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10 Tips to Keep Your Ghosts And Ghouls Safe This Halloween

- By Gino A. Orrino, Orrino Capital

1. Instead of an open flame, use battery-operated candles or glow sticks inside your jack-o-lantern.
2. When choosing costumes, steer your child away from ones with trailing fabrics that could cause trip and fall accidents. You also want to look for costumes made from flame-retardant materials.
3. Before painting your child's face, test makeup or face paint on a small area to ensure it doesn't cause a reaction on your child's skin.
4. Check the weather forecast before heading out and plan accordingly. Carry water bottles, so you and your child can stay cool and hydrated in heavy costumes and masks.
5. Enhance visibility by carrying flashlights, wearing glow necklaces, or placing reflective tape on clothing.
6. Walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic. Cross streets at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
7. Pay attention. Take a few photos and videos of the kids before heading out from the house, but then put your phone away and stay aware of what's happening around you.
8. Allow your child only to enjoy treats that are commercially wrapped.
9. If your child doesn't know your phone number by heart, purchase a phone number bracelet or write it on an index card and slip it in their treat bag. It will be crucial if the two of you get separated.
10. If you must drive in a residential area during trick-or-treating hours, please slow way down and be on high alert for children darting into the road.

Meng Brings NASA Astronaut to Queens

Astronaut Dr. Jonny Kim visits with local students and meets with Korean American leaders



Pictured is Rep. Meng and Dr. Jonny Kim at Francis Lewis High School.. See story on page 7.

Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato Endorsement by NYC PBA



Pictured is Pat Lynch with Stacey Pheffer Amato. Stacey is endorsed by the NYC Police Benevolent Association (PBA) for her re-election campaign to the NYS Assembly. See story on page 7.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi And Rep. Grace Meng Visit Forest Hills For Community Roundtable



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi visited Forest Hills, Queens where she joined U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens) for a roundtable conversation about the Inflation Reduction Act lowering the cost of health care for New Yorkers. See story on page 2.

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The legislation, which Meng helped pass in Congress, was signed into law by President Biden in August. It, among other things, allows Medicare to negotiate prescription drug prices, limits the cost of insulin to \$35 per month, caps out-of-pocket prescription drug costs at \$2,000 a year for those on Medicare, and extends tax credits on insurance premiums for individuals and families covered through the Affordable Care Act.

The roundtable was part of Wednesday's Health Care Day of Action, a national effort to spotlight the work that congressional Democrats have done to lower health care costs for Americans.

"I thank Speaker Pelosi for coming to Queens to highlight how the Inflation Reduction Act

will help New Yorkers with the costs of health care including many constituents in my congressional district," said Congresswoman Meng. "I commend the Speaker for her leadership in moving this sweeping legislation through the House. We have to continue doing all we can to bring health care costs down, and make sure that New Yorkers receive the care they need and deserve. I will always fight to ensure the health and wellbeing of our communities."

"It was my privilege to join Congresswoman Grace Meng, heroic health care workers and the leadership of the Queens Community House Forest Hills Older Adult Center for a vital conversation on Democrats' work to lower health care costs for seniors," said Speaker Pelosi. "Across the nation, House Demo-

crats are holding a Day of Action to highlight how our Inflation Reduction Act is slashing prescription drug costs for Medicare beneficiaries, while locking in lower insurance premiums for America's working families. While extreme MAGA Republicans seek to gut Medicare, raise drug prices and pad Big Pharma's profits, Democrats will never stop fighting to lower health costs as we put People Over Politics."

The roundtable, which included individuals from the health care and other fields, was held at Queens Community House's Forest Hills Older Adult Center.

Speaker Pelosi returned to Meng's district after visiting the area in 2019 when Meng hosted her for a roundtable on immigration that was held at Elmhurst Hospital in Elmhurst, Queens.

Attorney General James Recovers \$90,000 in Stolen Wages For Queens Laundry Workers

Enterprise Cleaner Paid Workers Below Minimum Wage Without Adequate Overtime Pay or Paid Sick Leave

New York Attorney General Letitia James today announced that she has recovered \$90,000 in stolen and unpaid wages for more than a dozen former employees of a commercial dry cleaner in Astoria, Queens. Fat-Lun Kong and Cheng Teh Tang, co-owners of the company JM Pro Cleaner, Inc. doing business as Enterprise Cleaner, formerly known as KTN Cleaner, Inc. doing business as Enterprise Cleaner (Enterprise), failed to pay their employees minimum wage, failed to pay the proper overtime rate, failed to pay employees for an additional hour when their workday exceeded ten hours, and did not offer adequate overtime pay or paid sick leave. Enterprise also consistently failed to provide new employees with written notice of the rate of pay, regular pay day, and other critical information upon hiring. In addition to paying back \$90,000 in stolen wages to former employees of Enterprise, Kong and Tang will undergo thorough training regarding their obligations as an employer under New York Labor Law, update company policies and procedures, and submit compliance reports to the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) for a period of at least three years.

"All workers should be treated with the utmost dignity and respect, but the owners of Enterprise Cleaners took advantage of their hardworking employees, forcing them to work long hours and failing to pay workers what they were owed," said Attorney General James. "No matter the industry, my office will not stand for the abuse and mistreatment of hardworking New Yorkers. I am grateful to the Laundry Workers Center for bringing this case to our attention and look forward to continuing to work together to defend workers' rights statewide."

"Laundry Workers Center has been fighting worker exploitation and wage theft in the laundry

industry for over a decade," said Rosanna Rodriguez, Co-Executive Director, Laundry Workers Center. "We primarily represent immigrant women of color who are heads of households. Thanks to the collaboration between the Attorney General's Office and our organization, we can set an example with Enterprise Laundromat. Make sure bad actors stop breaking the law and provide decent wages and safe conditions for workers."

The OAG launched an investigation in January 2020, after the matter was referred to OAG by the Laundry Workers Center. The investigation, which included review of company documents, interviews with former employees, and sworn testimony from Kong and Tang, revealed that from 2014 to 2020, Enterprise repeatedly violated New York Labor Laws, the Miscellaneous Wage Order of the New York Codes, Rules, and Regulations, and the Earned Safe and Sick Time Act.

In interviews with OAG, former Enterprise employees reported they were not paid the minimum wage after it increased to \$15 per hour on December 31, 2018, and payroll documents confirmed that Enterprise employees did not receive the \$15 minimum wage until about a year after the increase. Former employees also shared that Enterprise, Kong, and Tang did not pay the proper wages for overtime hours. Enterprise, Kong, and Tang also failed to pay employees spread of hours, which calls for an additional hour of pay when an employee's workday exceeds ten hours.

In 2019, Enterprise, Kong, and Tang paid some employees only a portion of the wages they were owed — some of these employees eventually received their full wages weeks later, but others never received them. Enterprise also consistently failed to provide new employees with written notice of the rate of pay, regular pay day, and other critical information upon hiring. Enterprise also did not have a paid sick leave policy, did not provide employees with

adequate paid sick leave, and even interfered with employees' right to sick leave by requiring them to find a replacement before calling out sick.

As part of the settlement announced today, Enterprise, Kong, and Tang will return \$90,000 in stolen wages to former employees.

In addition to financial relief, Kong and Tang will undergo training related to their responsibilities as employers under New York Labor Law, including but not limited to the obligation to pay the minimum wage, overtime, and spread of hours, the obligation to provide paid sick leave, as well as the obligation not to discriminate. Kong and Tang must also develop a plan to revise Enterprise's policies and procedures related to pay and sick leave, among other workplace issues including sexual harassment and reasonable accommodations. These policies are to be submitted to OAG for approval and will be provided to all employees.

Enterprise, Kong, and Tang will submit periodic compliance reports to OAG for a period of at least three years. The OAG will also have full access to Enterprise's employees' contact information during this period in order to ensure compliance.

"An employer who commits wage theft at any scale isn't just stealing from a worker, they are also stealing from that worker's family and the law abiding small businesses who cover their contributions to our shared safety net," said State Senator Jessica Ramos, Chair of the Senate Labor Committee. "I'm so grateful that the Attorney General is using the power of her office to get these immigrant workers what they are owed. I urge all workers, no matter your immigration status, to learn your rights and exercise them."

"Wage theft is the largest form of theft in the United States, with 2.1 million New Yorkers alone victim to it every year. It makes our city and state less safe for the hard working people who live here," said State Assembly Mem-

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Social Security Announces 8.7 Percent Benefit Increase

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for approximately 70 million Americans will increase 8.7 percent in 2023, the Social Security Administration announced today. On average, Social Security benefits will increase by more than \$140 per month starting in January.

The 8.7 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) will begin with benefits payable to more than 65 million Social Security beneficiaries in January 2023. Increased payments to more than 7 million SSI beneficiaries will begin on December 30, 2022. (Note: some people receive both Social Security and SSI benefits). The Social Security Act ties the annual COLA to the increase in the Consumer Price Index as determined by the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

"Medicare premiums are going down and Social Security benefits are going up in 2023, which will

give seniors more peace of mind and breathing room. This year's substantial Social Security cost-of-living adjustment is the first time in over a decade that Medicare premiums are not rising and shows that we can provide more support to older Americans who count on the benefits they have earned," Acting Commissioner Kilolo Kijakazi said.

To view a COLA message from Acting Commissioner Kijakazi, please visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vgm5q4YT1AM.

Some other adjustments that take effect in January of each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase to \$160,200 from \$147,000.

Social Security and SSI beneficiaries are normally notified by mail starting in early December about their new benefit amount.

The fastest way to find out their new benefit amount is to access their personal my Social Security account to view the COLA notice online. It's secure, easy, and people find out before the mail arrives. People can also opt to receive a text or email alert when there is a new message from Social Security--such as their COLA notice--waiting for them, rather than receiving a letter in the mail. People may create or access their my Social Security account online at www.ssa.gov/myaccount.

Information about Medicare changes for 2023 is available at www.medicare.gov. For Social Security beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare, their new higher 2023 benefit amount will be available in December through the mailed COLA notice and my Social Security's Message Center.

The Social Security Act provides for how the COLA is calculated. To read more, please visit www.ssa.gov/cola.

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ber Zohran Mamdani. "Today, we are sending a clear message to employers across Astoria and all of New York state: if you swindle workers out of their wages and guaranteed paid sick leave, you will be held accountable. I'm grateful to Attorney General James and the Laundry Workers Center for ensuring that these immigrant women of color get what they are owed. Workers organizing together won a minimum wage, overtime, and paid sick leave — we must ensure that every worker across the state knows their rights to those very things and that they can take action when they are robbed of those rights."

"I could not be more proud to extend solidarity and congratulations to the courageous Astoria laundry workers who took action together and won back \$90,000 in wages stolen by their bosses," said New York City Council Member Tiffany Cabán. "American bosses steal \$15 Billion from their workers every single year, disproportionately from immigrants, women, and workers of color —

an unacceptable injustice that we must fight hard to end. I applaud the Laundry Workers Center and Attorney General James on this win. All District 22 workers should know, if your boss is taking advantage of you and you want to fight back, your Council Member is on your side."

This case was handled by Assistant Attorney General Anielka Sanchez Godinez, Social Justice Coordinator Francisca Montana, and Civil Enforcement Section Chief Fiona Kaye of the Labor Bureau, under the supervision of Bureau Chief Karen Cacace, as well as former Assistant Attorney General Michael O'Keefe Cowles, former Civil Enforcement Section Chief Ming-Qi Chu, and former Deputy Bureau Chief Julie Ulmet. Senior Counsel Sandra Pullman of the Civil Rights Bureau also worked on this matter. The Labor and Civil Rights Bureaus are part of the Division for Social Justice, which is led by Chief Deputy Attorney General Meghan Faux and overseen by First Deputy Attorney General Jennifer Levy.

QBP Richards Announces Expansion of Services For Veterans at Queens Borough Hall

NYS Division of Veterans' Services advisor to work on-site every Monday

To better serve the tens of thousands of veterans who call The World's Borough home, Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. today announced a partnership with the New York State Division of Veterans' Services to assign a veterans' benefits advisor to Queens Borough Hall once a week, starting Monday, October 17.

The veterans' benefits advisor, who normally works at the St. Albans VA Medical Center, will operate out of Borough Hall on Mondays from 8am to 4pm (excluding holidays) for at least the next four months. This assignment will enable the NYS Division of Veterans' Services to offer a centralized, easy-to-reach location for Queens veterans to apply for and inquire about veterans' benefits.

Appointments to meet with the advisor can be made, starting October 17, by calling (718) 526-1000 ext. 2217. Walk-ins will also be welcome.

"The addition of the veterans' benefits advisor will make Queens Borough Hall an even more comprehensive and useful

one-stop shop for veterans looking for answers to their benefit questions," said Borough President RICHARDS. "The advisor will work well with the existing Veteran Resource Center satellite office and will make life simpler for our veterans, who will have easier access to the benefits and services that their valiant service has entitled them to. I'm proud to host both the City DVS and State DVS here in the People's House, and I invite all of our borough's veterans to visit Borough Hall to get the information and assistance they deserve."

"We are honored to continue our work with the New York City Department of Veterans Services to further serve Queens Veterans, Service members, and their families," said New York State Division of Veterans' Services Director VIVIANA DeCOHEN. "This new collaboration with the Borough President's Office will expand our agency's ability to ensure those we serve are accessing all of the benefits they earned from their military service."

The advisor will complement the services provided by the NYC Department of Veterans' Services' Veteran Resource Center satellite office at Borough Hall since 2016.

Established to serve the nearly 42,000 military veterans in Queens, the largest such population in the five boroughs, the satellite office offers information and one-on-one consultations for veterans seeking information about the benefits and services available to them. The office was closed for more than two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but it reopened in April 2022. Services are available Mondays and Thursdays (excluding holidays) from 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The NYS DVS advisor will work with the City's satellite office to coordinate city and state action regarding veterans' benefits and services. This will reduce bureaucratic red tape and make it easier to get benefits and services to the veterans seeking them.

The NYC DVS Veteran Resource Center satellite office at Borough Hall is open to both walk-in visitors and to those who make appointments in advance by calling (646) 499-0098.

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

Assemblyman Braunstein Announces Northeast Queens Student Halloween Essay & Drawing Contest



Assemblyman Edward C. Braunstein (D-Bayside) is happy to announce his annual Halloween Essay & Drawing Contest, open to students in grades two through

five who live or go to school in Assembly District 26. District-wide prizes will be awarded to the winner in each grade and New York State Assembly Certificates of Merit will be awarded to all students who participate.

The essay or drawing should have a Halloween theme, such as an account of the student's favorite trick or treat experience, or a drawing related to Halloween.

"This October, I'm inviting Northeast Queens students to get creative and submit a Halloween-themed essay or drawing to my office's annual contest," said Assemblyman Edward Braunstein. "I look forward to reviewing your

entries as we prepare to celebrate the holiday."

If a student is interested in participating, they are asked to please print their full name, grade, and school on their entry. Essays and drawings may be submitted to Assemblyman Braunstein's office by mail or drop-off to 213-33 39th Avenue, Suite 238, Bayside, NY 11361, or email to braunsteine@nyassembly.gov. Entries may be of any size or format. The contest deadline is Friday, November 4, 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact Assemblyman Braunstein's office at 718-357-3588.

Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar Gives Keynote Speech at Mayor's Office Roundtable on Domestic Violence in South Asian Diaspora

First South Asian Woman Elected To New York State Office Joins Advocates Of Domestic Violence Survivors In South Asian Community



Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar (D-AD 38) joined the Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence at the Queens Family Justice Center for a media roundtable on addressing domestic violence in the South Asian diaspora. The Assemblywoman delivered the keynote speech to an audience of members of the press and advocates for South Asian and Indo-Caribbean

women. ENDGBV Commissioner Cecile Noel said: "It's been my great privilege to work alongside [Assemblywoman Rajkumar] to help survivors of domestic and gender-based violence. As a Queens resident myself, I am so happy that her voice is in our State Assembly, that we have an advocate who truly understands survivors and the challenges that they face."

LGBTQ+ History Month Exhibit Now On View in NYS Capitol

'Flag in the Map: Charting Rainbow Flag Stories' Traveling Exhibition Reaffirms Pride Flag's Global Significance

New York State Office of General Services Commissioner Jeanette Moy has announced the opening of an LGBTQ+ History Month Exhibit at the State Capitol. The exhibit, "Flag in the Map: Charting Rainbow Flag Stories," reaffirms the Rainbow Flag's power to inspire members of LGBTQ+ communities across the globe. The exhibit will remain on view through January 2, 2023

in the East Gallery on the Capitol's second floor.

"LGBTQ+ History Month celebrates the great advancements made by the LGBTQ+ community toward equal rights since the Stonewall Uprising in 1969, which launched the LGBTQ+ rights movement right here in New York State," Commissioner Moy said. "The 'Flag in the Map: Charting Rainbow Flag Stories' exhibit demonstrates how the pride flag designed by Gilbert Baker has become a universal

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Statement From Senate Aging Committee Member Senator Kirsten Gillibrand on Social Security Cost-of-Living Increase

U.S. Senate Aging Committee member Senator Kirsten Gillibrand issued the following statement on the Social Security cost-of-living increase.

"Today's Social Security Administration announcement of an 8.7 percent increase in benefit checks, the largest increase since 1981, is fantastic news for more than 70 million Americans who are struggling with skyrocketing

drug prices, prohibitive housing costs, and the rising cost of living. The larger Social Security checks will start hitting mailboxes in January 2023.

As a member of the Senate Committee on Aging, I support strong cost-of-living adjustments because they help people keep up with recent increases in everyday expenses. Cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security benefits

can provide crucial resources for retirees and other beneficiaries who depend on Social Security.

I will also continue to champion the Social Security Expansion Act, which would ensure the solvency of Social Security for over 70 years by requiring the wealthiest among us to pay their fair share into the program, expand Social Security benefits across the board, and increase the cost-of-living adjustment."

Khadedra Hall is a Con Edison 2022 Living Our Values Award Winner



St. Albans Resident Earns Company's Highest Honor

Khadedra Hall received Con Edison's highest award for her commitment to safety, excellence and service to others at a ceremony hosted by Con Edison Chairman and CEO Tim Cawley.

Hall, a section manager in the company's Credit and Field Operations department has been with Con Edison for 16 years. She is a talented mentor, adviser, teacher, and leader. She shares her talents generously at Con Edison and in the community, helping people make their lives safer and better.

"No matter what I do, at work or in my personal life, I think about how I can be of service to others," Hall said. "Finding ways to help people is just a part of who I am."

Hall created the company's first Credit and Field Operations Safety Team to coordinate and standardize safety information and training opportunities. She coordinated the first Customer Operation Safety Conference in 2019 for 650 employees.

She continues to provide field operations with safety information and resources that promote a safe workforce and environment. Her latest effort is helping employees improve their defensive driving skills. She was named the 2020-2021 Safety Leader of the Year and has received numerous Team Awards for her work.

Hall is an advocate and enthusiastic supporter of Con Edison employees. She helps transition employees into new career paths with mock one-on-one interviews,

résumé writing, and discussing employment opportunities within the company. She is delighted to hear a colleague tell her, "I got the job."

Through her work with the Employee Resource Group called Blacks United in Leadership and Development (BUILD), Hall orchestrated three large events that promoted the company's diversity and inclusion message.

Hall's candid and straightforward approach produces results. Hall said, "There is power in saying thank you."

She always finds a way to give back. She has delivered "Still a Mother" gift baskets with members of the NYPD's 84th Precinct to women who suffered the loss of a child.

She has also raised money for the Melquain Jatelle Anderson Foundation, which fights gun violence by helping students prioritize their education. Her work with that organization earned her a Sept. 23 trip to the White House where she shared her insights on the foundation's work.

Hall serves the community by mentoring for the American Association of Blacks in Energy. She develops curriculums for a grant funded leadership and mentoring program for young women called Purelegacee. She is the co-owner of KNOX, which organizes pop-up shops that ask vendors to donate 10 percent of their proceeds to nonprofits.

She received several citations from then-Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams for her work in the community.

Hall, who lives in the St. Albans area of Queens, holds a master's and bachelor's of business from Monroe College. She is a graduate of John Jay High School in Park Slope, Brooklyn.

About the Living Our Values Award - Con Edison's "Living Our Values" award is given to the women and men who exemplify the company's values of service, honesty, concern, courtesy, teamwork, and excellence. The award was created in 1992 to recognize and honor the values and work ethic of outstanding employees who consistently serve as role models.

Attorney General James Sends Clear Message: Access to Abortion is Legal And Protected in New York

AG James Sends Letter to Law Enforcement to Remind Them about New York's

Abortion Laws and Protections for Residents, Visitors, and Providers

New York Attorney General Letitia James has reminded law enforcement throughout New York state: Abortion rights are protected in New York. In a letter sent to New York state law enforcement including district attorneys, county sheriffs, local police departments, and others, Attorney General James reminded agencies about New York's robust abortion rights laws which include protections for residents, visitors, and providers. The letter also included answers to frequently asked questions to ensure all law enforcement personnel in New York state understand that abortion rights are protected and have guidance on how to enforce those laws.

"As abortion rights are rolled back and banned in other states, it is important for everyone to know that New York is, and will continue to be, a safe haven for abortion access," said Attorney General James. "Everyone must understand the facts surrounding New York's abortion access and privacy protections, especially as other states are attempting to punish people who provide or obtain abortion care. I will always fiercely defend reproductive justice and freedom of choice in New York."

Following the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization decision by the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn the Roe v. Wade ruling that protected abortion rights nationwide, a patchwork of laws in different states, including some banning abortion completely, has led to confusion among patients, providers, and law enforcement. The letter from Attorney General James provides clear answers and information about abortion rights and protections in New York state, and offers help and guidance to state and local law enforcement officials.

Attorney General James noted that the recently passed laws continue New York's leadership in guaranteeing safety, security, and privacy for anyone seeking or providing lawful abortions. Attorney General James also informed her colleagues that the recently passed state laws ensure New York officials cannot help other states that attempt to penalize people for obtaining or providing lawful

abortion care in New York. Additionally, she urged her colleagues in law enforcement to familiarize themselves with local reproductive health service providers, help address their safety needs, and offer any necessary support to ensure there is no unlawful interference with reproductive health services. Attorney General James also encouraged law enforcement personnel to promptly report incidents of interference by contacting the Office of the Attorney General's Civil Rights Bureau at (212) 416-8250 and civil.rights@ag.ny.gov.

"The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) District II, representing ob-gyns and other medical professionals delivering obstetric and gynecologic care in New York, applauds Attorney General James for her guidance letter to law enforcement that outlines protections for abortion care delivered in our state," said Christine Herde, MD, FACOG, Chair, ACOG District II. "The attacks across the country necessitate bold and protective action in safe harbor states like New York for both patients and clinicians. By emphasizing New York will not help other states that seek to penalize people for obtaining or providing lawful abortion care in our state, this letter sends a strong message that New York recognizes abortion as essential health care and values the medical professionals who provide it."

"Complete chaos has ensued since the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, resulting in a public health crisis that is only getting worse," said Nancy Northup, President and CEO, Center for Reproductive Rights. "Abortion is already illegal in 12 states and that number will continue to grow as more states implement bans. Amid this uncertainty, we applaud the leadership of Attorney General James as a fierce advocate for the right to make one's own health care decisions, not only for New Yorkers, but for people from every state. Her statements today — along with the state's recent enactment of interstate shield laws protecting abortion providers, patients, and helpers — demonstrate with unequivocal clarity that people who travel to New York to exercise their right to abortion can do so without fear."

"Everyone deserves access to abortion, regardless of where you live," said April Lockley, DO, Medical Director, Miscarriage and Abortion Hotline. "We ap-

plaud the continued protection of abortion care in the state of New York. The M+A Hotline is staffed by volunteer clinicians who are here to support anyone in the U.S. who wants to ask a medical professional about their abortion care."

"We are grateful to New York Attorney General James for reaffirming the state's commitment to protecting access to abortion and ensuring that the state's law enforcement bodies are reminded of New York laws and provided guidance to be able to carry them out effectively," said Melissa Fowler, Chief Program Officer, National Abortion Federation (NAF). "Since the fall of Roe, clinics in New York — and other haven states — have seen an increase in patients from states with harmful abortion bans. Simultaneously, we have seen a steady rise in violence and harassment against providers from anti-abortion extremists who continue to be emboldened by the Supreme Court's decision. It is critical at this moment for states like New York to remind their law enforcement officials that abortion is both legal and protected and that they must proactively uphold the law so that patients can seek care without fear of intimidation and abortion providers can operate without threats and violence."

"We stand with the Attorney General in affirming that law enforcement has absolutely no place in reproductive healthcare, and we're proud to have worked with her team to ensure reproductive justice for New Yorkers and out-of-state patients alike," said Dana Sussman, Acting Executive Director, National Advocates for Pregnant Women. "Since 1973, we've documented more than 1,700 cases of pregnancy-related criminalization across the U.S. — even in New York. With abortion under attack, we must take every step possible to safeguard access and reproductive justice for all."

"We applaud Attorney General James for outlining such critical information about abortion access in New York in clear terms," said Andrea Miller, President, National Institute for Reproductive Health and NIRH Action Fund. "It is imperative that law enforcement understand the legal parameters for abortion providers and people seeking care. As the threats of criminalization and surveillance continue to rise in states that are hostile to abortion, we must be able to count on those charged with maintaining public safety

Statement From CM Won on Mayor Adams' Support of Innovation Queens

"My position on Innovation Queens remains the same: as long as the developers are not providing the deep affordability that our community needs, I will not support this project. We are amidst of a housing crisis, we have more than 20 homeless shelters in this district. Building market-rate luxury housing is not going to solve this crisis, there isn't enough deeply affordable housing in our city. We cannot continue to build luxury apartments for people who make over \$100,000 and expect

those benefits to trickle down in a few years. I am committed to securing as much affordability for my constituents and stand firm in my call for 55% affordability from this project. My community's needs will always take precedence above real estate interests."

"As long as the extra 15% remains undefined and uncommitted, this project remains at 25% affordable by the developers. A \$2 Billion project can provide more than the bare minimum for affordability."

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 Travel will not only bring you valuable information but also profits as well. Don't over spend. Try not to be too harsh with loved ones. Your lucky numbers are 9,3,1.

GEMINI
 (May 22 - June 21)
 Read between the lines before you sign any documents. You can enjoy social events and meet new potential mates. Your lucky numbers are 3,7,5.

CANCER
 (June 22 - July 22)
 Be careful while traveling. Investments will not be as they appear this week. Try to make the changes you feel are necessary. Your lucky numbers are 2,9,4.

LEO
 (July 23 - August 22)
 Your outgoing nature will attract someone you've been eager to meet. You may be upset if someone has borrowed something that belongs to you. Your lucky numbers are 3,7,6.

VIRGO
 (August 23 - September 23)
 Be careful not to show your temper when dealing with the boss. Talk to people who can give you important knowledge. Your lucky numbers are 1,8,9.

LIBRA
 (September 24 - October 23)
 Make sure to arrange in advance to spend quality time with family and friends. Your involvement in business groups will be favorable. Your lucky numbers are 5,3,8.

SCORPIO
 (October 24 - November 22)
 Someone at work may try to damage your reputation. Show recognition to the ones that meet their deadlines. Spend time with relatives. Your lucky numbers are 6,3,1.

SAGITTARIUS
 (November 23 - December 21)
 You may need to make changes to your legal documents. Involvement with groups will be favorable towards business partnerships and investments will prove lucrative. Your lucky numbers are 8,4,2.

CAPRICORN
 (December 22 - January 20)
 This week was meant for love. Make creative changes to your residence. You need to sit back and enjoy. Your lucky numbers are 1,8,9.

AQUARIUS
 (January 21 - February 19)
 Uncertainties regarding your home and family are evident. Opportunities will come through behind the scenes activities. Your lucky numbers are 2,7,6.

PISCES
 (February 20 - March 20)
 You may lose patients with elders try and control your anger. You have worked hard and the payback is now. Your lucky numbers are 7,3,2.

Did You Know?

- A woodpecker can peck 20 times a second
- Catfish have over 100,000 taste buds
- The world's smallest mammal is the bumblebee bat of Thailand
- England's Stonehenge is over 5,000 years old
- The Eiffel Tower is over 300m (984 ft) tall
- The Eiffel Tower is repainted every 7 years
- The Statue of Liberty weighs over 225 tons
- There are 132 rooms in the US White House
- Banana plants are the largest plants without a woody stem (they belong to the same family as lilies, orchids and palms)
- Bananas are a good source of vitamin C, potassium and fiber
- Bananas contain no fat, cholesterol or sodium
- Over 96% of American households purchase bananas at least once a month
- Mosquitoes dislike citronella because it irritates their feet
- Mosquitoes prefer children to adults and blondes to brunettes
- No two spider webs are the same
- There are over 900,000 known species of insects
- Worker ants may live for 7 years and the queen up to 15

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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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 - Death notice
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 - Rear end
 - Paintings
 - Large cup for hot liquids
 - Horse color
 - Legal claim
 - Flatboat
 - Denounce
 - Disentangle
 - Besmirch
 - Heredity unit
 - Found on rotary phones
 - Bite
 - North-northwest
 - Combines
 - Bigger
 - Exam
 - Double-reed woodwind
 - In all places
 - Tartness
 - French for "End"
 - Consumer of food
 - Border
 - Initial wager
 - Sea eagles
 - Marsh plant
 - Stinging insects
 - Administered
- DOWN**
- Dross
 - French Sudan, today
 - Black, in poetry
 - Yearn
 - Woody plants
 - Knee tendon
 - Give forth
 - Dogfish
 - Cheerleader's prop
 - Agitprop
 - Android
 - Similar
 - Doled
 - Domain
 - Smears
 - Circle fragments
 - Chamber
 - Rational
 - In peril
 - Convents
 - Incursion
 - Alumnus
 - LLLL
 - A Great Lake
 - Paperboy
 - Rapprochement
 - A prefabricated structure
 - Not a winner
 - House
 - French for "Red"
 - Thick woolen fabric
 - What a grape grows on
 - Relative of a rabbit
 - European volcano
 - Bobbin
 - Formerly (archaic)



Queens Community House Honors LaGuardia Community College President Kenneth Adams And Rapper Meyhem Lauren at Annual Gala

Queens Community House (QCH), one of the borough's largest social service organizations, honored Kenneth Adams, President of LaGuardia Community College, and Meyhem Lauren, rapper and former QCH participant during its Annual Gala at the Museum of the Moving Image in Astoria on October 12.

Close to 200 people were in attendance to support QCH, which serves more than 25,000 children, youth, adults, and older adults every year.

"QCH's Annual Gala is dedicated to celebrating the change-makers who have done so much to support Queens through the years, and Kenneth Adams and Meyhem Lauren are certainly deserving of this honor for the work they've done and continue to do for the community," said QCH Executive Director Ben Thomases.

Adams became President of LaGuardia Community College in 2020. In 2021, he launched a campaign to raise \$15 million to help LaGuardia students and Queens residents recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Earlier this year, LaGuardia launched the NYC Accelerated Workforce Recovery Hub, an initiative to help low-income communities in Queens and The Bronx that were upended by the pandemic. "The Hub is preparing youth and adults who have lost their livelihoods because of COVID-19 for careers in high-demand sectors, and QCH is proud to be one of two Queens service providers with whom LaGuardia chose to partner in this effort," said Ivonne Torres, QCH Associate Executive Director for Young Adult Services.

Last November, QCH partnered with Meyhem Lauren and Timberland to surprise youth program participants with free turkeys and Timberland boots. "Meyhem



Pictured left to right: Michael Stellman, QCH Board President; Ivonne Torres, QCH Associate Executive Director for Young Adult Services; Kenneth Adams, President of LaGuardia Community College; and Ben Thomases, QCH Executive Director. Kenneth Adams is honored at QCH's Annual Gala on October 12 at the Museum of the Moving Image in Queens, NY.

Lauren has always been such a selfless and caring individual since I've known him, so it wasn't a surprise when he reached out to make that event happen for Queens residents," said Patrick Pinchinat, QCH Director of the Pomonok Community Center.

During Meyhem Lauren's acceptance speech, he talked about QCH's impact on his life growing up. "QCH helped raise me," he said. "QCH provided me with a place to hang out, to play ball, to stay out of the street, to stay positive, and a place of employment in my late teens."

QCH's Gala raised close to \$500,000, and proceeds will be used toward supporting QCH's more than 50 programs in 15 Queens neighborhoods. "It's heartening to see this level of support for QCH," said Thomases. "Their support is vital to the work we do for individuals and families across the borough."

Sponsors for the event includ-

ed Goldman Sachs, Pre-Clivity Foundation, Bank of America, Citco, Citibank, Credit Suisse, JP Morgan Chase, Lamb Insurance, Morgan Stanley, and many others, including more than 19 advocate sponsors.

Queens Community House (QCH) is a multi-service settlement house committed to serving the diverse neighborhoods of Queens. QCH serves more than 25,000 children, youth, adults, and older adults every year. Our mission is to provide individuals and families with the tools to enrich their lives and build healthy, inclusive communities. Through a broad network of programs operating out of 39 sites in 15 neighborhoods, we offer Queens residents a needed support system at every stage of life, helping them to develop the knowledge, confidence, and skills to change their lives for the better and become active participants in their larger community.

Senator John Liu Celebrates 2022 Women Of Distinction Honoree, Jennifer Shannon



Long-time public school teacher, civic president, and "COVID Hero" recognized

State Senator John Liu yesterday celebrated his 2022 Women of Distinction honoree, Jennifer Shannon. Shannon is a long-time public school teacher, President of A Better College Point Civic Association, Chairperson of the College Point Memorial Day Parade Committee, a small business owner, and a volunteer for All About Rabbit Rescue. During the Covid-19 pandemic, she organized a team of volunteers to support College Point's food pantries and provided "thank you" meals for first responders. For her hard work and dedication, she was recognized by Brooklyn Borough President, now Mayor Eric Adams, for being a "Covid Hero."

Senator John Liu stated, "Jennifer Shannon is an activist of the highest caliber who always keeps a finger on the pulse of her

local community. Throughout her career as a public school teacher, and especially these last few years during the Covid-19 pandemic, she has demonstrated remarkable integrity and character that exemplifies what it means to be a good neighbor and public servant. For her tremendous contributions to our community, to those in need, and to the entire City of New York, we offer our deepest gratitude, and we proudly name her our 2022 Woman of Distinction."

Jennifer Shannon stated, "I am honored to be chosen by Senator John Liu for the 2022 Woman of Distinction award. In my current positions as President of a Better College Point Civic Association and Chairperson for the College Point Memorial Day parade committee, I am supported and strengthened by many other dedicated volunteers. Their endless support makes my efforts easier and less challenging. Thank you Senator Liu for this honor and your support over the years."

Greater Nexus And Queens Chamber of Commerce Host Tech Mixer in Jamaica

On Monday, October 17, dozens of business and tech leaders gathered for a tech mixer in Jamaica hosted by the Queens Chamber of Commerce, Queens' oldest and largest business association, and Greater Nexus, a recently opened 10,000 sq.ft. coworking space managed by the Greater Jamaica Development Corporation. Leaders from Queens' burgeoning tech scene networked and heard remarks from Tom Grech, President and CEO of the Queens Chamber of Commerce, Justin Rodgers, President and CEO of the Greater Jamaica Development Corporation and Jason Myles Clark, Executive Director of Tech:NYC.

"The tech scene in Queens is strong and growing with startups and established companies looking for space and seeking out like-minded businesses to aid their expansion. We created Greater Nexus to be that resource," said Justin Rodgers, President & CEO of Greater Jamaica Development Corporation. "Thanks to our partners at the Queens Chamber and Tech:NYC for showcasing opportunities to do business in



Jamaica." "The Greater Nexus space is a boon for economic opportunity in Jamaica and Southeast Queens. As a Jamaica native, I couldn't be more excited for its impact. New York's tech sector is already a leading driver of the city's economy, and its continued growth in Queens and the greater NYC region is essential to tech reaching its full potential. Affordable workspaces like Greater Nexus

will be important in supporting the growth of startups and other businesses in Queens and cultivating the leaders of New York's burgeoning tech sector," said Jason Myles Clark, Executive Director of Tech:NYC.

"With our diversity, education system and transportation network, Queens has everything tech companies - from start ups

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Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato Endorsement by NYC PBA

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Stacey Pheffer Amato was endorsed by the NYC Police Benevolent Association (PBA) for her re-election to the NYS Assembly.

"I am so honored by this endorsement and will never waver from my support of the police and their families. I will continue to fight to make sure law enforcement has all the resources and tools they need to keep us safe. The men and women of the NYPD deserve the highest level of respect and praise for the work they do. I am proud to stand up for law enforcement and it's an honor to know that I have their support too," said Stacey Pheffer Amato.

The President of the PBA, Pat Lynch said Pheffer Amato's "commitment to addressing the issues affecting New York City police officers is well recognized, and it will be an honor to have [her] continue representing our members in the Assembly. We



look forward to working with you towards our shared goal of a stronger, safer New York."

Pheffer Amato, who is seeking re-election in the 23rd Assembly District which covers Ozone Park, Lindenwood, Howard Beach, Broad Channel and the Rockaway Peninsula, has been praised on numerous occasions for her commitment and work in public safety and for being an ally

to law enforcement. She has been the prime co-sponsor on several pieces of legislation and policy initiatives in the State Assembly that have aimed at increasing tools and resources for law enforcement.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8 with early voting starting Saturday, October 29. To check your polling location visit vote.nyc

Meng Brings NASA Astronaut to Queens

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U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens) brought NASA Astronaut Dr. Jonny Kim to Queens where he met and spoke with students at Francis Lewis High School in Fresh Meadows and the Queens College School for Math, Science and Technology in Flushing. Meng and Kim also hosted a luncheon with local Korean American leaders in Flushing.

After Meng introduced him to the students, Kim talked about becoming an astronaut, space exploration, overcoming challenges, and his remarkable life and career. Presently, he is the only active NASA astronaut of Korean descent.

A child of South Korean immigrants, Kim became an astronaut after serving as a U.S. Navy SEAL, receiving the Silver Star and Bronze Star, and earning a medical degree from Harvard Medical School. His NASA assignments have included support to the International Space Station Operations as a Capsule Communicator (CapCom) in Mission Control and an Increment Lead for Expedition 65. Kim also provides support to NASA's upcoming Artemis mission, which will land the first woman and first person of color on the Moon and establish long-term lunar science and exploration capabilities.



"I thank Jonny Kim for coming to Queens and sharing his outstanding experiences with local students who will be our next generation of leaders, some of whom may be future astronauts, doctors, scientists and experts in other crucial fields," said Meng. "His life and career has been an inspiration to young people, and his visit served as a wonderful influence to Queens students. Thank you to Francis Lewis High School and the Queens College School for Math, Science and Technology for having us, and thank you to leaders from our borough's Korean American community for meeting with us. I also commend all the students for the great questions they asked during his presentation."

"It was a pleasure to visit the schools and speak to the children," said Kim. "Children are the future

and it's important that we plant the right seeds so they can grow to become the leaders, scientists and scholars we need. The most important message I shared with them is that the only ceiling we can't break through is the one we put on ourselves."

During the visit, Kim, dressed in his NASA flight suit, used a slide presentation to illustrate his life and background, and took questions from students on everything from being a Navy SEAL to space travel. He also took photos with the students which included elementary school students at the Queens College School for Math, Science and Technology, and Science Research Program students at Francis Lewis High School. His full bio can be viewed at: <https://www.nasa.gov/astronauts/biographies/jonny-kim/biography>.

Tribute to a Fallen Hero



Detective Brian P. Simonsen, of the 102nd Police Precinct, was a hero who dedicated his life to serving and protecting others. He was tragically killed in the line of duty in February 2019, and my Office made sure to hold accountable those responsible for his untimely death.

Queens District Attorney

Melinda Katz joined Det. Simonsen's family and colleagues recently to pay tribute to his life and legacy with a permanent fixture on 118th Street. Thanks to the efforts of Council Member Lynn Schulman, the street is now known as Det. Brian Simonsen Way. May his memory live on forever.

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Assemblywoman Rozic Hosts Annual Family Fun Day



On Sunday, October 23, 2022 Assemblywoman Nily Rozic (D,WF-Fresh Meadows) will be hosting her annual Family Fun Day in partnership with Samuel Field YM-YWHA (Commonpoint Queens) at the Farm Playground in Fresh Meadows.

All are invited to attend this free event and take part in bounce houses, face painting, food trucks, freebies and more! (See flyer.)

WHAT: Family Fun Day

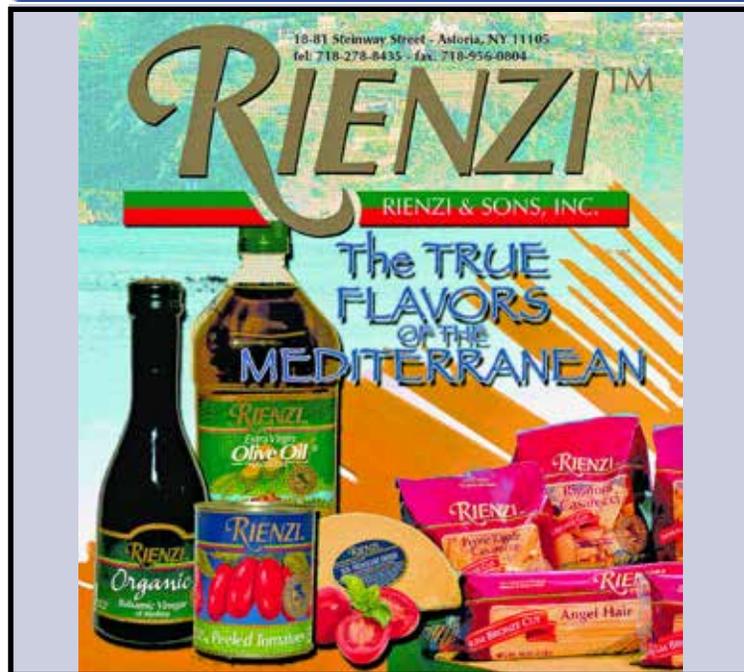
WHO: Assemblywoman Nily Rozic

Samuel Field YM-YWHA (Commonpoint Queens)

WHEN: October 23, 2022 - 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: Farm Playground

73rd Ave. & 196th Place (behind P.S. 26), Fresh Meadows, New York 11366



IT'S IN QUEENS

(Oct. 21 to Oct. 27)

The colorful leaves demonstrate the borough's natural beauty. The upcoming week of activities demonstrates the borough's entertainment quality with magic, ghosts, poetry, Jazz, open houses, and a lioness. Don't miss out on the Elton John guy.

- Oct. 21, Halloween Treat Trail, Oct. 31. Creep and crawl your way to special Halloween deals, candy, spooky surprises, and monster menu items at the Best Buy, Burlington, Chuck E. Cheese, Coco Tea, Derucci, Everyday Beauty, Gong Cha, GNC, Grandma Dimsum, Old Navy, Royal Beauty, Starbucks, and Uniqlo. The Shops at Skyview, 40-24 College Point Blvd., Flushing.

- Oct. 21, Philadelphia Freedom, 8 pm. Full of joy and unlimited energy, Doug Delescavage transforms into Elton John as he was in his twenties. He owns the stage with his domineering fashion sense that rivals no one but Mr. Captain Fantastic himself. Resorts World New York City, 110-00 Rockaway Blvd., South Jamaica.

- Oct. 21, Honey!!!...I Cheated On You With A Magician, Oct. 23. This standup comedy-magic routine mixes narrative and humor with a lot of fun. Alberto De Herrera shares how magicians conquer women's hearts. Shows are Oct. 21 at 8 pm; Oct. 22 at 3 pm and 8 pm; and Oct. 23 at 4 pm. Thalía Spanish Theatre, 41-17 Greenpoint Ave., Sunnyside.

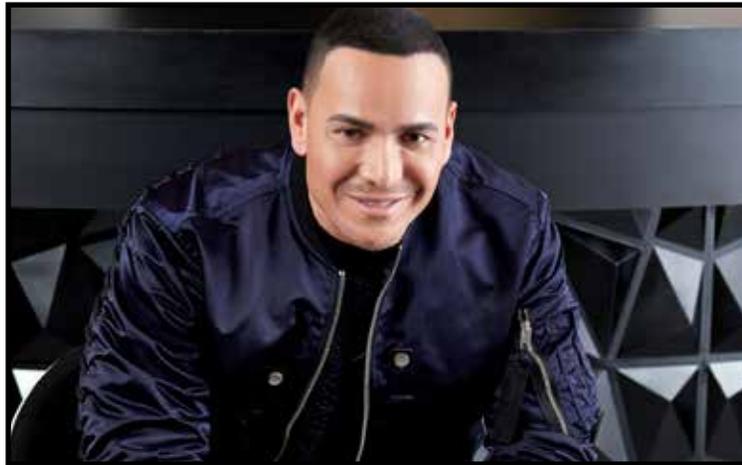
- Oct. 21, 5 Borough Music Festival: 5 Borough Songbook, Volume III, 7 pm. A night of live classical songs, duets, and ensembles co-organized by ON SITE OPERA. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd.
- Oct. 21, The Season's Last Poetry Showcase, 5 pm. A free event with 20 poets, a Happy Hour, and entertainment by Andrew The Magician. Culture Lab LIC, 5-25 46th Ave., Long Island City.

- Oct. 22, Concierto del Amor, 8 pm. A concert by a 16-time Grammy and Latin Grammy nominee, who is known as "El Sonero de la Juventud." Victor Manuelle likes to put his romantic twist on Tropical music with a unique sound that's based in danceable Salsa with large orchestral accompaniment. Queens College's Colden Auditorium, 153-49 Reeves Ave., Flushing.

- Oct. 22, Sunnyside Post Halloween Mile, 8 am. After a Covid-induced break, this annual race returns with a Halloween costume theme. Meet at Skillman Avenue and 43rd Street, Sunnyside.

- Oct. 22, Open House: Historic Church, 10 am. Small group tours of a church that's listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Check out the hidden organ and learn the church's history with Helen Keller, Branch Rickey, and Dale Carnegie. The Church-in-the-Gardens, 50 Ascan Ave., Forest Hills Gardens.

- Oct. 22, Fall Festival, noon. Dozens of vendors, pumpkin



Kup Victor Manuelle

patch, and Neir's Tavern's signature cocktail made with Uncle Nearest Whiskey, a beverage that honors the world's first-known African-American master distiller, Nathan "Nearest" Green. In the 1850s, Uncle Nearest taught the distilling process to a young Jack Daniel. King Manor Museum, 150-03 Jamaica Ave.

- Oct. 22, Forest Bathing Walk, 10:30 pm. Certified guide Linda Lombardo leads a meditative forest walk as per the Japanese Shinrin-Yoku tradition. The goal is to inspire mindful connections with the natural elements of the woods for a range of healthful benefits. Alley Pond Environmental Center, 224-65 76th Ave., Oakland Gardens.

- Oct. 22, Hazmat Modine with Special Guest Balla Kouyaté, 8 pm. African. Mississippi Blues. Tin Pan Alley. Performances by Hazmat Modine are ever-changing, as the group takes influences from their travels into each new venue. The NYC-based group jams with Balla Kouyaté, a 2019 National Heritage Fellow, Balafon player, and Djeli. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd.

- Oct. 22, Departures, 2 pm. This one-day, three-act, multi-genre presentation honors Filipino American History Month. Socrates Sculpture Park, 32-01 Vernon Blvd., Long Island City.

- Oct. 22, Armstrong Now, 1 pm. An outdoor concert featuring the Ulysses Owens Jr. Generation Y Band with special guests Milton Suggs and Shenel Johns follows a panel discussion in partnership with the National Museum of African American History and Culture. Louis Armstrong House Museum, 34-56 107th St., Corona.

- Oct. 22, Broadway Babies Concert, 4 pm. Cathy and Michael Chimenti are married in real life and on the stage. They offer songs, music, laughs, and stories. Maple Grove Cemetery, 127-15 Kew Gardens Rd.

- Oct. 22, We Finna Celebrate, noon. A community celebration featuring a free, gender-affirming pop-up for Black and Brown LG-BTQIA+ community members. Peruse gender-affirming gear, clothing, and donated resources and connect with various mutual aid groups and organizations. Art and movement workshops, live drag, stand-up, and music. Queens

Museum, NYC Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- Oct. 22, Ghouls in the Garden, 3 pm. A not-too-spooky Halloween gathering with art-making, scavenging, games, stories, and treats. Voelker Orth Museum, 149-19 38th Ave., Flushing.

- Oct. 23, Hell Gate Walking Tour, 2 pm. Explore the East River's treacherous Hell Gate with a guide. Meet at Randall's Island Park.

- Oct. 23, Open House NY: Flushing, 1 pm. Drop-in house tours all day as part of the 20th annual, citywide Open House NYC effort. Voelker Orth Museum, 149-19 38th Ave., Flushing.

- Oct. 23, Classical Kids Fair, 1 pm. WQXR heads to the world's most diverse borough for live classical music, an instrument petting zoo, arts, crafts, radio, and dance workshops. Free. Queens Theatre, 14 United Nations Ave., S., Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- Oct. 23, Open House NY: Bayside, 1 pm. Free tours and talks about The Castle, a Gothic Revival landmark that was built in 1887 as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Officers' Mess Hall and Club.

- Oct. 26, David Thomson: Vessel, Oct. 29. The world premiere of choreographer and performer David Thomson's durational performance installation. Centered on witnessing, it asks all involved to engage their senses and imaginations in the process of listening on different – and deeper – levels; embracing the unseen as a palpable state of possibility. Shows are Wednesday through Saturday at 5 pm and 7 pm. The (New) Chocolate Factory Theater, 38-33 24th St., Long Island City

- Oct. 27, Lioness: Women in Jazz Concert Series Part 1, 7:30 pm. This concert features guitarist/composer Amanda Monaco and her quartet Deathblow. The concert promotes women composers who share their artistic process and methods. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd.

- Oct. 27, We Carry Their Bones: The Search for Justice at the Dozier School for Boys, 6 pm. Forensic anthropologist Erin Kimberle talks about his book on a Florida reform school that was the center of a scandal and the process to exhume the graves of the boys buried there to reunite them with their families.

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Council Members Lee, Holden, Hanks, Velazquez, And Majority Whip Brooks-Powers Introduce Legislation to Distribute Catalytic Conversion Etching Kits

Council Member Linda Lee, alongside Council Members Robert Holden, Kamillah Hanks, Marjorie Velazquez, and Majority Whip Selvena Brooks-Powers, introduced legislation to create a citywide program to distribute Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) kits to etch identifying numbers into catalytic converters to deter future thefts. [Int.759<https://legistar.council.nyc.gov/LegislationDetail](https://legistar.council.nyc.gov/LegislationDetail) will require the New York City Police Department, in collaboration with the New York City Department of Transportation, to distribute these kits to car dealers and the general public for personal use.

“Across the City, there’s been an exponential surge in catalytic converter thefts. Amidst inflation and a worsening economy, our constituents are being saddled with thousands of dollars in repair and replacement costs,” said Council Member Linda Lee, co-Chair of the New York City Council Queens Delegation. “The precious metals found in a catalytic converter are worth thousands of dollars on the black market, and this Council has the opportunity to empower New Yorkers to protect themselves and curtail this illegal activity. I am proud to introduce this legislation alongside Council Members Robert Holden, Kamillah Hanks, Marjorie Velazquez, and Majority Whip Selvena Brooks-Powers to

codify catalytic converter etching into law to give residents in our communities this much-needed protection.”

“The precious metals found in catalytic converters have become the latest commodity to entice illegal activity,” said NYC Council Majority Whip Selvena N. Brooks-Powers. “This new legislation will ensure New Yorkers have the tools to curb the rampant increase in catalytic converter theft and empower them to safeguard their vehicles with the VIN etching kits. As the Chair of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I am proud to stand with my colleagues in support of this legislation.”

“The scourge of rampant catalytic converter thefts hasn’t spared any neighborhood in the city, bringing crime right to our local streets and driveways,” said Council Member Robert Holden. “Any measure that can help cut down on these thefts is worthwhile and I’m proud to stand with my colleagues to introduce this bill.”

“Catalytic converter thefts are ravaging car owners across New York, especially in heavily car-reliant areas like my district on Staten Island,” said Council Member Kamillah Hanks. “Through this legislation, our city is taking proactive action toward keeping New Yorkers’ property safe, preventing the costly impacts of this crime, and making it that much more

difficult for bad actors to profit off of illegal activity. I am glad to join my colleagues in introducing this legislation, and hope that it will make a meaningful difference for our constituents.”

A catalytic converter is a device located on the bottom of the vehicle that helps control exhaust emissions. This mechanism begins to heat up as exhaust from the car enters the convertor, turning carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons into less harmful emissions. These converters are valuable due to being constructed out of semi-precious metals including rhodium, palladium, and platinum. Catalytic converter thefts in New York City have risen by approximately 269% over the past year<<https://nypost.com/2022/08/20/more-than-5000-catalytic-converter-thefts-reported-in-nyc/>>, with Queens leading the way with over 2,092 catalytic converter thefts by August 2022, compared to 574 during the same period last year. This trend has left residents with repair costs of \$5,000 to \$10,000 on average. While the New York City Police Department has already begun distributing Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) kits for car owners to etch serial numbers into their catalytic converters, due to high demand many precincts were forced to wait weeks - or even months to receive a new supply.

Attorney General James Sends Clear Message: Access to Abortion is Legal And Protected in New York

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here in New York to do just that. With the anti-abortion movement’s relentless misinformation campaigns, it’s paramount that police do not harm people and communities — including disproportionately oppressed communities — for simply trying to access the health care they need.”

“In this moment, the country needs New York’s leadership. Half the states are moving with lightning speed to ban virtually all abortions, and access to care in many parts of the country is already a fiction,” said Donna Lieberman, Executive Director, New York Civil Liberties Union. “We applaud Attorney General James for doing everything she can to ensure that New York law enforcement know that abortion is a fundamental right, and that it is their duty to respect that right. Five decades ago, and three years before Roe, New York opened its doors to women from across the U.S. who needed abortion care, and we are called to do so once again. Women, young people, transgender, and gender non-conforming people are counting on us.”

“Now more than ever, it is critical that patients seeking abortion care, abortion providers, and law enforcement officials have a clear understanding of the privacy and safety protections New York state laws provide,” said Georgana Hanson, Interim President and CEO, Planned Parenthood Empire State Acts. “We are grateful for the Attorney General’s unwavering leadership in addressing this issue, and know this communication and partnership will ensure that laws designed to protect bodily autonomy and essential health care are upheld in New York, while making clear that interference with reproductive health services will not be tolerated. Patient privacy and safety is paramount, and addressing the safety needs of providers and clinics is critical to keeping access to abortion care a reality.”

“We applaud this move by the state of New York to ensure its abortion providers and their patients feel safe giving and receiving care. Providers should be able to offer legal health care without fear that they will be investigated or prosecuted,” said Alexis McGill Johnson, President and CEO, Planned Parenthood Federation of America. “New York continues to be a critical access point for patients who are seeking safe abortion care. We will continue to support the compassionate and brave providers that stand up for patients’ freedom to make decisions and receive care that is best for their bodies, their families, and their futures.”

“We applaud Attorney General James for her efforts today, and every day, to protect access to abortion for those seeking care in New York,” said Vincent Russell, President and CEO, Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic. “We know this is a confusing time and having this clarification for law enforcement, New York courts,

and county clerks will help clarify current New York laws related to abortion. At Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic we believe every person has the right to make decisions about their sexual and reproductive health care and politicians from other states cannot impose their laws in New York.”

“As sexual and reproductive health is increasingly threatened nationwide, we are committed to ensuring that our client’s privacy is protected and New York remains a true safe haven for abortion services,” said Lisa David, President and CEO, Public Health Solutions. “We fully support Attorney General James’ effort to provide confidential health services to everyone seeking care in our state.”

Attorney General James has been a prolific fighter for abortion rights and abortion access. In August, Attorney General James took action to protect New Yorkers’ access to reproductive health care prescriptions and products at CVS and Walgreens pharmacies. Also in August, Attorney General James commended Google for taking steps to improve search results for individuals seeking abortion care following a letter she sent in June expressing concerns about search results that directed individuals seeking abortions to dangerous and misleading anti-abortion “crisis pregnancy centers.” Also in June, Attorney General James launched a legal hotline to help provide legal guidance to patients, health-care providers, and supporters seeking information about their legal rights. In May, Attorney General James supported state legislation to establish a state program to provide financial resources to abortion providers in New York and called for a New York state Constitutional Amendment ensuring the right to an abortion.

Attorney General James has helped lead a coalition of states’ attorneys general in combating efforts to restrict abortion access. This past August, Attorney General James filed two amicus briefs in U.S. District Courts in Idaho and Texas arguing that near total bans on abortion conflict with the federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act. In December 2021, she filed an amicus brief supporting a challenge to Arizona’s “reason ban” that prohibits abortion when it is sought because of the presence of a fetal abnormality. In November 2021, she filed an amicus brief supporting a constitutional challenge to several Indiana laws that impose burdensome restrictions on abortion providers that are not imposed on other health care providers. In October 2021, she filed an amicus brief urging the U.S. Supreme Court to stop Texas’ unconstitutional six-week abortion ban, Senate Bill 8 (SB 8), by vacating a Fifth Circuit order that let the abortion ban continue to take effect. In September 2021, she filed an amicus brief in the U.S. Supreme Court supporting a challenge to a Mississippi law that bans abortions after 15 weeks.

The New York State Department Of Labor Announces Minimum Wage Increase For Home Care Aides

The New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL) has announced a minimum wage increase for home care aides. Effective October 1, 2022, through Public Health Law § 3614-f, the minimum wage for home care aides has been increased to \$17.00 per hour in New York City, Long Island, and Westchester, and \$15.20 per hour for the remainder of New York State.

“We know how valuable our home care aides are, especially with the shortages we’re currently seeing,” said New York State Department of Labor Commissioner Roberta Reardon. “This minimum wage increase will ensure home care aides are well paid and able to support themselves and their families, which will help attract more people to the profession. Overall, this will ensure better worker retention and patient care.”

This follows an order by the Commissioner and State Budget Director raising the general minimum wage to \$14.20 for counties outside of New York City, West-

chester, and Long Island, beginning on December 31, 2022, leading to an additional \$1.00 increase an hour for Home Care Aides in those locations.

Under Public Health Law § 3614-f, “home care aide” refers to a home health aide, personal care aide, home attendant or other licensed or unlicensed person whose primary responsibility includes the provision of in-home assistance with activities of daily living, instrumental activities of daily living or health-related tasks; provided, however, that home care aide does not include any individual (i) working on a casual basis, or (ii) who is a relative through blood, marriage or adoption of: (1) the employer; or (2) the person for whom the worker is delivering services, under a program funded or administered by federal, state or local government.

Home care aides may be owed extra pay in addition to minimum wage rates for:

- Overtime - Home care aides must be paid 1½ times their regu-

lar rate of pay for weekly hours over 40 (or 44 for residential employees).

- Call-in pay - If home care aides go to work as scheduled and their employer sends them home early, they may be entitled to extra hours of pay at the minimum wage rate for that day.

- Spread of hours - If home care aides’ workdays last longer than ten hours, they may be entitled to extra daily pay. The daily rate is equal to one hour of pay at the minimum wage rate.

- Uniform maintenance - If home care aides clean their own uniform, they may be entitled to additional weekly pay.

The only time an employer may reduce wages below minimum wage is to claim a limited allowance for meals and lodging, provided they do not charge for those services.

To learn more about minimum wage rates, visit NYSDOL’s minimum wage webpage and view this fact sheet to learn more about home care aide wages.

Velázquez, Schumer Call on Biden Administration to Establish a Puerto Rico Recovery Task Force

U.S. Representative Nydia Velázquez (D-NY) and U.S. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) led a bicameral letter calling on the Biden Administration to establish a Recovery Task Force for Puerto Rico. The task force would be modeled after

the successful Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force created by the Obama Administration in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. The Puerto Rico Recovery Task Force’s goal would be to provide a roadmap for the island’s long-term recovery and ensure greater

interagency cooperation. Five years after Hurricane Maria and as the island continues to deal with the devastating impacts of Hurricane Fiona, the Senators and Representatives are also urg-

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Northwell, Queens County Farm Museum Announce Community Collaborative to Promote Health And Wellness Through Farming And Agriculture

Strategic collaboration to encourage healthier eating and more sustainable living through educational opportunities; farm-to-table procurement to make fresh produce more accessible

On National Farmer's Day on October 12, which pays tribute to the hardworking farmers around the country at the height of the harvest season, Northwell Health and Queens County Farm Museum have announced a new community collaborative and strategic alliance to advance health priorities, including healthy eating and access to healthy food in an effort to curb diabetes, obesity, cancer and improve maternal and mental health while serving economically disadvantaged and minoritized communities across the greater New York region.

This unprecedented five-year collaboration between the Queens County Farm Museum, which showcases 325 years of farming through educational programming, public events, its farmstand program and local food work, and Northwell, New York State's largest private employer and health care provider, is a strategic alliance that will help instill healthy values for New Yorkers while providing opportunities for the next generation of New Yorkers to work and learn from both historic institutions.

"Northwell Health and Queens County Farm Museum have been jointly working together over the past three years developing this health and wellness program. Its scope and scale is unprecedented for our organizations," said Jennifer Walden Weprin, executive director of the Queens County Farm Museum. "Programmatically, we can deeply affect change together for communities in need. Our work together begins now."

Four key pillars of this new

strategic alliance include:

- Access to agriculture through education: Queens Farm and Northwell will create co-branded educational programming and materials on site at Queens Farm and across Northwell's proximate entities to strengthen the public's connection to healthy food and healthy eating. Queens County Farm Museum's 500,000 annual visitors along with the entire Northwell community of patients and employees and their families will be served by this partnership in addition to those who want to access the resources virtually.

- Farm-to-Table: Northwell will procure farm fresh food from Queens County Farm Museum for its patients and staff to reinforce healthy eating. Interfacing with Northwell's innovative patient services, Queens Farm will provide recipes, cooking demos and tastings to compliment this work, creating a holistic experience around healthy food for the Northwell community at large.

- Volunteer and apprenticeship-based opportunities: The Northwell Health Community Scholars Program will give high school and college students access to the 47-acre working farm. In addition, a new Student Ambassador program will be created as a service-based model of agricultural training for high school and college students. This program will cultivate future leaders, advocates and a green workforce.

- All new sensory experience program: The program will be developed with Zucker Hillside Hospital in Queens and Cohen Children's Medical Center in New Hyde Park for Queens Farm as an extension of Northwell's award-winning Bee Mindful Program to serve children with autism and other disabilities, supporting the development of their social-emotional and independent living

skills and self-awareness through seeing, smelling, feeling, tasting and working at Queens Farm.

"This collaboration enables Northwell Health to expand access to healthy food programs, educate our communities on eating healthy and being fit while providing additional opportunities for our youth from economically disadvantaged backgrounds," said Debbie Salas-Lopez, MD, senior vice president of Community and Population Health at Northwell. "Northwell recognizes that health equity is important to maintaining healthy communities and access to nutritious food plays a foundational role."

This new community collaborative is launching during a busy fall season for both institutions. At Queens County Farm Museum, visitors are enjoying the Amazing Maize Maze, historic farmhouse tours, School-to-Farm Education program and free site admission to the annual Harvest Weekends that will soon benefit from Northwell's presence at the Farm. Northwell's programs include: Wellness on Wheels, which educates kids PreK-4 grade on eating fruits and vegetables, and the Northwell Community Scholars Program, a high school pipeline to college program will soon have expanded educational opportunities at Queens County Farm Museum.

This collaboration comes at a time when there is renewed focus on health and wellness program and sustainability initiatives as New York grows toward a greener and healthier place to live, work and raise a family.

For more information on Northwell Health, please visit www.northwell.edu. For more information on Queens County Farm Museum, please visit www.queensfarm.org

Greater Nexus And Queens Chamber of Commerce Host Tech Mixer in Jamaica . . . (Continued from page 6)

to established industry giants – need to grow and thrive. The Queens Chamber and the Queens Tech Council are dedicated to supporting a strong tech ecosystem throughout Queens. We are delighted to be here in Jamaica, at the beautiful Greater Nexus, to connect with tech leaders in Southeast Queens. I want to thank Justin Rodgers and Jason Myles Clark, two wonderful partners in fostering the growth of tech in our borough," said Tom Grech, President and CEO of the Queens Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber launched the Queens Tech Council in February 2021. Council members include representatives from Google, Facebook, Amazon, Pursuit, LIC Partnership, Greater Jamaica Development Corporation, Crown Castle, JetBlue Ventures, Cornell Tech, and The Business Incubator Association of New York State. They recently announced the launch of an Incubator Spaces Program, which will provide free office space to selected tech startups at Greater Nexus, and other sites throughout the borough.

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

About the Queens Tech Council: - The Queens Tech Council focuses on building an economy that embraces innovation and promotes tech adoption, from existing giants in established industries to startups working on cutting edge applications. This means ensuring Queens is producing the talent that companies look for, that Queens-based tech companies are able to get the resources and capital they need, and that businesses in traditional industries are able to adapt to the changing economy, successfully integrate new technologies, and upskill their workforces to remain competitive and thrive in the years to come. <https://www.queentechcouncil.com/>

Velázquez, Schumer Call on Biden Administration to Establish a Puerto Rico Recovery Task Force

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ing the Biden Administration to continue to expeditiously send resources and increase coordination to ensure Puerto Rico's swift, equitable, and full recovery.

"In this stage of the recovery, federal efforts must focus on addressing coordination challenges and facilitating the effective disbursement of funds rather than creating additional obstacles. To that end, we request the creation of a Recovery Task Force and at minimum the coordination of all relevant federal agencies as well as engagement with a broad coalition of local stakeholders in planning the recovery—including Puerto Rico's central government, municipalities, non-profits, academic, and the private and civic sectors," wrote the lawmakers.

Though Congress has allocated \$80 billion for the island's recovery, persistent bottlenecks have complicated the disbursement of federal disaster funding. Many of the delays can be attributed to the Trump Administration's inaction and delay in releasing recovery funding. According to the Center for a New Economy, a local think tank, the post-Maria recovery has suffered from a systemic lack of coordination: among federal agencies, between federal agencies and their local counterparts, and between federal and state agencies on one side and municipalities on the other. The Fiscal Oversight and Management Board's (FOMB) ongoing austerity policies have

also hobbled the ability of local governments to respond to crises and prepare for future climate impacts. While the Biden Administration has taken steps to remove unnecessary barriers to federal disaster funding and taken actions to advance the recovery and rebuilding effort, Velázquez, Schumer, and other congressional leaders believe a Recovery Task Force is still needed to provide a long-term outlook that will support Puerto Rico's most vulnerable populations.

"After five years of bottlenecks, the Biden Administration must continue to act with urgency to establish the necessary mechanisms for a comprehensive, effective, and forward-looking recovery for Puerto Rico. We believe an increased interagency coordination and oversight are crucial first steps for ensuring a better, more resilient future for the island and we look forward to working together with your Administration," concluded the Senators and Representatives.

The letter was also signed by Sens. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Edward J. Markey (D-MA), Bob Menendez (D-NJ), and Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), and Representatives Jamaal Bowman (D-NY), Adriano Espaillat (D-NY), Dwight Evans (D-PA), Raúl M. Grijalva (D-AZ), Ted W. Lieu (D-CA), Grace Meng (D-NY), Darren E. Soto (D-FL), and Ritchie Torres (D-NY).

Council Member Julie Won: Statement on Innovation QNS



Recently, an internal email sent to Council Members and staff had been leaked publicly. In the email, I outlined for my colleagues the strong reservations I have about the current Innovation QNS development proposal.

The Innovation QNS team seeks to totally redevelop 5 square blocks of working-class, low-rise Astoria, and if approved, this \$2 billion project would be the largest rezoning in Queens' history. My district has seen that luxury development built with insufficient affordability only serves

to accelerate rent increases and displace working-class residents and people of color. The project area is home to hundreds of immigrant families and is one of the few remaining corners of my district where housing is still relatively affordable—despite this, nearly half of the residents here are already rent-burdened.

Initially, Innovation QNS proposed a luxury residential and retail development with the minimum 25% affordability. Astoria residents, the local community board, and the Queens Borough President all voted "No" on this plan, calling for more affordable apartments. The developers now claim that they will provide 40% affordability, but the 15% increase would have to be funded entirely through taxpayer subsidies. As Council Member, I stand firm in demanding that Innovation QNS provide more affordable housing—40% funded by the developer, and if the City were to fund an ad-

ditional 15%, it would mean a total of 55% affordable housing units.

This rezoning will inevitably increase rents for the neighborhood and displace our immigrant and working class residents who have lived, worked, and spent their entire lives here. As Council Member, it is my duty to advocate on behalf of my constituents—and my constituents demand more affordable housing. Therefore, I will not approve this project unless the developer provides more affordable units, bringing Innovation QNS to 55% affordability. If the developers cannot meet my community's needs at this time, I am willing to work with them in the future, in partnership with local residents and the city, as part of a community-led Neighborhood Rezoning. I am committed to ensuring that my residents can afford to live in their own neighborhoods, and will always center my community's needs above real estate interests.

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NOTICE OF PROCEEDINGS SUIT NO. SU 2022 ES 00884 TO: Jean Bernal 631 Edgecombe Avenue, Apartment 3 New York, NY 10032 United States of America

TAKE NOTICE that LILLIAN MAY BERNAL also known as LILLIAN MAE CHIN also known as MAE CHIN also known as LILLIAN MAY CHIN also known as MAY CHIN ("the Deceased") late of 18 Gerbera Drive, Kingston 6 in the parish of Saint Andrew, Home Duties, Deceased died on the 22nd day of July 1988.

TAKE NOTICE Hyacinth Brown, surviving issue of BERNICE LOUISE TAPPER, also known as BERTHA LOUISE BERNAL, the Deceased's sister of the whole blood who predeceased her, intends to make the application for a Grant of Administration in the Supreme Court of Judicature of Jamaica and she has filed an Application for the Deceased to be treated as having died intestate by way of Suit No. SU 2022 ES 00884

You have been identified as a surviving issue of NORMAN BERNAL and entitled to claim a share in the estate in the stead of NORMAN BERNAL, the Deceased's brother of the whole blood who predeceased her, you having survived the intestate.

You should consider obtaining legal advice with regards to this Notice. If you wish to respond to this Notice you may contact the applicant whose address for service is that of her Attorneys-at-Law, Messrs. Livingston, Alexander & Levy.

Signed: Livingston, Alexander & Levy (Attorneys-at-Law for the Claimant) FILED by LIVINGSTON, ALEXANDER & LEVY of No. 72 Harbour Street, Kingston, Attorneys-at-Law for and on behalf of the Applicant herein whose address for service is that of his Attorneys-at-Law, (Attention: Ms. Analiese Minott, Attorney No. 6319) Telephone No. (876) 922-6310-9, Fax No. (876) 922-0713, Email: aminott@lival.co 10/20&27/2022

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Notice of Formation of 53-20 44TH STREET OWNER, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/13/22. Office location: Queens County. Princ. office of LLC: c/o The Bay Crane Companies, Inc., 11-02 43rd Ave., Long Island City, NY 11101. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 10/20,27,11/3,10,17&24/2022



Bus Riders Condemn City Hall's Bus Lane Delays

Riders Alliance Senior Organizer Jolyse Race said: "Mayor Adams promised better service for millions of bus riders by building 150 miles of new busways and bus lanes in four years, exceeding the mandate of the Streets Plan law. Yet this year, Mayor Adams has built barely six miles of bus lanes, far less than the 20 miles required by law, and must now octuple his pace of construction to keep his own promise to riders.

"Fordham Road and Northern Boulevard serve 100,000 bus riders every day, riders who will never get back precious time lost to City Hall's delays in busways and bus lanes. In June, Mayor Adams promised Queens and Bronx riders major speed and reliability improvements on both corridors this year. The time has come for him to get stuff done for bus riders."

LGBTQ+ History Month Exhibit Now On View in NYS Capitol . . . (Continued from page 3)

symbol of the movement, especially in parts of the world where members of the LGBTQ+ community continue to struggle against discrimination."

"Flag in the Map: Charting Rainbow Flag Stories" is a traveling exhibition from the Gilbert Baker Foundation that was the product

of a collaborative educational project between the foundation and the global human rights organization ReportOUT. Baker, an artist, designer, and educator, is credited with creating the LGBTQ Rainbow Flag in 1978.

The Flag in the Map project documented people

flying their Pride Flags in all parts of the world. Participants were asked to share what the Pride Flag means to them. A selection of the responses is displayed in the exhibit, which has traveled around the world.

To learn more about the exhibit, visit <https://empirestateplaza.ny.gov/flag-map>.



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Wednesday, October 26, 2022

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

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- Answer questions about summonses
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- Answer questions about the hearing process
- Help people reschedule upcoming hearings or request new hearings after missed hearing dates
- Check on the status of summonses
- Help people understand the process and what is necessary after the hearing
- Help people understand the rules about how a summons can be responded to

OATH staff will be virtually on Zoom to assist and educate people about what to do if they have received a summons. Staff will also be able to check and determine if someone has an outstanding summons and advise as to their options on how to proceed. OATH will also provide materials for individuals on remote hearings and other free resources provided by OATH.

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Rozic Joins Health Care Day of Action Tour



Pictured (L to R): Assemblywoman Nily Rozic with Queens Community House Ben Thomases, Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Congresswoman Grace Meng, Queens Borough President Donovan Richards.

Assemblywoman Nily Rozic (D, WF-Fresh Meadows) toured the Queens Community House Forest Hills Older Adult Center hosted by Congresswoman Grace Meng. After the tour, Rozic joined the Health Care Day of Action Roundtable to discuss how to lower the cost of healthcare for New York seniors.

Queens College Celebrates 85th Anniversary



Pictured above left to right: Robert Jacobs '70, President Frank H. Wu, and Peter Archer '85 and '87

On October 12, Queens College President Frank H. Wu presided over a celebration marking the 85th anniversary of the first day of classes at the college on October 11, 1937. Among the offerings in a daylong series of events for an invited audience were the presentation of President's Medals—the college's highest administrative honor—to notable alumni Peter Archer '85 and '87, and Robert Jacobs '70. Archer, a music teacher for more than 30 years at Nathaniel Hawthorne Middle School 74 in Queens, served as a cultural consultant and role model on the 2020 Disney Pixar Academy Award-winning movie Soul. Jacobs, president of Health/ROI, a company he founded, established an endowment fund that has so far provided 13 scholarships to deserving students. Guests viewed a historical exhibition and video on the college, followed by a reception with live music.



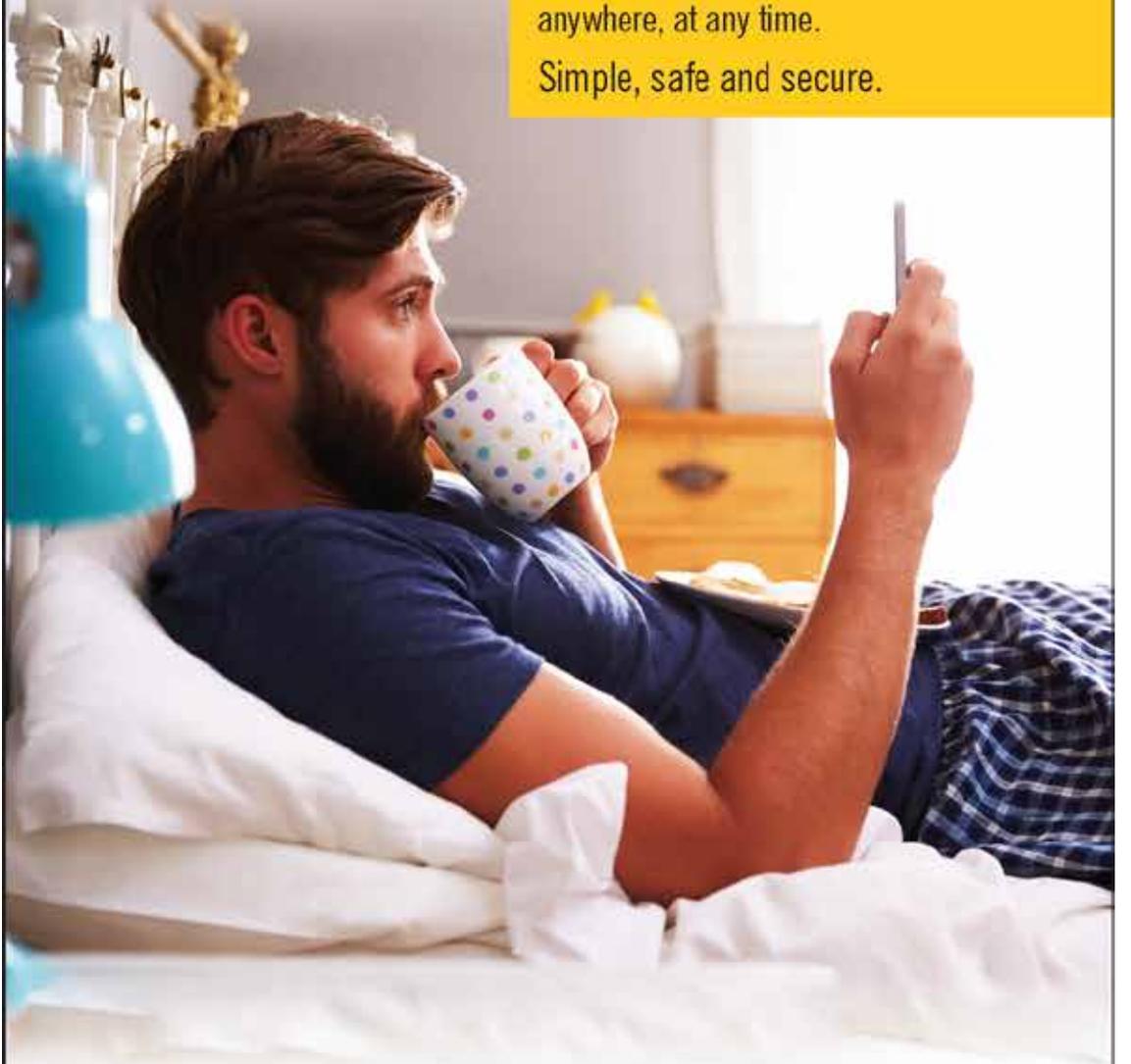
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