providing new opportunities for people on the inside and helping to prevent them from re-entering the criminal justice system in the future. Identifying and addressing dyslexia and illiteracy through trained educators will make time while incarcerated more positive, and employment after incarceration more accessible. If we had done a better job as a city of meeting this need early in New Yorkers' education, we may have prevented many people from contact with the system in the first place. I thank the Speaker and my colleagues on the Council for voting to enact this key legislation."

Requiring City Employees to Provide Identification When Issuing Violations

Introduction 743, sponsored by Council Member Rafael Salamanca, would require that City employees who issue summonses or notices of violation provide a pre-printed, handwritten, or electronic business card including the employee's name and agency, a telephone number and e-mail address as well as the relevant 3-1-1 customer service number, and an indication that this contact information may be used to submit comments about the encounter with the city employee. If a business card is not available, employees could instead provide the identifying information verbally. Employees who are engaged in agency-approved undercover activities are exempt from the requirements of this bill. This would improve accountability by ensuring that when the public is engaging with a city employee, they can clearly identify that employee and provide valuable feedback about the encounter to that employee's agency.

"I am grateful to Speaker Adams and to my City Council Colleagues for adopting my bill, Intro 743" said Council Member Rafael Salamanca. "This bill will require City employees who can issue summonses or notices of violation when questioning people to provide a pre-printed, handwritten or electronic business card with identifying information upon request. No different than our city's police officers providing their name and badge numbers, this will allow for New Yorkers to have a greater sense of security and transparency when dealing with City agencies, while ensuring that they are protected from any potential scams or fraudulent behavior."

Land Use - 1460-1480 Sheridan Boulevard - 1480 Sheridan Realty LLC and West Farms Realty LLC, collectively Simone Companies, seek a zoning map and text amendments from M1-1 to R7-3/C2-4 with MIH. This action will facilitate three new mixed-used buildings with 100% affordable housing. It will include approximately 970 housing units, 139,300 sq. ft. of commercial space and 465 bicycle parking spaces and 100 accessory automobile parking spaces, in Council Member Rafael Salamanca's district.

244 East 106th Street Article XI Disposition - The New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (NYC HPD) requests approval for the disposition of city-owned property to a developer selected by HPD to facilitate the development of a 10-story shared supportive Housing building under the Share NYC pilot program, creating approximately 32 affordable rooming units, in Deputy Speaker Diana Ayala's district.

2761 Plumb 2nd Street Rezoning - Zaliv LLC seeks a Zoning Map Amendment from a C3 district to an R3-2/C2-3 district. This action will allow an existing restaurant to continue operating without renewing the BSA Special Permit every five years, in Minority Whip Inna Vernikov's district.

125 Greaves Lane - 125 Greaves Lane LLC/ NBM Development LLC seeks a Zoning Map Amendment from an R3-2 district to an R3-2/C2-1 district. This action will facilitate the conversion of an existing community facility into a commercial use to complement and reinforce the commercial use of the existing adjacent Evergreen Shopping Center, in Minority Leader Joseph Borelli's district.

Finance - A pre-considered resolution to authorize an Article Eleven exemption for two new buildings in Council Member Farias' district. A full 40-year Article XI exemption for new construction of all-affordable cooperative homeownership project in CM Farias' district. The project will be two 4-story buildings of 58 units total, 11 1-bedroom, 31 2-bedroom, 16 3-bedroom. Units are to be priced for households between 65-90% AMI.

A pre-considered resolution to renew an Article Five exemption for one building in Council Member Abreu's district. The exemption expired March 8, 2022, and HPD is asking for an additional 40-year exemption period retroactive to the March 2022 expiration date. The building is a HUD-assisted multifamily rental building for low-income senior households at 50% AMI. As a condition for the extension, the sponsor West Side Federation for Senior & Supportive Housing will implement energy efficiency measures, begin necessary capital repairs, and set aside 30% of turnover units for homeless senior households, and provide supportive services to these new homeless households.

Four pre-considered resolutions to act on recently granted State authorization allowing the Council to amend the required formula for calculating the Fiscal 2024 property tax rates. Passing this package of resolutions will result in lower Fiscal 2024 tax rates for Class 1 and Class 2 residential properties as compared to what the Council adopted with the budget in June.

Reps. Meng And Young Kim Push To Reduce Barriers To Health Care Access

U.S. Reps. Grace Meng (D-NY) and Young Kim (R-CA) announced today that they introduced the bipartisan Health Communication Access and Resources for Everyone (Health CARE) Act (H.R. 5762) to reduce barriers to health care access for patients.

The Health CARE Act would create a universal language access symbol as a consistent, simple, and low-cost way to let patients know that language services are available at a facility providing health care, health insurance, or related service. More than 25 million people in the United States are Limited English Proficient (LEP) and face barriers when seeking health care options. Federally funded health and health insurance providers are required to make language services available but do not have a consistent way to show these services are available to patients.

"Health care is a basic necessity for functioning societies, and in a place like the United States, that is made up of different cultures, backgrounds, and languages, it is important that there are means of communication to reduce language barriers in health care settings," said Rep. Meng. "I am proud to help champion the Health CARE Act alongside Rep. Young Kim. This is a commonsense solution, that people from every district across the country will benefit from and I look forward to moving this bill along in the House."

"Language barriers should not keep Americans from accessing health care. As someone whose second language is English and the representative of a diverse district with Americans of different backgrounds, I know firsthand how difficult it can be to express health care needs and know what resources are available," said Rep. Young Kim. "I'm proud to lead the Health CARE Act to reduce language

barriers and ensure Americans know what health care options are available to them, regardless of the language they speak. I thank Rep. Meng for joining me in this bipartisan, commonsense effort to improve health care access in our communities and across the nation."

"While it is critical that we all get information about our health in a way that is accessible, too often people face barriers to accessing health information in their primary language. The creation of a universal language access symbol is an innovative yet simple solution that can better connect our communities to language services and improve their health outcomes. We are grateful to Rep. Young Kim and Rep. Grace Meng for introducing this crucial bill, and we urge Congress to pass the Health CARE Act without delay," said Kica Matos, President of the National Immigration Law Center.

"With over 25 million Americans dealing with limited English Proficiency it is crucial that we work to tear down the barriers across all fields but especially health care. For many first-generation households such as my own, we often find ourselves translating and supporting our parents through their health care process. LIBRE is committed to increasing awareness of language services in federal funded health and health insurance programs. We strongly support the bipartisan Health CARE Act and commend Rep. Young Kim and Rep. Grace Meng's leadership in making health care more accessible to immigrants in their language of choice," said Isabel Soto, Policy Director at the LIBRE Initiative.

The bill also has the support of the National Health Law Program, Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO), and the Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum.

Attorney General James Leads Multistate Statement in Support of CFPB in Supreme Court Case

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The CFPB serves several functions that are invaluable to states and state attorneys general. It provides necessary transparency and clarity to consumers seeking to navigate a confusing and opaque financial marketplace. It provides educational resources that aid consumers with questions or issues related to their various financial accounts and also provides an easier avenue for complaints against financial bad actors. It also supports state regulation of the financial industry and provides federal overlay for issues within the financial industry that states are unable to address. Together with the CFPB, state attorneys general have taken action to stop predatory companies, return billions of dollars back to defrauded consumers, and protect consumers from scammers.

The coalition of 16 attorneys general issued the following statement today:

"Since its inception, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau has been vital to consumers nationwide and to states seeking to protect consumers from overzealous and predatory actors in the financial marketplace. As state attorneys general who are committed to consumer protection and ensuring strong regulatory frameworks are in place to prevent widespread financial abuses, we are unequivocal in our support of the CFPB and its independent regulatory authority. State attorneys general are known as "the People's Lawyer" for a reason — we advocate for the best interests and wellbeing of our constituents against predatory businesses and lenders, and the CFPB is an

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ARIES
 (March 21 - April 20)
 Travel plans will be exciting and profitable. Those who have been too demanding should be put in their place or out to pasture. Your lucky numbers are 5,3,1.

TAURUS
 (April 21 - May 21)
 Think before you make stock investments. Unforeseen circumstances will change your ideas. Try getting out and networking yourself. Your lucky numbers are 4,9,1.

GEMINI
 (May 22 - June 21)
 You may meet someone special if you attend fundraising functions. Travel will be beneficial to your career. Continue your hard work. Your lucky numbers are 1,8,9.

CANCER
 (June 22 - July 22)
 Don't loan money to friends. You can make extra money by moonlighting. You should look into a healthier diet. Your lucky numbers are 7,2,1.

LEO
 (July 23 - Aug 22)
 Try inviting friends to your planned get together. Mingle with individuals who are established in business. Get involved in political groups. Your lucky numbers are 3,6,4.

VIRGO
 (Aug 23 - Sept 23)
 Don't bother complaining, no one listens. You will manage to overcome work loads this week. Don't ignore your partner's problems. Your lucky numbers are 3,1,8.

LIBRA
 (Sept 24 - Oct 23)
 Don't let anyone interfere with your work, stay concentrated. It might be time to take a big step and do a personal makeover. Your lucky numbers are 5,8,3.

SCORPIO
 (Oct 24 - Nov 22)
 You can work out solutions to the problems of inefficiencies at work. Money problems will be difficult to deal with. Your lucky numbers are 6,9,5.

SAGITTARIUS
 (Nov 23 - Dec 21)
 Catch up on correspondence. You need to clear up some important personal documents before the end of the year. Check your investments. Your lucky numbers are 4,3,9.

CAPRICORN
 (Dec 22 - Jan 20)
 Try and get plenty of rest and relaxation. Don't stay up late on work nights. Keep your feelings to yourself. You may find a favorable business venture while traveling. Your lucky numbers are 5,3,2.

AQUARIUS
 (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
 Be careful about disclosing personal information. You can get ahead if you present your ideas to superiors. Your lucky numbers are 8,3,2.

PISCES
 (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
 Don't get involved in joint ventures with people you don't know. Concentrate on what you're doing or you may make mistakes on your job. Your lucky numbers are 9,1,2.

Did You Know?

- The primary reason for growing rice in flooded paddies is to drown the weeds surrounding the young seedlings (rice can grow in well drained areas)
- The softest known mineral is talc
- 'Orology' is the study of mountains
- 20% of China's plants are used in medicine
- 2/3 of the world's eggplants are grown in the US New Jersey
- Humans are the only primates that don't have pigment in the palms of their hands
- It was once illegal to slam your car door in Switzerland
- Moths have white blood
- The diameter of Jupiter is 152,800km (88 700 miles)
- The diameter of Earth is 12,756 km (7,926 miles)
- The diameter of the sun is 1,390,000km (865,000 miles)
- Mount Everest is 8.9km (5.5 miles) high
- Dolphin's can detect underwater sounds from 24 km (15 miles) away
- Dinosaurs lived on Earth for over 165 million years before they became extinct
- Jellyfish have been on Earth for over 650 million years
- Only pregnant females polar bears hibernate
- Polar bears are strictly carnivores

Answer to Last Weeks Puzzles

"Sudoku"

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"Crossword Puzzle"

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"Try And Find"

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TRY AND FIND

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- ACROSS**
- Chip dip
 - Exclamation of contempt
 - Dialect
 - Someone from Italy
 - Consultant's offering
 - Be vulturous
 - Honey insect
 - Joint of a finger
 - Grassland
 - Farm building
 - Heap
 - Depression
 - Rear end
 - Feudal worker
 - Platter
 - Type of duck
 - Permit
 - Fastidious
 - Exalted
 - Prickle
 - Local Area Network
 - Assistant
 - Wife of Zeus
 - Color of a clear sky
 - Mid-month days
 - Small songbird
 - Objective
 - Heads
 - A box for bricks
 - Harness-racing horse
 - Falshood
 - Get going
 - Ledger entries
 - Remorseful act
 - Surgical dressing
 - Avarice
 - Implant

- DOWN**
- Firearm
 - Unfavorable
 - Fifty-two in Roman numerals
 - Punch
 - Ends a prayer
 - Predicament
 - Not fresh
 - Possess
 - Beer
 - Without a victory
 - Bureau
 - Depression
 - Old Jewish scholars
 - Sparkle
 - Discomfit
 - Infant
 - Scorn
 - Distinctive flair
 - Expected
 - All right
 - Chapter in history
 - Blame
 - Seat of power
 - Listening
 - Admire excessively
 - Charged
 - S S S
 - Kicked
 - Lash
 - Simple elegance
 - Fork prong
 - Border
 - Unit of paper
 - Driveway surface
 - "Buddy"

Variety Boys & Girls Club of Queens Raises Over \$150,000 at Annual Gala

Variety Boys and Girls Club of Queens (VBGCQ) hosted their annual gala on Wednesday, September 28 and raised over \$150,000 for after school programs. The event honored Mets' owner Steve Cohen, who received the "Albert 'Cubby' R. Broccoli Award," and Tracy Capune of Innovation Queens, who received the "Ann Buehler Award." Steve Zimmerman, Treasurer of the VBGCQ Board of Directors, was inducted into Variety's Hall of Fame. Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr., and Councilmember Tiffany Cabán, were also in attendance. The event was graciously hosted by the L Group at the Historic Steinway Mansion.



The evening was sponsored by the New York Mets, Attentive Energy, Hydro Quebec, Transmission Developers Inc, Champlain Hudson Power Express, Mega Contracting, Bob and Su Robotti, Clean Path, Plaxall, LaGuardia Gateway Partners, CordMeyer, Port Authority of NY & NJ, Innovation Queens, and DLR. The silent auction featured items from the New York Mets, Museum of the Moving Image, The Row Gym,

NinjaBear Gym, Noguchi Museum, Alewife Brewing, Nintendo, Untapped NY, JetBlue, NFL, and Disney.

"Working with the people of our great western Queens community who have given so much of their time and talent to the Variety Boys and Girls Club has been a joyous experience for me and my family," said Steve Zimmerman.

"We are humbled by the out-

pouring of support from our partners, friends, our community and our staff to make such a wonderful event come to fruition. By working collectively on behalf of the kids of Western Queens, we only ensure a brighter future for all," said Chief Advancement Officer, Leah Carter.

Masquerade masks were decorated by Astoria Clubhouse kids for gala participants to wear.

Queens Chamber of Commerce Announces Inaugural Queens' Best Taco Competition to Begin on National Taco Day

Celebrate National Taco Day by nominating your favorite taco spot in Queens, today!

The Queens Chamber of Commerce, the oldest and largest business association in Queens, will hold the inaugural Queens' Best Taco Competition throughout October and November. Members of the public are encouraged to nominate and vote for their favorite eatery, to settle the debate over who in Queens serves up the best taco in the borough. Traditional tacos, fish tacos, veggie tacos, and all other types of tacos are eligible

for nomination. Nominations can be made by visiting <https://bit.ly/QueensBestTaco>.

"Tacos have deep roots in Mexican culture and have grown to be a comfort food for people from all over the world. In Queens, we consistently serve up delicious food from a variety of cultures and our taco establishments are some of the best in the city," said Tom Grech, President and CEO of the Queens Chamber of Commerce. "I am proud to announce our Queens' Best Taco Competition will be a fierce competition of flavors. I can't wait to try some at the winning establish-

ment in November."

The Chamber is accepting nominations from the public beginning on Wednesday, October 4, in honor of National Taco Day. Nominations will close on Monday, October 16. Public voting will start on Friday, October 20, and run through Monday, October 30.

The winner will be crowned with the title of Queens' Best Taco on Thursday, November 2, and receive a plaque and bragging rights, along with a complimentary membership to the Queens Chamber of Commerce. The second and third place winners will receive certificates.

MTA Launches "Courtesy Counts" Ad Campaign as Agency-Wide Ridership Records Continue

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) today unveiled "Courtesy Counts," a multi-agency campaign reminding customers to follow the MTA's Code of Conduct and treat fellow riders and public spaces with respect. The 34 illustrations that will be a part of this campaign feature a variety of creative artwork with messaging reminding transit customers about different ways to respect fellow riders and encourage courteous behavior in public spaces.

Examples of messages that will appear in the system include keeping seats clear for other riders, keeping pets in carriers and service animals leashed, letting people on and off the train without obstruction, not talking loudly on the phone, wearing headphones, giving everyone room to stand, not laying down taking up multiple seats, not smoking or vaping, not holding the doors, not charging electric vehicles, not leaving the emergency exit door open for others to enter without paying



the fare, not leaving a bike unattended or obstructing space, and not littering.

"In our busy lives, it's easy to forget that your own individual behavior can have an impact on your fellow riders' commute, and even their day, so why not be courteous," said Acting Chief Customer Officer and Senior Advisor

Shanifah Ricara. "The goal isn't to lecture anyone, we just wanted to have a little bit of fun explaining our Rules of Conduct as ridership continues to grow."

"It's important for all riders to keep the aisles clear and bags off seats, but especially for riders with

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Queens County Bar Association



The Queens County Bar Association celebrated the move to its new headquarters recently with a ribbon-cutting ceremony in front of the office on Sutphin Boulevard in Jamaica. Queens

District Attorney Melinda Katz joined members of the association as well as the judiciary, including Chief Administrative Judge Joseph Zayas, for this momentous occasion.

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Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar's Landmark Bill Ending Noxious Waste by Rail Emissions Signed Into Law



Landmark Environmental And Health Bill Requires Trains Transporting Waste to be Covered

Assemblywoman Took up Bill And Passed it Unanimously in Only One Term After Over 13 Years of Struggle & Nonaction

Governor Kathy Hochul has signed into law Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar's landmark bill A4928, which requires waste transported by rail to be covered

with hard tarping to stop dangerous spillage and the emission of noxious gasses.

The Assemblywoman took the lead on the bill in response to the concerns of her constituents living along the rails. People shared stories of unbearable odors and toxic emissions from waste on trains at all hours. One constituent living along rail tracks revealed he had been diagnosed with lung cancer. Administrators at Christ the King Regional High School reported students unable to concentrate due to headaches and nausea from nearby waste by rail.

Assemblywoman Rajkumar said, "I am proud to bring the people of New York State this monumental achievement for our environment and health. By simply covering rail cars transporting waste, we will prevent noxious fumes and hazardous waste from endangering people. All we have to do is put a lid on it. It is time to put a lid on the garbage, to put a lid on the noxious fumes, to put a lid on the hazardous waste. It's time to put a lid on the destruction of our health and to put a lid on the

destruction of our environment. Just put a lid on it. It is common sense."

Assemblywoman Rajkumar took up a bill that had languished in the legislature for 13 years, and passed it with a unanimous 148-0 vote. She had overwhelming bipartisan support. Drawing upon this momentum, State Senator Joseph Addabbo was able to pass the bill in his chamber soon after. With its signing, the bill will take effect in 90 days.

The Waste By Rail industry continues to grow exponentially. Waste by rail is a burgeoning method of waste management that has increased 35% since 2020. With the expansion of this industry, rails in the Assemblywoman's district have become a major thoroughfare for waste from Long Island. This waste is transported long distances upstate to available landfills, often in containers uncovered or covered only by a porous mesh tarp. The waste produces noxious gas, leachate, spillover, and odors

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Meng Applauds Release of U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Report Focusing on Anti-Asian Racism in The United States



One of Commission's members is a Queens resident who was appointed to the agency earlier this year

Report examines the federal government's role in documenting, prosecuting and preventing hate crimes against those of Asian descent during the COVID-19 pandemic

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens), First Vice Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, applauded the release of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights' Statutory Enforcement Report: The Federal

Response to Anti-Asian Racism in the United States.

Among the eight commissioners on the Commission is Jackson Heights, Queens resident and Meng constituent Glenn Magpantay, a borough-based civil rights attorney, professor of law and Asian American Studies, and LG-BTQ+ rights activist. Magpantay was sworn in this past February and Meng and Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer (D-NY) recommended and praised his appointment.

The report examines the federal government's role in documenting, prosecuting and preventing hate crimes against those of Asian descent during the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, it highlights that hate crimes against Asian Americans increased 149% in 2020 across 18 cities and provides recommendations for action.

"I am deeply appreciative to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (USCCR) for examining the rise in anti-Asian racism for the first time in its history, and for being responsive to the rise in anti-Asian hate that our community experienced when the

COVID-19 pandemic started," said Rep. Meng. "I also want to acknowledge my constituent, Commissioner Glenn Magpantay for all his hard work. We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to him and all the U.S.C.C.R. commissioners for elevating this important issue. The report provides actionable steps that Congress can take to better track and reduce hate crimes, and reaffirms how we must continue to make services bolstered through my COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act more language accessible."

"I am proud to have recommended the exceptional Glenn Magpantay for the United States Commission on Civil Rights, and I commend the Commission's newly released report on the federal response to anti-Asian racism," said Senator Schumer. "Mr. Magpantay is a long-time civil rights professional, and he brings an invaluable perspective and experience to the Commission as the only Asian American Pacific Islander commissioner. He and the whole Commission have examined the rise in anti-Asian

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White House Ed Officials Visit QC for Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions Week

Queens College President Frank H. Wu hosted Nasser Paydar, U.S. Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education—the highest-ranking federal higher education official—on Tuesday, September 26, in support of President Joseph Biden's first-ever proclamation designating September 25 through October 1 Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serv-



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IT'S IN QUEENS

It's In Queens!
(Oct. 6 to Oct. 12)

The Mets and Yankees are out of post-season play, but 19th century baseball returns to Queens this weekend. The game is part of a diverse week of immersive art, dogs on parade, moon cakes, humorous dates, a food festival, and a corn labyrinth.

- Oct. 6, Learn Trumpet, Nov. 10. This six-week program is designed for beginners, and classes are on Fridays at 3:30 pm. Trumpets are provided, and students in Corona (11368) receive a significant discount. Louis Armstrong House Museum, 34-56 107th St., Corona.
- Oct. 6, Look at Me, Oct. 7. This free, two-day immersive art installation explores the human urge to be seen and understood. It's an exposé on control and the ways humanity wages war to maintain a façade of perfection. Both nights at 7 pm. Movers Bodega, 11-05 44th Ave., Long Island City.
- Oct. 7, 19th Century Baseball Game, 11 am. Watch the New York Mutuals play the Brooklyn Atlantics in a recreation of an 1880 baseball game. Players wear replicas of the original uniforms and use replica balls and bats. (No gloves as they hadn't been invented yet.) Fort Totten Park, entrance at Totten Avenue and 15th Road, Bayside.
- Oct. 7, EEEEEATSCON, Oct. 8. Food from more than 25 NYC restaurants, celebrity guests, and live music. Noon to 6 pm both days. Forest Hills Stadium, One Tennis Pl.
- Oct. 7, Gretchen Parlato & Lionel Loueke, 8 pm. Kupferberg Center for the Arts presents these soul mates who play a languid mix of Bossa Nova, power ballads, and Foo Fighters. Queens College's LeFrak Concert Hall, 153-49 Reeves Ave., Flushing.
- Oct. 7, 194th Anniversary Block Party, noon to 6 pm. The borough's oldest bar celebrates 194 trips around the sun with a special ceremony, hot dogs, face-painting, bouncy houses, vendors, and street activities. Neir's Tavern, 87-48 78th St., Woodhaven.
- Oct. 7, Amazing Maize Maze, Oct. 27. Bring a flashlight and find your way through an interactive corm maze. Two sessions – 6 pm to 8 pm and 8 pm to 10 pm -- on Oct. 7, Oct. 14, Oct. 21, and Oct. 27. Queens County Farm Museum, 73-50 Little Neck Pkwy., Glen Oaks.
- Oct. 7, Bones in Motion, 4 pm. Opening reception for Natalie Giugni's solo show, featuring sculptures and paintings that explore themes like life, death, confinement, liberation, suffering, and beauty. The Garage Art Center, 26-01 Corporal Kennedy St., Bayside.
- Oct. 7, Queens Columbus Day Parade, noon. The Federation of Italian American Organizations of Queens presents this 46th annual parade. Steinway Street, left to 30th Avenue, right to 33rd Street, end at reviewing stand on Astoria



QT Classical Kids

- Boulevard and 32nd Street.
- Oct. 7, Piano Concert, 4 pm. Yejin Han plays Mozart, Rachmaninoff, Beethoven, and Ravel. Maple Grove Cemetery, 83-15 Kew Gardens Rd.
- Oct. 7, Victorian Mourning Buttons, 1 pm. Design mourning jewelry using a custom pinback button-maker. Mourning jewelry gained popularity in the 1800s, when Queen Elizabeth's Prince Albert died. There were strict rules for mourning a loved one, with each stage having its own dress and etiquette guidelines. King Manor Museum, 150-03 Jamaica Ave.
- Oct. 8, Fall Jazz Fest, 2 pm. Seven hours of great Jazz with no admission fee. Culture Lab LIC, 5-25 46th Ave.
- Oct. 8, Re-enactment: Age of Exploration, noon. Two presentations of a 1527 Spanish expedition to Florida as documented by Álvaro Núñez Cabeza de Vaca. Maple Grove Cemetery, 83-15 Kew Gardens Rd.
- Oct. 8, 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 award prizes for Best Dressed, Funniest, and Best Match. Kicks off at Beach 108th Street Roller Rink.
- Oct. 8, Classical Kids Fair, 1 pm. New York's Classic Music Station WQXR 105.9 FM presents a day filled with live performances, an instrument petting zoo, dance and songwriting workshops, arts and crafts, and more. Queens Theatre, 14 United Nations Ave. S., Flushing Meadows Corona Park.
- Oct. 8, Twilight Concert, 4:30 pm. Con Brio Ensemble members -- clarinetist Gary Dranch, cellist Hamilton Berry, and pianist Diana Mittler-Battipaglia -- perform Beethoven, Martinon, and Brahms. The Church-in-the-Gardens, 50 Ascan Ave., Forest Hills.
- Oct. 8, Mid-Autumn Festival, noon. This free event -- honoring Chinese moon goddess Chang'e -- features cultural performances, pony rides, games, bouncy houses, giveaways, food stalls, and prizes. Don't forget the moon cakes! Kissena Corridor Park, vicinity of 45th Avenue and Colden Street, Flushing.
- Oct. 11, The Bad Daters, 7 pm. A staged reading of a dark Irish comedy by Derek Murphy about Wendy and Liam. Wendy is forced into a date by her over-protective sister. Liam is forced into the same date by a cursed past which dictates that he must continually make an effort. Can they survive the date? New York Irish Center, 10-40 Jackson Ave., Long Island City.
- Oct. 11, Monthly Jazz Jam, 7 pm. On the first Wednesday of every month, musicians hone skills and jam with peers. The house band is led by saxophonist Carol Sudhalter. All are welcome. Don't play? Listen! Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd.
- Oct. 12, Sex and the Abbey, Oct. 13. Two presentations of a play about canonesses who need to impress Emperor Otto with a performance by the first western woman who ever dared to write a play. Embroiled in lustful conflicts, the stress of daily prayers, and impassioned moral arguments, can these women save Gandersheim Abbey from male takeover? Shows are Oct. 12 at 3:30 pm and Oct. 13 at 2 pm. LaGuardia Performing Arts Center, 31-10 Thomson Ave., Long Island City.
- Oct. 12, 1 in 4, Oct. 21. This new comedy by B.J. Boothe and Michelle Orosz follows a married woman on the brink of turning 40 as she navigates the ups and downs of trying to conceive her second child. The play is a frank dismissal of the belief that miscarriage should be kept behind closed doors. The 8 pm shows are on Oct. 12, Oct. 13, Oct. 14, Oct. 16, Oct. 18, Oct. 19, Oct. 20, and Oct. 21 with a 2 pm show on Oct. 15. Court Square Theater, 44-02 23rd St., Long Island City.

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Congresswoman Nydia Velázquez Introduces Bill to Fight Ovarian, Cervical, And Endometrial Cancers

Rep. Nydia M. Velázquez (D-NY) introduced the Ovarian, Cervical, and Endometrial Cancer Awareness Act of 2023. This bill will help to raise awareness, improve access to screening and early detection, and emphasize the importance of special attention to ovarian, cervical, and endometrial cancer in the public awareness campaigns carried out by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

“It is absolutely critical that we help to raise awareness and ensure that screening for these cancers is accessible to all,” said Congresswoman Velázquez. “The earlier women get tested for these cancers, the quicker they can receive potentially life-saving treatment. I’m proud to introduce this legislation which will help ensure the well-being of countless women across our nation and take a significant step toward reducing the burden of these cancers on individuals and families.”

Ovarian, cervical, and endometrial cancers are some of the most common and devastating forms of cancer that affect women. They often go undetected until advanced stages, which makes treatment less effective and more challenging. Statistically Black women have an 80-percent higher mortality rate when diagnosed with endometrial cancer, com-

pared to White women. In 2018, Hispanic women had the highest endometrial cancer rate among young reproductive-age women ages 35 to 39, a rate 50 percent higher than that of White women.

The Ovarian, Cervical, and Endometrial Cancer Awareness Act of 2023 is co-sponsored by Joseph Morelle (D-NY) and Jonathan L. Jackson (D-IL).

SWHR thanks Representative Velázquez for introducing the Ovarian, Cervical, and Endometrial Cancer Awareness Act of 2023. Almost 100,000 women in the United States are diagnosed with gynecologic cancers each year, and yet, for some of these cancers – like ovarian cancer – there is still no effective screening process in place, resulting in high later-stage diagnosis rates. Beyond investing in federal research, one of the most important steps we can take is ensuring that women are aware of their risk as well as potential risk-reducing strategies related to gynecologic cancers. This legislation takes an important step in empowering women to take charge of their health. - Society for Women’s Health Research

“The Resilient Sisterhood Project is delighted to endorse The Ovarian, Cervical, and Endometrial Cancer Awareness Act, as it could serve as a critical legisla-

tive tool in support of women’s reproductive health. Black and brown women deal with persistent structural inequities that impact their reproductive and overall health. Those inequities can often result in undertreatment and a lack of awareness and knowledge regarding gynecological conditions, such as ovarian, cervical, and endometrial cancers. Any woman facing these health conditions deserves to be treated with dignity and empathy—where their lived experiences and concerns are taken into consideration.” - Resilient Sisterhood Project (RSP)

“Congresswoman Velázquez’s commitment to the ovarian cancer community is exemplary, and we are thankful for her efforts to continue to shine a light on the devastating impact of this deadly cancer. This legislation emphasizes the importance of knowing one’s inherited risk of developing cancer and promotes the value of risk-reducing interventions. Our organization is working tirelessly to promote these same ideals. This legislation will have tremendous impact.” - Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance President & CEO Audra Moran

This bill is also endorsed by Society for Women’s Health Research, the Resilient Sisterhood Project (RSP), and Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance.

Meng Applauds Release of U.S. Commission on Civil Rights . . .

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hate crimes and recommended actions that can be taken to stem this tide of intolerance, building upon the tools and guidance laid out in the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act, that I was proud to champion and pass. Thanks to the U.S.C.C.R. for their timely response to the troubling rise in anti-Asian hate crimes across the country and I look forward to their future work to advance civil rights.”

“As the only Asian American Pacific Islander currently serving on the Commission, this report has a deep personal connection to me,” said Commissioner Magpan-tay. “I am the survivor of a hate crime for being gay from 25 years ago and the victim of a hate crime for being Asian from 25 months

ago. I’d also like to thank both Senate Leader Chuck Schumer and my hometown Representative Grace Meng, for recommending me to the Commission. I look forward to continuing working closely with both of their offices, in my role as a commissioner to further promote civil rights for all.”

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is an independent, bipartisan agency founded to research national civil rights policy and investigate claims of civil rights violations. Created by the Civil Rights Act of 1957, the Commission is led by eight commissioners, half appointed by Congress and half by the President, with six-year terms and no more than four members being of the same political party at any given time.

White House Ed Officials Visit QC for Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions...

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ing Institutions (AANAPISI) Week. Paydar selected the college for a site visit to highlight the administration’s effort to strengthen AANAPISIs and support the nation’s Asian American and Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities.

Paydar and other federal officials toured the campus and met

with Wu and colleagues to discuss federal support for AANA-PISIs, affordability and student retention initiatives, maintaining multiple minority-serving institution statuses, and student mental health challenges and support services. Discussions with students addressed belonging and inclusion, first-generation student status, English as a Second Language, and mental health.

Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar’s Landmark Bill Ending Noxious Waste by Rail Emissions Signed Into Law

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in the neighborhoods surrounding tracks. Sometimes the trains park by homes for hours or days, subjecting residents to unbearable fumes for long periods of time.

Odors and emissions from waste by rail are affecting New Yorkers statewide: in the Saratoga County town of Mechanicville, residents experience “trash train days” where they cannot go outside due to the smell from waste trains idling. Assemblywoman Jennifer Lunsford (D-AD 135), a co-sponsor of Rajkumar’s bill who represents Monroe County, said emissions from waste by rail was the number one complaint from her constituents. She routinely fields 50 to 70 complaints per week.

Assemblywoman Lunsford said, “I cannot tell you how grateful the people of the 135th District will be to hear of the passage of this bill. It’s enormously important and long overdue.”

Assemblywoman Rajkumar’s colleague in a neighboring district in Queens and long-time supporter of the bill, Assemblyman Andrew Hevesi spoke enthusiastically in support of the bill on the floor, noting how it would benefit the

Queens community shared by both himself and the Assemblywoman.

Assemblyman Hevesi said on the Assembly floor, “Assemblywoman Rajkumar and I share the same communities and this has been an ongoing issue for many, many years...this is also going to deal with the biggest issues our constituents complain about. This is an ongoing problem. I am so grateful for the sponsor [Assemblywoman Rajkumar] for her leadership on this. This is a great day for our community.”

Significantly, the Speaker of the New York State Assembly Carl Heastie also weighed in: “Every New Yorker deserves to live in a safe and healthy environment. This legislation will ensure that the transportation of waste via rail does not put neighboring communities at risk from leaks, spills or odors and fumes.”

Assemblywoman Rajkumar and Senate sponsor Joseph Addabbo hosted a celebration with Community Board 5 and Civics United for Railroad Environmental Solutions (CURES), a local group that has fought for years to end environmental and health hazards caused by rail in the Queens community.

State Senator Joseph Addabbo said, “I want to first thank my

good friend and colleague in the Assembly, Assemblymember Jenifer Rajkumar, her persistence and her fight on this bill. Thank you so much, Jenifer. I really appreciate it...This bill will certainly improve the quality of life of our constituents.”

CURES Chair Mary Parisen Lavelle said, “It is with our deepest gratitude that we express our appreciation to both Assemblywoman Rajkumar and Senator Addabbo on their monumental accomplishment on getting state legislation passed to containerize waste in rail cars. The victory we’re celebrating today belongs to them, it belongs to the residents, the civics, and Community Board 5.”

CURES Co-Founder Mary Arnold said, “I just want to add my thanks...Our gratitude is inexpressible...We really can’t say enough. Your heart and your intelligence. You’re good people. We really appreciate it.”

CURES member William Gati said, “We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to two extremely wonderful advocates for our condition...This is a tireless effort... With great support from our community and our community leaders, we managed to do this.”

Attorney General James Leads Multistate Statement in Support of CFPB in Supreme Court Case

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invaluable partner in that work.”

Joining Attorney General James in today’s statement are the attorneys general of Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, North Carolina, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington, and the District of Columbia.

Attorney General James and the CFPB have led several consumer protection cases. In January, Attorney General James and the CFPB sued Credit Acceptance Corporation (CAC), one of the nation’s largest subprime auto lenders, for deceiving thousands of low-income New Yorkers into

taking out high-interest car loans. In May 2022, Attorney General James and the CFPB shut down a predatory debt collection operation that used deceptive and abusive tactics to illegally collect millions of dollars from hundreds of thousands of consumers. In April 2022, Attorney General James and the CFPB filed a lawsuit against MoneyGram International, Inc. and MoneyGram Payment Systems, Inc. (MoneyGram) for repeatedly violating consumer protection laws. In February 2021, Attorney General James and the CFPB sued Libre by Nexus for preying on immigrants held in federal detention by offering to pay for their bonds while hiding true costs.

POWERBALL Second-Prize-Winning Ticket Sold in JACKSON HEIGHTS

The New York Lottery has announced one second-prize-winning ticket was sold for the Sep 27 Powerball drawing.

The ticket was sold at:
• 37TH AVE GROCERY INC located at 82-06 37TH AVE in JACKSON HEIGHTS, which sold one prize-winning ticket worth \$1,000,000

The winning numbers for the Powerball game are drawn from a field of one to 69. The red Power Ball is drawn from a separate field of one to 26. The Powerball drawing is televised every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at 10:59 p.m.

About the New York Lottery - The New York Lottery continues to be North America’s largest and most profitable Lottery, contributing \$3.7 billion in fiscal year 2022-2023 to help support education in New York State.

New Yorkers struggling with a gambling addiction, or who know someone who is, can find help at NYProblemGambling-Help.org, by calling New York’s toll-free confidential HOPEline at 1-877-8-HOPENY (1-877-846-7369), or texting HOPENY (467369). Standard text rates may apply.



Gillibrand, Collins Announce Bipartisan Legislation to Expand Federal Work-Study Program to Include Jobs in Early Childhood Education

Three Years After The Start Of The Pandemic, Child Care Workforce Continues To Operate Below Pre-Pandemic Levels;

Bill Would Develop A New Generation Of Teachers and Help Alleviate Teacher Shortage

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) and U.S. Senator Susan Collins (R-ME) introduced the bipartisan Head Start for Our Future Act, legislation that would allow college students eligible for the federal work-study program to work for Head Start, Early Head Start, or other early childhood education programs. The bill would help alleviate ongoing staffing shortages in the early childhood education workforce and help create a pipeline of talent into the field by providing interested college students with paid opportunities to engage in child care work.

“Programs like Head Start help kids from low-income backgrounds succeed at school and beyond,” said Senator Gillibrand. “They are critical to the health of our families and our communities. But too often, these programs struggle to attract and retain staff. My Head Start for Our Future Act would help build a robust early childhood education workforce by helping college students eligible for work-study gain valuable paid experience in this field while they finish their degrees. I look forward to working across the aisle to get this important bill passed.”

“By further integrating college students into Head Start and Early Head Start programs, we not only help create opportunities for those students but also provide a stronger foundation for the early development and education of future generations,” said Senator Collins. “This bill will

empower students to make meaningful contributions in their communities while better ensuring that more children receive a quality introduction to the world of learning.”

Head Start and Early Head Start provide comprehensive child development programs and support services for low-income children, including early education, health screenings, social and emotional health services, nutrition services, and services for children with disabilities.

The bill is co-sponsored by Senators Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM), Mark Kelly (D-AZ), Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), Alex Padilla (D-CA), Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), and Tim Kaine (D-VA).

The bill is endorsed by the National Head Start Association, Children’s Aid New York City, and the Early Care & Learning Council.

NYC Health + Hospitals/Woodhull Completes Successful Evacuation: 116 Patients Transferred Across The Health System

A neighborhood power failure and equipment damage caused by the extreme rainfall on Friday necessitated a temporary evacuation and full patient transfer

Assessment of the damaged equipment has begun; repairs could take days

Recently, NYC Health + Hospitals/Woodhull successfully completed a safe and orderly evacuation of all patients, to allow for the hospital to fully shut down its power to address flood-related damage. A total of 116 patients were transferred to other NYC Health + Hospitals sites. There were no adverse patient effects reported throughout the entire process. The health system has begun its assessment of the hospital’s engineering and electrical systems to understand the extent of any damage caused. It is estimated that the repairs could take a minimum of several days before the hospital can

resume operations. NYC Health + Hospitals will continue to communicate with patients and their families to keep them updated as repairs continue.

“As we continue to work to support our fellow New Yorkers after Friday’s storm, I’m proud of the thousands of public servants across our administration for the work they’ve done to keep New Yorkers safe and get our city back up and running,” said New York City Mayor Eric Adams. “That especially goes for the staff at Woodhull Hospital, which — in coordination with NYCEM and other city agencies — seamlessly transferred all of their patients to other hospitals to allow for electrical repairs to address damage caused by the storm. With climate change making these storms more intense and more frequent, it’s more important than ever that we get the federal resources we need to continue to build new infrastructure that can handle these threats. New Yorkers can rest easy know-

ing that our team is ready to address any crisis.”

“Once again, we showed how NYC Health + Hospitals works as a system to take care of all its patients,” said NYC Health + Hospitals/Woodhull CEO Gregory J. Calliste. “This could not have been accomplished without the work of the committed NYC Health + Hospitals/Woodhull staff, all the health system’s teams, and our government agency partners. We have a lot of work ahead of us, but we’ll be a stronger hospital because of it.”

The hospital is not accepting any patients and will remain on diversion for all ambulances. In an emergency, New Yorkers should call 911 and ambulatory patients should seek out nearby hospitals.

NYC Health + Hospitals worked with NYCEM, FDNY, NYPD, the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, its state partners, and state and federal regulatory and elected officials to facilitate the transfers.

Gillibrand Reveals Cost of Government Shutdown to New York

Shutdown Would Cost New York’s Economy Millions

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand held a video press conference to discuss the cost of a government shutdown to New York. Gillibrand is calling on Kevin McCarthy and House Republicans to work with Democrats to fund the government and stop jeopardizing Americans’ livelihoods.

“A shutdown would mean that kids go hungry, troops don’t get paid, and the work of the critical federal agencies that make sure our food and water are safe goes undone,” said Senator Gillibrand. “It would have wide-ranging and long-lasting effects across our economy. We can’t afford to have it happen. I’m urging Kevin McCarthy and House Republicans to stop playing games with

Americans’ livelihoods and work with Democrats to keep the government working.” A government shutdown would be catastrophic for New York’s working families. Over 70,000 federal employees in the state — as well as at least 30,000 service members — would be furloughed or forced to work without pay indefinitely. More than 400,000 New Yorkers who rely on the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), including nearly 330,000 infants and children, would be at risk of losing critical food assistance and going hungry.

A shutdown would also hinder or prevent the Food and Drug Administration from conducting food safety inspections; the Environmental Protection Agency from conducting drinking water inspec-

tions; and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration from conducting workplace safety inspections — putting the health and safety of all Americans at risk.

The IRS could partially shut down as a consequence of a government shutdown, which would lengthen wait times for individuals seeking assistance.

A shutdown may also delay passport processing, disrupting New York’s tourism industry because of passport and visa backlogs, and force the National Park Service to turn away visitors at national parks, monuments, and related historical sites. This would affect tourism revenues in New York from sites like the Statue of Liberty and the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site in Buffalo.

Velázquez Statement on Motion to Vacate The Speaker’s Chair

Rep. Nydia M. Velázquez (D-NY) released the following in advance of the House of Representatives vote to remove Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House:

“Since the beginning of Kevin McCarthy’s tenure as Speaker, he has shown the American people that he is a deeply untrustworthy person willing to lie and

deceive to remain in power. He has emboldened the most radical members of his party, who are more concerned with imposing their extremist ideology on Americans than they are governing. The Speaker of the House is supposed to work on the people’s behalf, which often means working on a bipartisan basis to ensure the Amer-

ican people’s needs are met. Kevin McCarthy has shown that he is unwilling to do that, which brought this country to the brink of disaster during negotiations around the debt ceiling and last week’s near government shutdown. He has done lasting damage to this institution, which is why I am voting to remove him as Speaker.”

Joint Statement From Speaker Adrienne Adams And Housing & Buildings Chair Pierina Sanchez on The U.S. Supreme Court’s Denial of Legal Challenge to Rent Stabilization Law

“New York City needs more truly affordable housing, not less, and preservation of existing units under the Rent Stabilization Law enables New Yorkers to afford and remain in their homes. The Supreme Court’s decision today to deny a case challenging the legality of rent stabi-

lization follows previous court precedent and is a welcome relief for New Yorkers. In the face of a national affordable housing shortage, the Rent Stabilization Law remains necessary in order to prevent harmful rent increases that threaten the stability of families and communities.

As our city continues to confront a housing crisis that undermines affordability, contributing to record homelessness and a rising number of evictions, programs that preserve affordable housing must be a focus of our city, state and federal governments to protect from potential threats.”

MTA Launches “Courtesy Counts” Ad Campaign as Agency-Wide Ridership . . .

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disabilities, seniors, and families with strollers,” said MTA Chief Accessibility Officer and Senior Advisor Quemuél Arroyo. “Treating your fellow riders with respect helps us create a more positive experience.”

“This campaign is especially important for the disability community and reminds customers what a difference it can make to keep doorways clear, or give up your seat to someone who needs it” said MTA Chief Accessibility Officer and Senior Advisor Quemuél

Arroyo. “While New Yorkers are busy and have a lot going on, we can all take a second to do the right thing and let another rider have an enjoyable time and pleasant ride

“With Metro-North and the Long Island Rail Road continuing to set post-pandemic ridership records, it’s a great time to remind customers to show common courtesy while riding with us,” said LIRR Interim President and Metro-North Railroad President Catherine Rinaldi. “Simple things like keeping the aisles clear and throwing out trash give

all of our customers a better experience while traveling with us.”

“At New York City Transit, we are laser focused on delivering customers faster, cleaner, and safer service,” said NYC Transit President Richard Davey. “We’ve stepped up, adding service on a number of subway lines and raising on-time performance to its highest level in decades. Now, we’re asking our customers to do their part by showing respect to their fellow New Yorkers and by helping us keep trains and buses moving by following the Rules of Conduct.”



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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

Notice of Formation of ZEN CULTURE, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/24/2023. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 102-30 Queens Boulevard, Apartment 1B, Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: any lawful activities. 9/7,14,21,28,10/5&12/2023

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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

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

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

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. 9/14,21,28,10/5,12&19/2023

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

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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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01 September, 2023 LOST TITLE APPLICATION NO.: 2483776 OFFICE OF TITLES NOTICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 82 OF THE REGISTRATION OF TITLES ACT (RTA) WHEREAS the applicant(s) in the above stated application has/have declared that the following duplicate Certificate of Title has been lost, I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I intend to cancel the said Certificate of Title and issue a new one in duplicate fourteen days after the last publication of this advertisement. Volume: 1269 Folio: 98 Lot: 119 Place: Part of Number Three Charlemont Drive Parish: St. Andrew Registered proprietor(s): Gibson Pharmacy Limited Deputy Registrar of Titles 9/28&10/5/2023

BEST KITCHENS NYC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/07/23. 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, 161-09 59th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11365. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 9/28,10/5,12,19,26&11/2/2023

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Notice of Formation of 10818 QB LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/23/23. Office location: Queens County. Princ. office of LLC: c/o Cord Meyer Development LLC, 111-15 Queens Blvd., Forest Hills, NY 11375. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 9/28,10/5,12,19,26&11/2/2023

Notice of Formation of GRAHAM'S FAY DA ON 82ND LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/5/23. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, PO Box 902, Glen Head, NY 11545. Purpose: any lawful activity. 10/5,12,19,26,11/2&9/2023



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SURROGATE'S COURT: QUEENS COUNTY PROBATE CITATION File No.: 2017-3735/A 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 Antonina Fava, if living and, if any of them be dead, to the heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignee and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence. A petition having been duly filed by Karen Diomede-Alexander, who is domiciled at 1123 Howard Drive, Westbury, New York 11590; YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County, at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd, Jamaica, New York on the 9th day of November, 2023 at 9:30 A.M. f that day, why a decree should not be made in the Estate of ANTONINA FAVA lately domiciled at 21-07 33rd Avenue, Astoria, New York 11106, in the County of Queens, State of New York, admitting to probate a Will dated June 25, 1955, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Antonina Fava, deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters of Administration C.T.A. issue to Karen Diomede-Alexander and that such Will be admitted to private as an ancient will, with the testimony of the witness to said will, Thomas J. Peragine, and Theresa P. Peragine be dispensed with, 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, Attested and Sealed September 29, 2023 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate Janet Edward Tucker Chief Clerk Name of Attorney for Petitioner: Morris J. Schlaf, Esq., Sacco & Fillas, LLP Address of Attorney: 31-19 Newtown Avenue, Seventh Floor, Astoria, NY 11102. Email: Mschlaf@saccofillas.com. Tel. No. 718-269-2226



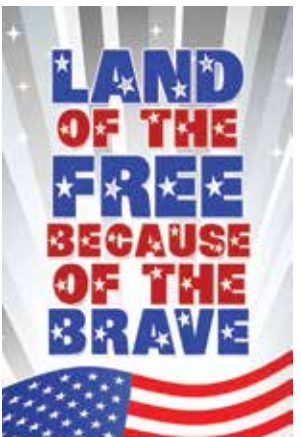
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DNA NETWORK, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 5/2/23. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Anastasia Duran 123 W 133 St Apt 5A NY, NY 10030. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 10/5,12,19,26,11/2&9/2023

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Blooming Bridge LLC. Filed with the SSNY on 9/28/23. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail a copy to: 48-19 41st St #3F, Sunnyside NY 11104. Purpose: Any lawful. 10/5,12,19,26,11/2&9/2023

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On this Columbus Day we honor, and celebrate all the contributions of Italian-Americans.



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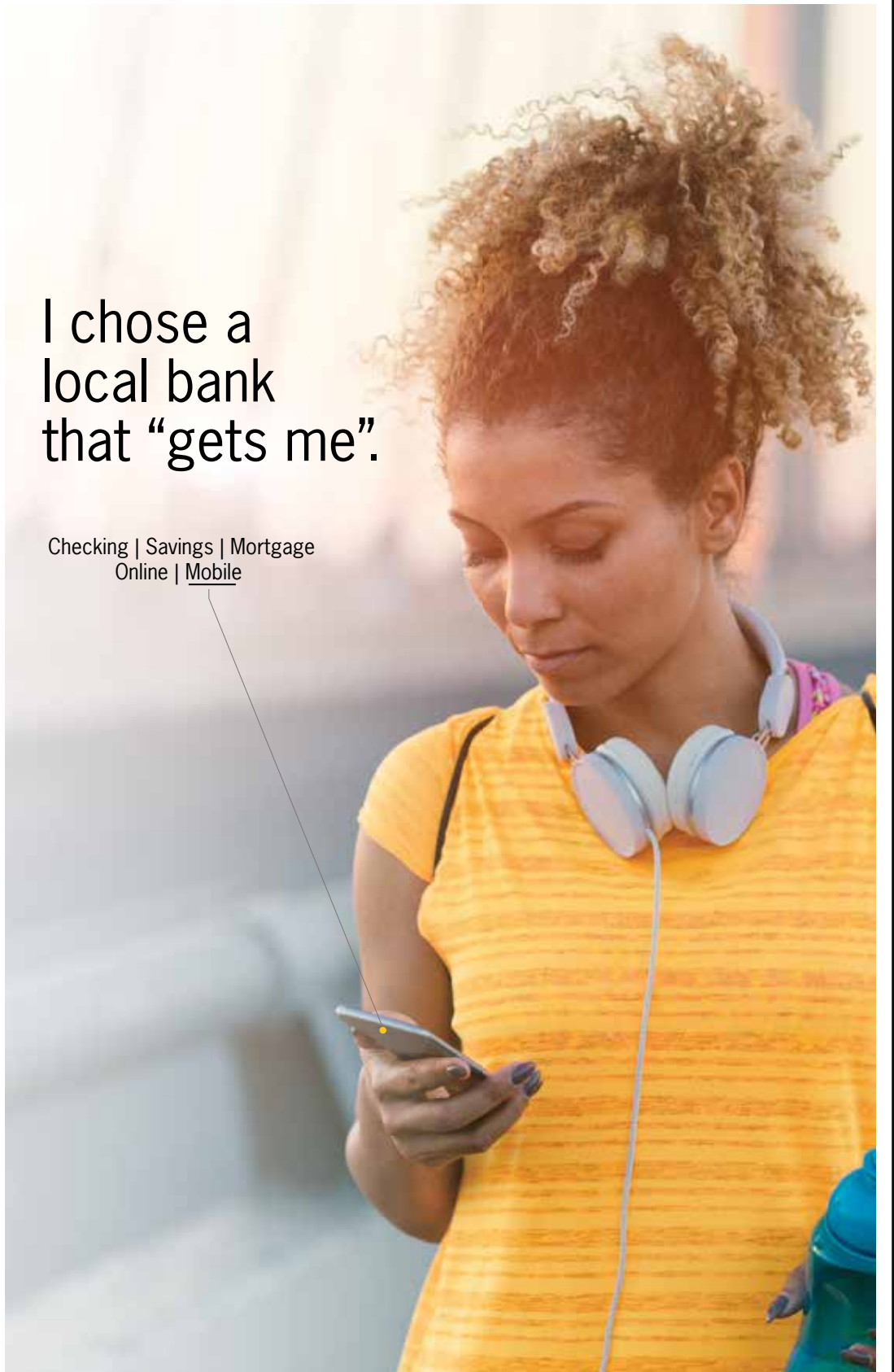
Senior Appreciation



Staff members from the Queens District Attorneys Office of Community Partnerships division joined Assembly Member David Weprin's office for a two-part program in honor of Senior

Appreciation Month.

The event featured a "Yoga for Seniors" lesson, followed by a health fair with resources and giveaways from my office and our agency partners.



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