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## Republican Jewish Coalition Bans Rep-Elect George Santos Over Fabricated Background

The Republican Jewish Coalition (RJC) said it is banning Rep-elect George Santos (R-NY) after news emerged that he fabricated large parts of his resume and misrepresented his heritage.

Santos has come under fire in the wake of reports dispelling a claim on his campaign website that his mother is Jewish and his grandparents, who were born in Brazil, according to records obtained by the Forward — “fled Jewish persecution in Ukraine, settled in Belgium, and again fled persecution during WWII.”

“We are very disappointed in Congressman-elect Santos. He deceived us and misrepresented his heritage. In public comments and to us personally, he previously claimed to be Jewish. He has



begun his tenure in Congress on a very wrong note,” the influential conservative group said. “He will not be welcome at any future RJC

event.

While Santos, who spoke about

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## Assemblyman Edward Braunstein Delivers Thousands of Holiday Toys to Queens Children in Need



St Mary's Hospital for Children

Assemblyman Edward C. Braunstein (D-Bayside) is proud to announce that, through the generosity of hundreds of Northeast Queens families, eleven schools, and several community civic organizations, his office's annual Holiday Toy Drive collected thousands of toys for needy and hospitalized children and teens. The toys have been distributed to several charitable

organizations throughout Queens ahead of the holidays.

“Through the overwhelming kindness and generosity of so many Northeast Queens residents, my office was filled to the brim with thousands of toys for children of all ages,” said Assemblyman Edward Braunstein. “Each donation will help a local

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## Council Member Julie Won And DEP Go on Walkthrough of High-Flood Zones in District 26



CM Won (left), Jerry Fragias from DEP, and a constituent inspect manhole covers in the district. See story on page 6.

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### CONSUMER ALERT: Attorney General James Cautions Against Price Gouging of Children's Medication

*"Tripledemic" Causing Shortages of Children's Painkillers and Fever Reducers*

**AG James Encourages Consumers to Report Excessive Price Increases**

New York Attorney General Letitia James today cautioned consumers and businesses of price gouging of children's painkillers and fever reducers as demand increases for those medications due to this year's "triple-demic" of COVID-19, RSV, and the flu. The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) is aware of reports of children's medication being sold online and in stores at prices two or three times their retail value. Attorney General James urges New Yorkers to be on alert for potential price gouging of children's painkillers and fever reducers, including Tylenol, Motrin, and acetaminophen,

ibuprofen, and aspirin sold under other brand names, and to report any dramatic price increases to her office.

"This year's tripledemic is keeping many kids and babies sick at home, and families trying to care for them are confronting the national shortage of children's Tylenol and other medication," said Attorney General James. "The last thing any family needs when a child spikes a fever or is in pain is to be price gouged on the medication they need. I am putting profiteers seeking to take advantage of this shortage on notice. If New Yorkers see big price increases for children's medication, I encourage them to report it to my office immediately."

New York law prohibits merchants from taking unfair advantage of consumers by selling goods or services that are vital to their health, safety, or welfare for an unconscionably excessive

price. Due to the nationwide shortage, OAG advises consumers to buy only as much children's medication as they need and not to unnecessarily stock up as such panic buying may intensify the shortage and could encourage sellers to engage in illegal price gouging. The OAG also reminds consumers that it is not price gouging for retailers to limit the amount of medication they sell to individual consumers.

When reporting price gouging to OAG, consumers should:

- Report the specific increased prices, the dates, and places that they saw the increased prices, and the types of medication being sold; and,
- Provide copies of their sales receipts and photos of the advertised prices, if available.

New Yorkers should report potential concerns about price gouging to OAG by filing a complaint online or calling 1-800-771-7755.

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his Jewish ancestry during the RJC's annual leadership conference in November and referred to himself as a "proud American Jew" in a campaign position document; admitted in an interview that he embellished substantial parts of his background, he dismissed claims that he misrepresented his religious beliefs or heritage.

"I never claimed to be Jew-

ish," he told the New York Post. "I am Catholic. Because I learned my maternal family had a Jewish background, I said I was 'Jewish.'"

It looks like the NY Daily News editorial is correct to say Rep-elect Santos is a CON (gress) MAN.

Despite a growing number of Democrats and Republicans calling for him to step down due to his lies about his education, work history, address, and allegations

he may have intentionally falsified information on his financial disclosures, Santos has asserted that he plans to take office in January.

Most Queens and Nassau voters in the 3rd Congressional District believe the 118th Congress table the swearing in of Santos until a complete investigation is made to see whether or not the fabrications Santos made lead to legal irregularities with regard to his campaign finance report.

### Senator Liu Joins Kehilat Sephardim Food Pantry to Distribute Food to The Community

New York state senator John Liu joined with volunteers at the Kehilat Sephardim Food Pantry to distribute food to the community. Senator Liu also toured the pantry which has provided fresh produce and Kosher goods to Queens Jewish and immigrant communities for over 20 years.

Senator Liu said, "For decades Kehilat has provided nourishment to the community and that labor of love has only grown in its impact. People of all different backgrounds arrive to select and bring home their staples of choice, helped along by volunteers of all different backgrounds from nearby schools and organizations. Rabbi Nisanov and his team here are a valuable force for good in the community and deserve much appreciation and admiration."

Rabbi Shlomo Nisanov, Executive Director of the Kehilat Sephardim Food Pantry said, "In this day and age there shouldn't be people who go hungry and



**Pictured: Senator Liu, Rabbi Shlomo Nisanov and volunteers distribute food at the Kehilat Sephardim Food Pantry in Flushing.**

we do our best to provide fresh produce to 30,000 clients every month. I'm especially proud that we serve such a diverse community because we can eradicate hate by bringing people together,

whether they come here because they need food or because they want to help."

The Kehilat Sephardim Food Pantry is located at 150-62 78th Road in Kew Gardens Hills.

### Governor Hochul Announces One Billionth New York City Subway Rider of 2022

Capping a year of robust recovering ridership, Governor Kathy Hochul has announced the Metropolitan Transportation Authority New York City Subway has provided one billion trips in 2022. The billionth customer was identified as Sasha Salazar from the Bronx who entered the 161 St-Yankee Stadium

4 station turnstiles this morning. "We have been working hard to bring customers back by providing safer, cleaner, and faster service, and hitting one billion riders in 2022 is evidence that our work is paying off," Governor Hochul said. "New Yorkers and tourists alike continue to flock to the subway, proving

there is no better way to get around New York City than mass transit." The milestone marks the first time the New York City Subway has carried one billion customers in a calendar year since 2019. The subway carried 760 million custom-

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## Vision Zero: Adams Administration Announces Aggressive Enforcement of DWI During Winter Holiday Season

*NYPD will focus holiday enforcement and education efforts on speeding and Driving While Intoxicated*

*City aims to hold reckless drivers accountable by advocating for state legislation that would lower the threshold Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) for DWI to .05%*

The New York City Police Department (NYPD), the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT), NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC), and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) stood outside One Police Plaza today to announce major initiatives to crack down on speeding and drunk driving ahead of the holidays. Agency leaders also announced that New York City will urge passage of state legislation that would lower the legal blood-alcohol concentration (BAC) threshold from .08 to .05%, which is estimated to significantly decrease fatalities in New York State related to driving while intoxicated (DWI).

"The safety of our community is a top priority. As we do each year during the holiday season, we will be deploying our assets with our agency and government partners to ensure that all New York City road users remain safe," said NYPD Chief of Transportation Kim Y. Royster. "High-visibility enforcement will take place on our highways and local streets during peak times. Our ongoing public education is critically important and will play a large role during this festive season. The NYPD is raising awareness about the dangers of impaired driving and reinforcing the importance of motorists making good choices behind the wheel. Our message is simple. No matter what you drive — a passenger car, pickup, sport utility vehicle, or motorcycle — if you are stopped for driving while impaired, you will be arrested. No exceptions. Officers will be patrolling the city to get more drunk drivers off the road and save lives that might otherwise be lost. Traffic safety is public safety."

"DOT is dedicated to keeping our streets safe this holiday season and all year long. We are proud to work with our Vision Zero partners on annual holiday enforcement — working to reduce speeding and DWI so everyone who walks, cycles, drives, or travels in New York City can celebrate safely," said NYC DOT Commissioner Ydanis Rodriguez. "But even with expanded enforcement, too many crashes around the holidays will involve reckless drinking and driving, so we are making a strong call for Albany to reduce the BAC threshold to .05 to save even more lives."

"As we celebrate the holiday season with friends and family, it's worth remembering that the upcoming week is always one of the deadliest when it comes to car crashes, largely due to alcohol consumption," said New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission Chair David Do. "If you are going to be drinking, the easiest way to protect yourself and others is

simply not to drive. Hire a cab or a car, make it a present to yourself or your group. In the long run, it could be the most valuable gift you'll ever give."

As reported this week, traffic fatalities in New York City are likely to decline this year, stopping increases that began in 2019. This year, pedestrian fatalities were among the lowest in New York City's recorded history, defying national trends where pedestrian fatalities have risen to their highest levels in four decades.

Today's Vision Zero announcement includes:

**NYPD Holiday Enforcement:** NYPD will be actively enforcing laws against speeding and Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) throughout the holiday season and beyond. Enforcement will occur along highways and on local streets where excessive speeds have been observed, including by DOT speed cameras. Enforcement will be conducted by NYPD Highway Patrol as well as by local precincts, each of which now has a radar detector.

**Reducing the BAC Threshold:** More than 30% of crashes in New York State involve alcohol. The share of traffic fatalities in New York City related to Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) has increased dramatically, reflecting disturbing pandemic trends involving alcohol consumption: in 2021, 43 traffic fatalities were directly tied to DWI, a 60 percent increase over the prior 3-year average of 27 fatalities.

As part of its legislative agenda to combat dangerous and reckless driving, New York City will advocate in Albany for state legislation that would lower the DWI threshold from .08 to .05%, aligning New York with peer countries across the world — including Australia, Argentina, France, Ireland, and the Netherlands. At a .05 BAC, a person may not feel drunk, but they are still impaired for essential safe driving tasks. Research shows lowering the threshold to .05 could lead to an estimated over 10 percent decrease in DWI fatalities across New York State. In the last Albany legislative session, Senator John Liu and Assembly Member Jo Anne Simon sponsored a bill (S131/A7197) that would lower the threshold to .05.

"There is no simpler way to reduce the number of lives destroyed by drunk driving than to keep drivers from getting behind the wheel after they've been drinking. Plain and simple — reducing the legal blood alcohol content from .08 to .05 will save lives," said State Senator John Liu. "Over 100 countries around the world have already taken this step. With the combined support of Mayor Adams, law enforcement, and thousands of advocates like Mothers Against Drunk Driving, we can ensure New York leads the way here in America to keep our streets safe and our families whole."

"I applaud Mayor Adams for tackling drunk driving and ensuring that New Yorkers are safe this holiday season. More than a third of crashes in New York State involve alcohol, but there is

a low-cost, straightforward policy change that will help—lowering the blood alcohol content from .08 to .05%," said Assemblymember Jo Anne Simon. "I sponsor a bill to lower the BAC threshold in New York State to align with countries across the world, and I'm so pleased to have the support of Mayor Adams in this endeavor."

"Ensuring protection for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists using our city streets becomes even more important during the holiday season," said Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg. "I thank our partners in city government for taking these proactive steps and advocating for this legislation, and we will work together to keep our streets free of dangerous crashes that result from drunk and reckless driving."

"Fewer choices are more selfish than getting behind the wheel drunk, under the influence of drugs, or without a valid driver's license," said Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz. "In Queens County, my office holds accountable those who choose to disregard the rules of the road and break the law. We will continue to work with our city agency and law enforcement partners to ensure safety on our streets. With the holiday season upon us, let us all remember that, when we are driving, everyone we encounter on the road—other drivers, pedestrians, cyclists—deserves our respect and consideration and has every right to reach their destination safely."

"Fighting vehicular violence is an important priority for my Office and we will work together with the NYPD to hold unlawful drivers accountable so our streets and roadways are safe," said Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez. "I urge all New Yorkers to drive sober and to obey all traffic laws during the upcoming holidays and every day."

"Of the 221 traffic fatalities that occurred in New York City this year 53 were in my home borough of The Bronx," said NYC City Council Member Amanda Farias. "With more than 30% of crashes in New York State involving drunk driving — it is heartbreaking to think of how many Bronxites have lost their lives because of those who recklessly drive under the influence. Traffic fatalities are preventable if we are proactive. I am glad to see the city taking action on increasing road safety for all New Yorkers."

"Mothers Against Drunk Driving stands with our New York City partners to urge everyone to make the right choice to never drive while impaired by alcohol or other drugs this holiday season and always. We thank law enforcement who will be on patrol during this busy time of year for keeping our roads safe," said Shawn Hirst, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Regional Executive Director New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. "To further help prevent deaths and injuries caused by the 100% preventable crime of drunk driving, MADD will join with this team again in the coming

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ers in 2021 and 640 million in 2020. Average daily subway ridership is currently hovering at nearly 60 percent of 2019's pre-pandemic levels, when the system carried 1.698 billion riders.

The MTA's OMNY fare-payment system also experienced usage growth in 2022 with more than 425 million taps. This increase in subway rider market share for OMNY follows the introduction of the "Lucky 13" fare-capping program, the rollout of OMNY for the MTA's Reduced-Fare customers, and the continued expansion of OMNY cards in retail locations.

MTA Chair and CEO Janno Lieber said, "In 2022, customers have voted with their MetroCard swipes and OMNY taps, and hundreds of millions have returned to the subway. Hitting this milestone, one billion subway riders in 2022, demonstrates again how essential mass transit is to New York City's economy and continued recovery from the pandemic."

NYC Transit President Richard Davey said, "Just in time for the holiday season, serving one billion subway riders in 2022 is a milestone worth celebrating. As we continue to follow our north star goal of giving customers the best possible experience and welcoming them back to transit, I commend the

women and men of New York City Transit, who show up every single day to carry millions of New Yorkers and propel the city."

MTA Acting Chief Customer Officer Shanifah Rieara said, "2022 was a year full of milestones for MTA customers, especially those who have made the switch to tap and go with OMNY. From welcoming Reduced-Fare customers to OMNY, to the "Lucky 13" fare-capping promotion, to record ridership market share, in 2022, more customers have tapped their way into the transit system with OMNY than ever before."

Sasha Salazar, the one billionth subway rider of 2022 said, "Every New Yorker uses the subway every day and I know that we appreciate the MTA, all the workers that work for the MTA especially."

The MTA has recorded strong ridership growth in all agencies in 2022. Through October 31, the latest date for which comparable all-agency non-preliminary data is available, subway ridership is up 38.6 percent over similar year-to-date data for 2021, New York City Buses are up 13.4 percent, Metro-North Railroad is up 65.9 percent, the Long Island Rail Road is up 56.9 percent, the Staten Island Railway is up 47.0 percent, Access-A-Ride is up 11.3 percent, and traffic on MTA Bridges and Tunnels is up 7.0 percent.

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## Congresswoman Grace Meng Secures Millions Beneficial to The Aanhpi Community

*Congresswoman helped secure millions in federal funds from the annual federal spending bill*

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-NY), New York's senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, announced today that she helped secure millions for several projects and programs that are crucial to the AANHPI community.

"I am delighted to have directed millions of dollars in the Fiscal Year 2023 federal budget to strengthen and advance the interests of the AANHPI community across our country," said Congresswoman Meng, First Vice Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus. "Our priorities are reflected in what programs we are willing to spend our budget on. As the only Asian American member of the House Appropriations Committee, I consider it the highest honor to advocate for our AANHPI community throughout the appropriations process. The federal directives in this bill will go a long way to empowering and uplifting our community toward a brighter tomorrow. I extend my deepest gratitude to my colleagues for their support of these programs and I look forward to continuing the fight for AANHPI priorities in the Fiscal Year 2024 appropriations cycle."

These critical projects and programs were included in the new government spending package for fiscal year 2023, which passed the House today after being approved by the Senate on Thursday. The legislation is now expected to be signed into law by President Biden. The items that Meng helped obtain include:

- \$10 million for DOJ's Community-Based Approaches to Advancing Justice program, a \$5 million increase from Fiscal Year 2022. Funds will be granted to community-based organizations engaging in conflict resolution, combatting hate crimes, and community empowerment. These groups can facilitate culturally educational classes and community services aimed at supporting communities of color and other vulnerable and historically disadvantaged communities.
- Over \$2.5 million for the Smithsonian Institution's Asian Pacific Center and Asian Pacific Pool, a \$40,000 increase from Fiscal Year 2022. Funds will be used to strengthen the Smithsonian's programming to commemorate Asian Pacific history and to continue the

center's efforts to acquire new materials for its collection.

- Over \$18.5 million to strengthen Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions, a \$7,653,000 increase from Fiscal Year 2022. Funds may be used to support and expand services to Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander and low-income students that such institutions offer. The Department of Education administers this program.

- \$1 million for the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Minority Health to research, develop, and test methods of informing limited English proficient individuals about the availability of language services. Funding would help researchers develop methods to ensure health services are available in non-English languages.

- A report on the creation of an Office of Translation Services in the U.S. Congress to assist Members of Congress in translating official materials, including necessary resource requirements to create such an office. Currently, Members of Congress rely on bilingual staff—or even unpaid interns—to translate government documents and resources into additional languages constituents may need. Creation of such an office would ensure all people—regardless of English language proficiency—would be able to access government information and resources.

- Improve language access at the Small Business Administration (SBA) by urging the agency to make online grant application forms available in at least the top 20 most commonly spoken languages based on the latest Census data. This is in response to the difficulty limited English proficient communities have had with accessing SBA relief programs, especially during COVID-19. Translating government documents into additional languages would minimize barriers to relief.

- Strategic planning for Hepatitis B vaccination and screening for all adults, and additional research on treatments and cures by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). This comes in response to the 2021 Advisory Committee Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendation that all adults between 19 and 59 be vaccinated for hepatitis B.

- A report by NIH on research projects focused on the health and wellbeing of AANHPI com-

munities, including specific racial and ethnic subgroups; the report will also document barriers to participation and language access issues. In the last decade, less than one percent of the NIH's total budget went to research centered on AANHPI health outcomes. This would help combat misleading narratives and conclusions drawn from the lack of available research.

- Prioritization of funding for disaggregation of AANHPI data at the Department of Education's Office of English Language Acquisition to support additional racial and ethnic subgroup data collection and reporting. This will help policymakers understand which subgroups may be struggling academically and may provide targeted opportunities for assistance.

- Language addressing bias in research security, specifically directing the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to coordinate and collaborate with the National Science Foundation (NSF) on its disclosure requirements to set a high bar for when cases should be referred from science agencies to the FBI. With NSF leading the way on disclosure requirements and helping researchers understand their responsibilities, coordination between NSF and the FBI will help combat bias against those of Asian American ancestry when it comes to research security.

- NSF research on addressing bias and xenophobia against AANHPI communities and an update on how the NSF plans to disseminate its studies and what additional funds it may need. In March of 2021, President Biden announced additional actions to combat anti-Asian hate which included NSF projects to understand the scope and severity of the issue. Meng's language requests an urgent update to understand what policymakers can do.

- Support for the White House Initiative on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders, an initiative led by the Secretary of Health and Human Services to advance health, equity, and economic justice for AANHPI communities.

- \$27 million for the Native Hawaiian Health Care Program, a \$5 million increase from Fiscal Year 2022. This program improves the physical and mental health services for Native Hawaiians by initiating and maintaining culturally appropriate strategic health actions.

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months to advocate for lowering the state of New York's BAC law to .05. It will take every one of us to reach our ultimate goal of no more victims."

"A lower limit DWI law is an evidenced based proven countermeasure that will save lives in New York by deterring people from driving at all BAC levels," said Thomas M. Louizou, Co-founder of .05 Saves Lives Coalition. "It's not about drinking. It's about separating drinking from driving."

"We strongly support the Adams Administration's initiative to lower the legal blood-alcohol concentration in New York State to 0.05%. The stigma against driving while intoxicated has seemingly waned during the pandemic, with persons driving under the influence causing more and deadlier crashes. Successfully lowering the legal threshold will

help make our streets and roads safer," said Eric McClure, Executive Director of StreetsPAC. "We also applaud the stepped-up effort to combat speeding and drunk driving during the holiday season. Serious-injury and fatal crashes are always tragic, but they feel even more so at what should be a festive time of year. We hope this initiative will help keep New York City on track for a reduction in traffic fatalities in 2022."

"What better way to welcome this holiday season than with this important initiative to save lives by cracking down on speeding and drunk driving," said Ken Podziba, President & CEO of Bike New York. "We're thankful to DOT, NYPD, TLC, DOHMH, and Senators Liu and Simon for their leadership in making this improved enforcement—which will undoubtedly make our streets safer for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists—a reality."

## Queens College to Hold On-The-Spot Admissions Days For Veterans And Active Military Service Members, as Well as Transfer Students

Wednesday, January 4, and Thursday, January 5, 2023

As part of Queens College's continuing commitment to veterans and active military service members, it is offering instant admission to the Spring 2023 semester during on-the-spot admissions days by appointment on Wednesday, January 4, and Thursday, January 5, 2023, from 9:30 am to 4 pm, in the lobby of Jefferson Hall. Transfer students are also eligible. Appointments may be made by calling the Admissions office at (718) 997-5600. The college is closed on Friday, December 23; Monday, December 26; and Friday, December 30.

"The veterans and military personnel taking courses here bring an unrivaled level of academic excellence to our institution," said Queens College President Frank H. Wu. "Their dedication to and sacrifice for our great country are inspirational and sustain our ideals. We take pride in the college consistently being designated as a military-friendly school and as a military-friendly spouse school and are committed to providing support to this community through specialized services such as our Veterans Support Services office."

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For more information, applicants may visit the Admissions <https://www.qc.cuny.edu/admissions/on-the-spot/>

## Maloney Celebrates Breastfeeding Legislation in the Omnibus

In a vote of 225-201-1, the House of Representatives passed a government spending bill, which included Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney's (D-NY) H.R. 3110, the Providing Urgent Maternal Protections (PUMP) for Nursing Mothers Act.

The legislation will ensure that all nursing mothers have protections in the workplace by expanding them to nearly 9 million employees not currently covered by existing law. Maloney has introduced a version of the PUMP for Nursing Mothers Act

since 2011 and was the author of the 2010 Break Time for Nursing Mothers Act, which originally established these vital workforce protections.

"When I was pregnant with my first child, I was told there was no such thing as maternity leave where I was employed. While we've come a long way since then, new parents still face too many difficulties in the workplace. Those difficulties should not include breastfeeding," said Rep. Maloney. "I am absolutely thrilled that my PUMP for Nurs-

ing Mothers Act was included as an amendment to the omnibus. For the health and safety of mothers and their babies, all working moms who want to breastfeed must have the time and space to pump breastmilk. The PUMP Act will provide breastfeeding protections to the nearly nine million employees that are not covered by current federal law. All working moms should be guaranteed workplace protections to breastfeed if they want

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**LIBRA**  
 (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)  
 Strengthen your position among your peers. You may not attract the kind of interest you had in mind. Check your electrical wiring. Your lucky numbers are 4,7,9.

**SCORPIO**  
 (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)  
 You may find yourself in the limelight. Difficulties at an emotional level may be likely. Think hard before going into a business venture with friends or family. Your lucky numbers are 7,1,3.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
 (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)  
 Do something constructive outside. You will have splendid suggestions for fund raising events. Socializing will be more than just entertaining. Your lucky numbers are 7,6,9.

**CAPRICORN**  
 (Dec 22 - Jan. 20)  
 Get together with friends and do something entertaining but not too expensive. You will have a problem holding on to your cash this week. Your lucky numbers are 5,8,4.

**AQUARIUS**  
 (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)  
 Pleasure trips will be favorable and bring good luck. Look over your portfolio before the year end. You can make changes to your home that will be pleasing to all concerned. You'll have amazing ideas. lucky numbers are 8,4,3.

**PISCES**  
 (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)  
 Make a point of working on yourself. Check your investments. You will be in the mood for entertainment. You may find that purchases or entertainment could be expensive. Your lucky numbers are 6,5,9.

**Did You Know?**

- a chameleon's tongue is twice as long as its body
- a newborn kangaroo is about 1 inch in tall
- John Cadbury founded the Cadbury chocolate company in England in 1842 producing the first chocolate bars
- Franklin Mars invented the Snickers Bar in 1930
- Hawaii is the only US state that grows cacao beans which go into the production of chocolate
- Disneyland opened in 1955
- MTV (Music Television) made its debut at 12:01 a.m. August 1st 1981 (the first music video shown 'Video killed the radio star' by the Buggles)
- the 1st full length animated film was released by Disney Studios in 1937 (it was Snow White and the seven dwarfs)
- Humans shed and regrow outer skin cells every 27 days (almost 1,000 new skins in a lifetime)
- it takes 17 muscles to smile and 43 to frown
- the human body has over 600 muscles (40% of the bodys weight)
- in 1900 the average life span in the US was 47
- the vocabulary of the average person is between 5,000 to 6,000 words
- when hydrogen burns in the air water is formed
- due to gravitational effects you weigh is slightly less when the moon is directly overhead

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**Answer to Last Weeks Puzzles**

**"Sudoku"**

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**"Crossword Puzzle"**

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**"Try And Find"**

**NO ANSWERS FOR LAST WEEKS TRY AND FIND**

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- ACROSS**
- Commence
  - Seethe
  - Bungle
  - Wear away
  - Sea eagle
  - Citrus fruit
  - A long narrow passage
  - Detest
  - Largest continent
  - Food dryer
  - Pleased
  - Days in a week
  - Scallions
  - Anagram of "Dear"
  - National
  - Stimulus
  - Pronounce
  - Maladjusted person
  - Charred
  - Peeved
  - Being priced at
  - Pertaining to medicine
  - Countercurrent
  - Primitive weapon
  - Flow controller
  - Bygone
  - She wore a glass slipper
  - Be aware of
  - Jewish month
  - Stent
  - Overhaul
  - A Finnish steam bath
  - Risque
  - Fiber source
  - Go in
- DOWN**
- Small ball with a hole
  - A Great Lake
  - Golly
  - Lazily
  - Requires
  - Conducts
  - Spoke
  - Chanted
  - Lascivious look
  - Whip
  - Fine thread
  - Inuit boat
  - Rosary components
  - Proved false
  - Shoestrings
  - Edges
  - Broadcast
  - Abbey area
  - Slanderous
  - Clear up
  - Countdown clock
  - Dry
  - Rip apart
  - Jittery
  - Partition
  - Very large pot
  - "Maple leaf" country
  - Trail
  - \_\_\_ bear
  - Medieval sword
  - Delete
  - Carbohydrate
  - Distinctive flair
  - Boor
  - Individual
  - At a distance

### Assemblywoman Nily Rozic Hosts Holiday Meal Giveaway

Assemblywoman Nily Rozic (D, WF-Fresh Meadows) hosted a holiday meal giveaway in collaboration with Grubhub and Selfhelp Community Services. Rozic distributed 500 locally-sourced hot meals to members of the Flushing Community. The meals were sourced from iCook and Hajrah Halal Food.



**Pictured is Assemblywoman Nily Rozic with Winnie Hu, Assistant Director of Selfhelp Benjamin Rosenthal Senior Center, and Cynthia Chou, Selfhelp Policy & Advisory Committee Member.**

### Meng Secures Over \$21.3 Million For Local Projects in Queens



**Congresswoman obtains federal funds in 2023 government spending package**

This Community Project Funding is money that was included in the new government spending package which passed the House this afternoon after being approved by the Senate on Thursday. The legislation now heads to President Biden's desk and is expected to be signed into law.

"Queens deserves its fair share, and I'm thrilled to bring back more money for critical projects here in our borough," said Congresswoman Meng. "I am especially pleased that I was able to secure more than double the amount of what I obtained last year. I am always honored and proud to fight for Queens and I'll never stop working to ensure that our communities have the resources they need. I look forward to this more than the \$21.3 million."

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U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens), New York's senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, announced today that she secured over \$21.3 million for 15 critical projects throughout Queens.

### Council Member Julie Won And DEP Go on Walkthrough of High-Flood Zones in District 26

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#### Walkthrough Follows CM Won's Visit to DEP Command Center

On Friday, December 16, Council Member Julie Won invited Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Commissioner Rohit Aggarwala and his team to discuss long term flooding resiliency strategies and to visit multiple flood zones in Woodside and Sunnyside. Last year these areas in our district experienced severe flooding during hurricane Ida that proved fatal when water overwhelmed basements apartments in the affected area. As storms are expected to become more severe as climate change worsens, we must ensure that the city provides the resources and infrastructure necessary to maintain our vibrant communities.



**Cherry Castellvi, Owner of Kabayan, a local Filipino restaurant, speaks with CM Won, Commissioner Aggarwala and Jerry Fragias about flooding in her restaurant**

Queensbridge Houses to prevent further water main breaks that constituents have experienced over the year.

DEP began implementing a schedule to completely flush and vacator catch basins throughout District 26, with some hot spots on track to receive deep clearing twice a year.

Council Member Won's team and DEP visited the following businesses, residences, and places of worship on the December 16 walkthrough:

1. Kabayan Restaurant in Little Manila: The restaurants along the Roosevelt Ave business corridor flood during heavy rainfall. DEP will investigate the cause of the flooding and provide long term solutions so that the small businesses can stay open during severe rainstorms.

2. 38th Ave from Woodside Ave to 54th St: This area experiences flooding when rainfall travels from the LIRR to the sidewalks into residential private property. CM Won and DEP met with neighbors and discussed long-term infrastructural needs to help prevent flooding. CM Won will be working closely with DEP and DOT to ensure that the ponding in 54th St is reduced.

3. Phipps Garden Apartments: CM Won and DEP saw flooding in the courtyard due to longtime neglect from the landlord. During severe weather events, residents experience flood water and sewage going into their apartments.

The landscaping needs to be maintained to avoid ponding in the courtyard and the outdated plumbing in the old buildings must be updated by the landlord. DEP will do an inspection to determine the cause of repeated flooding.

4. Skillman Ave Houses: CM Won and DEP met with homeowners in Sunnyside who reported flooding in their basement when it rains. DEP completed a capital project to update the sewer system on the block in 2017. DEP also said that they will perform a video inspection to determine what is causing the flooding inside homes, and will look into the sewage flow and check to see what infrastructure changes can be made, including cleaning out catch basins and sewers.

5. Sunnyside Reform Church and Ar-Rahman Mosque: CM Won and DEP met with religious leaders who have been experiencing continuous flooding since Hurricane Ida. Here, DEP will clear out the sewers and provide long-term maintenance work to ensure that water flows under the streets and away from residential areas and places of worship.

Council Member Won's team will follow up on all of the issues discussed to ensure that neighbors, businesses, and places of worship are kept safe from flooding. Anyone experiencing repeated flooding should report to 311 and contact Council Member Won's office at 718-383-9566 or District26@council.nyc.gov.

### QDA Melinda Katz Meets With U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand



Recently, QDA Melinda Katz joined U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand for a discussion on public safety and our ongoing partnership to combat gun violence and illegal exploitation in Queens County.

Katz thanked her for her leadership and look forward to our work together in the new year!

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### Council Member Julie Won Responds to Recent Migrant Suicide in Shelter in Her District

Council Member Won, NYC Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, and allies from African Communities Together, Asian American Federation, New York Immigration Coalition, MASA, and Make the Road New York responded to the tragic suicide of John, a recent migrant to our city, in a city shelter. The Council Member, her colleagues, and the community offered condolences to his family and called out the negligence of Department of Homeless Services (DHS) and the shelter provider Samaritan Daytop Village for a lack of care, access to wraparound services like mental health resources, cultural competency, language translations in Spanish, and access to enough fresh food that has proven fatal too many times over the past few years.



larly, most troublingly an almost complete lack of Spanish speaking staff or service providers on the occasions when the Council Member visited. They also shed light on the lack of adequate, healthy, or culturally competent food served at the shelter which has reportedly caused multiple children to get sick as reported to our office by local schools.

6 shelter residents were infected with chickenpox and many children suffered gastrointestinal issues and the shelter lagged in its medical response. Residents also complained about lack of access to flu and other basic vaccinations. The danger of this behavior in the middle of a tripledemic is unacceptable and inhumane.

The Council Member made a clear and unequivocal call to make language access a key priority for our city as we enter the new year. Earlier this year she

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31,000 people have arrived here from the southern border this year, many of whom are not English proficient. The mayor has spent millions on tent cities but did not ensure that these services were provided in the languages spoken by those who need it. With the end of Title 42, the city expects even more people to need services and shelter. The Council Member's office has been made aware of a number of issues with the services provided by this shelter particu-

The shelter has created environments where resident health is put in danger. Mold is visible in residents' rooms and is not dealt with in a timely manner. Transmissible disease has also been reported as

### Assemblyman Braunstein Delivers Thousands of Holiday Toys to Queens Children in Need



Braunstein Toy Drive 2022



Holy Cross High School

(Continued from page 1) family in need create important memories and have a brighter holiday season."

The organizations who received the toys included: 4 Kids in Need drive for homeless families; QSAC Day School of Whitestone; QSAC Preschool & Early Childhood Center of Douglaston; the Queens Chronicle Toy Drive; Ronald McDonald House Metro; St. Mary's Hospital for Children; Transition Domestic Violence Center; and the United States

Army for the children of deployed military personnel from Fort Totten and other local reserve bases. Each organization was given hundreds of toys to distribute to the local children and families they serve.

"I sincerely want to thank each and every person who donated to the toy drive, as well as Community Board 11, who partnered with my office on this incredible community effort," said Braunstein. "I wish you and your family a very healthy and happy holiday season and new year!"

### NYC Council Passes Landmark Legislation to "Build Back Faster," Study Expansion of Green Space in New York City

Three new laws, introduced by Parks Chair Shekar Krishnan, require NYC Parks to reduce construction times, expand public information on parks projects, and study some city-owned lands for conversion to microparks.



The New York City Council passed a package of bills sponsored by Parks Committee Chair Shekar Krishnan which will accelerate the parks construction process and expand green space on certain city-owned vacant lands:

- Introduction 842-A requires the Department of Parks and Recreation to create a blueprint for reducing project timelines by 25% — an average of 2 years.
- Introduction No. 174-A requires the Department to expand its capital projects tracker to include more detailed information regarding its projects, including the reasons for delays, projected and actual cost overruns, and the length of time it took to complete each project, among other information.
- Introduction 680-A requires the City to conduct a survey of dead end streets, vacant City-owned land, and land alongside highway ramps to examine feasibility for planting of trees, installation of bioswales, or conversion into microparks.

The passage of these bills is a landmark first step in creating a citywide blueprint to reform the capital process across all relevant agencies in NYC and increase transparency in the City's arcane capital process. Currently, the average timeline of basic capital projects like park and library im-

provements is 7 to 8 years. Capital process reform is critical for NYC to more effectively build housing, parks, schools, public transportation, and resilient infrastructure.

"As the pandemic pushed us indoors, it also revealed the life-saving, restorative value of public spaces," said Shekar Krishnan, NYC Council Member for District 25 and NYC Council

Parks Committee Chair. "If we are to meet the challenges of public health, public safety, & climate change in NYC, our parks will be critical. The bills passed by the Council today will empower us to build more parks, have more transparency in the capital process and expand green space in communities that desperately need it."

"This is the type of comprehensive legislation that can save our city money, get our projects built faster, and more importantly, provide safe and green parks for our citizens faster. Parks are our backyards; let's make them better,

and build them back faster," said Adam Ganser, Executive Director, New Yorkers for Parks. "This is just the start—we need the same legislation from the New York City Council to galvanize all the agencies and entities in our city's government that delay capital projects."

"We see this as being an issue of equity; it's not the well resourced parks that aren't being built up. It's the poorer, Black and brown communities that are not receiving the attention and resources they need," said Keisha Sutton-James, Deputy Manhattan Borough President. "This is also an issue of sustainability. 30% of our coastline is parks, so we must strengthen them in order to ensure that our city has the resiliency it needs to sustain future environmental impact."

"Public space can be used to uplift our neighborhoods — such as through parkland to boost

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# IT'S IN QUEENS

**It's In Queens!**  
(Dec. 30 to Jan.5)

The year certainly had ups and downs. Bid farewell to 2022 and welcome 2023 with films, parties, Kwanzaa celebrations, comedy, and some wise men in Queens.

- Dec. 30, Dos Estaciones, 7 pm. In an unforgettable performance, Teresa Sánchez plays the stoic owner of a Mexican tequila factory in this 2022 Juan Pablo González film. The business falls into disrepair, and she loses her status as one of the town's wealthiest and most powerful residents. She reassesses and hires an assistant right before a series of natural and manmade catastrophes. Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th St., Astoria's Kaufman Arts District.

- Dec. 30, East Coast, 8 pm. Full of energy and good spirit, East Coast bills itself as "the ultimate party band." Resorts World New York City, 110-00 Rockaway Blvd., South Jamaica.

- Dec. 30, Kwanza Celebration, 7 pm. The South Queens Parks Association and Your Queens Inc. host a sixth annual "royal experience" with a fashion show, vendors, and music. Black Spectrum Theatre, Roy Wilkins Recreation Center inside Roy Wilkins Park.

- Dec. 30, An Afternoon of Family-Friendly Films. Queens Public Library screens movies at three branches. Watch The Holiday in Briarwood at noon, Frozen II in Bayside at 2 pm, or Minions: The Rise of Gru in Long Island City at 2 pm.

- Dec. 31, NYE Day Party, 3 pm. Party while the sun's out with music by Billy & Berk, Colombian style ceviche from Cevich Beetch, and discounts on beers. SingleCut Beersmiths, 19-33 37th St., Astoria.

- Dec. 31, New Year's Eve Kids Edition, 3 pm. Four hours of family-friendly fun with sparkling apple cider, glow sticks, arts-and-crafts, resolution, a deejay, and a balloon drop. Marage, 111-10 Farmers Blvd., St. Albans.

- Dec. 31, New Year's Eve with Salsa & Bachata, 7 pm. Dance the night away with legendary Cuban musician Chino Pons and a tropical theme. Katch Astoria, 31-19 Newtown Ave.

- Dec. 31, Black + White New Year's Eve Ball, 10:30 pm. Ring in 2023 with Chef Garfield, Deejay Roy, hats, noise makers, and a champagne toast. Resorts World New York City, 110-00 Rockaway Blvd., South Jamaica.

- Dec. 31, New Year's Eve Grand Ballroom, 9 pm. Welcome 2023 with VIP service, 18th floor panoramic vistas, music by Bravo Sound, cocktail hour and dinner, and a live Times Square simulcast. Terrace On The Park, 52-11 111th St., Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- Dec. 31, Hip Hop Caribbean Party Cruise, 11:15 pm. Two floors of live DJs, food, drinks, and panoramic views of New York City on a party yacht. World's



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Fair Marina, One Marina Road, Flushing Waterfront.

- Dec. 31, Beer Project NYE, 8 pm. Cheese boards, \$45 open bar deal, music, possible keg ball drop. LIC Beer Project, 39-28 23rd St., Long Island City.

- Dec. 31, Suds + Beats, 8 pm. DJ Tony and food from Breaker NY. Rockaway Brewing Company, 415 Beach 72nd St., Arverne.

- Dec. 31, Front & Center Featuring DJ Lax, 9 pm. DJ Lax warms up the crowd. Then at about 9:30 pm, Front & Center rocks songs from many, many genres. Resorts World New York City, 110-00 Rockaway Blvd., South Jamaica.

- Dec. 31, Piano Man Mike Tedesco, 8 pm. Using the house grand piano, Mike Tedesco plays popular songs into the new year. Sit-down dinner is available until 9:30 pm, after that it's all about ushering in the New Year. Thai Rock, 375 Beach 92nd St., Rockaway.

- Dec. 31, New Year's Eve Doha, 9 pm. Hors d'oeuvres by Love's Kitchen, music by deejays Bash, Blaze, Gordo, Makilo, and Steve Nieves, party favors, pre-drop specials, and serious dancing. Doha Bar & Lounge, 38-34 31st

St., Astoria.

- Jan. 1, Get Wrecked and Carry New Years Day, 5 pm. Some of the country's best disc jockeys unite to kick off 2023 with electronic music. The lineup features Wrecked, The Carry Nation, DJ Minx, and Chicago's Shaun J Wright. Knockdown Center, 52-19 Ave., Maspeth.

- Jan. 1, Bad Trip Storytelling Show, 8 pm. Comedians share their most personal and cringe worthy stories. After each one, the audience has a Q&A with them to learn more. The show repeats on the first Sunday of each month. QED Astoria, 27-16 23rd Ave.

- Jan. 1, Kerry Kearney Acoustic Review, 6:30 pm. Slide guitar master Kerry Kearney and his guests create a unique acoustic sound with upbeat Blues, inspiring guitar riffs, electrifying slides, and infectious rhythms. Thai Rock, 375 Beach 92nd St., Rockaway.

- Jan. 5, Día de los Reyes Magos, 2 pm. Churros, hot chocolate, a children's choir, and a visit from the Three Kings as organized by Asian Americans For Equality. Blessed Sacrament Church, 93rd Street and 35th Avenue, Jackson Heights.

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## Council Member Julie Won Responds to Recent Migrant Suicide in Shelter in Her District

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was able to secure \$5,000,000 to create the nation's first Community Interpreter Bank and Worker Cooperatives that recruits, trains, and dispatches interpreters locally in our city instead of spending taxpayer dollars to contract with vendors outside of the state. Yesterday she passed 2 bills to expand the language access law and push city agencies to partner with local organizations that have strong track records of providing culturally competent and linguistically accessible services.

The shelter provider has not provided support for John's cremation and funeral services, but there has been a GoFundMe set up to support the family in this difficult time: <https://gofund.me/bfa6ab52>

"As immigrants, we dream of stepping foot on U.S. soil with great hopes and dreams of a better life. It is heartbreaking that John Ortega, 26 years old, took the long journey by foot from Venezuela and found himself hopeless in desperation that he took his own life.

He leaves behind his partner and three children. John's loved ones cried out that Samaritan Daytop Village did not provide mental health services despite their requests for help. DHS did not notify my office of John's death and have failed to provide assistance for the family to have a funeral for the deceased," said Council Member Julie Won. "Whether a person arrives from Latin America, Africa, or other parts of the world, they deserve to be treated with respect and dignity, but that is not what we're seeing in our shelters. It is shameful that children living in these shelters have gotten sick and go to bed hungry because the food they're given is inedible and inadequate. Samaritan Daytop Village should stop confiscating groceries from shelter residents and should not confiscate microwaves. DHS must make sure all shelters provide migrants access to health and mental health services as well as other wraparound services to avoid another preventable death in our shelters."

"As New Yorkers who take pride in our spirit of welcoming im-

migrants at a time when many lawmakers across the country are playing political stunts, we must do more across all levels of government to provide adequate support for those arriving in the City," said Congresswoman Nydia Velázquez. "The second suicide in a NYC shelter is beyond tragic and speaks to the need for immediate reform. Providing mental health services and healthy meals will at bare minimum help prevent future painstaking losses of life. My heart goes out to the family and loved ones of the asylum seeker who lost their life."

"My heart goes out to the families of both men who have lost their lives," said Comptroller Brad Lander. "These men and thousands of people bravely travelled to our border hoping for security, but instead used callously as political pawns. To hold up New York's promise of a safe harbor, our City—with state and federal assistance—must provide a continuum of care from safe shelter, language-accessible mental health services, to culturally appropriate and healthy food."

## Meng Secures Over \$21.3 Million For Local Projects in Queens

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lion benefiting Queens for many decades to come."

Meng obtained a total of \$21,317,066 for 15 projects, which meet many urgent needs in Queens. They include:

- \$7 Million: Long Island Railroad (LIRR) Forest Hills station for the installation of new elevators, extending the platform length to accommodate more train cars (12 train cars), and several other station improvements.
- \$2 Million: The City of New York's District 6 Open Restaurants Dining Kits for helping under-resourced restaurants acquire safe, compliant, and aesthetically pleasing outdoor dining setups. These include restaurants hardest hit during the COVID-19 pandemic in low-to-moderate-income neighborhoods in Queens.
- \$2 Million: Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty (Met Council) to provide essential baby products as part of its food programs to Queens residents.
- Over \$1.4 Million: Queens College for its Small Business Development Initiative to strengthen partnerships between local small businesses and the newly established Queens College School of Business.
- \$1 Million: New York City Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst for the renovation of its Infectious Diseases Clinic.
- \$1 Million: Queens Chamber of Commerce for its Small Business Legal Desk support program to support immigrant and small businesses in Queens.

• \$1 Million: Long Island Jewish Forest Hills for the establishment of Robotic Assisted Orthopedic Surgery for hip and knee replacement procedures.

• \$1 Million: Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty (Met Council) for ensuring its emergency food programs meets needs of food-insecure Queens residents.

• \$1 Million: Commonpoint Queens for investing in unemployed and underemployed individuals to help them to gain skills and credentials to succeed in high-quality careers.

• \$800,000: LIFE Camp, Inc. for Therapeutic Wellness services in Queens to help increase community safety, life expectancy, quality of life, and allowing for trauma informed care and practices.

• \$750,000: 100 Suits for 100 Men for ensuring Queens neighborhoods receive resources and ongoing services as they recover from the coronavirus pandemic and allowing for a needs assessment post COVID-19.

• \$750,000: Churches United for Fair Housing for supporting its housing related services that help tenants and those experiencing homelessness in Queens access safe and affordable housing.

• \$750,000: Queens College Colden Auditorium for this largest indoor venue in Queens to be accessible, affordable, and a facility that meets the technical and production needs of performers.

• \$551,210: DOROT (which serves older adults) for expanding its remote program in Queens.

• \$250,000: La Jornada for empowering families out of poverty.

## NYC Council Passes Landmark Legislation to "Build Back Faster," Study Expansion of Green Space in New York City

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mental and physical health, public benches to provide mobility ease for older residents, and trees to shade and clean the air," said Juan Restrepo, Senior Organizer, Transportation Alternatives. "Intro 680 provides a pathway for the City of New York to build a more resilient and green city by putting streets to better use, as we've outlined in NYC 25x25. Thank you

to Council Member Krishnan for passing this legislation."

"We applaud Chair Krishnan and other Councilmembers present for their leadership in passing legislation to increase efficiency, reduce delays and bring down costs of Parks Capital Projects," said Lowell Barton, Vice President, Laborers Local 1010. "Members of Laborers Local 1010 are ready, willing and able to perform this work, hav-

ing received the necessary skills training to complete the job on time and on budget."

The "Build Back Faster" campaign, supported by elected officials and advocates across NYC, aims to reduce project timelines citywide by 25%. Holding agencies more broadly accountable for addressing inefficiencies would lead to over \$800 million in savings for the City over the next five years.

## Council Member Julie Won And Advocates Celebrate Passage of Language Access Bills

**CM Won Secures \$5 Million to Create First Language Access Co-Op in the Country**

On Wednesday, December 21, Council Member Won and community advocates celebrated the passage of a legislative package to greatly expand language access for immigrant New Yorkers. Intro 136 and Intro 700, two bills spearheaded by Council Member Julie Won, will address the translation, interpretation, and overall language access needs of our immigrant neighbors and small business owners. Intro 136 would create a resource guide of community-based organizations who provide translation and interpretation services that are culturally competent, in the correct language and dialect, and specific to New York City. This would create the first language access co-op by local non profits who will employ local community members in our city. Intro 700 would require city agencies to translate written materials that they distribute when enforcing city laws or carrying out compliance actions.

Language access is a matter of life and death in New York. Last year families in District 26 lost their lives when warnings about the severity of flooding from

Hurricane Ida were distributed primarily in English. Earlier this week the second migrant this year took their own life at a shelter in Queens due to a lack of linguistically and culturally competent mental health services in our shelter systems and our city as a whole. These bills and the additional funding secured by the Council Member are the start of a new language access paradigm that would center community organizations who speak the language and understand the needs of those living in and coming to our city.

New York City spends \$19 million per year on translation and interpretation services, much of which goes to language line companies outside of New York State. Local Law 30 says that New York is required to provide information and services in 10 designated citywide languages and telephonic translations in 100 languages, but many individuals and organizations who service limited English proficiency communities have voiced their concern that the law does not go far enough. This law lays the groundwork to fund and recognize the organizations in our own city that already do this work and formalize their services.

Through her advocacy on the

Budget Negotiation Team, Council Member Won also secured \$5 million dollars to fund the execution of Intro 136. The funding will develop a Community Interpreter Bank that recruits, trains, and dispatches interpreters locally in our city instead of spending taxpayer dollars to contract with vendors outside of the state. This funding is foundational in creating a city that is linguistically accessible to all residents, especially those who speak limited diffusion languages and have never engaged in government services before.

"Language Access is a matter of life and death. In our city, we have seen the deaths of families who were not able to understand warnings in English about the deadly flooding from Hurricane Ida. This week we witnessed the second tragic suicide of a recent migrant who could not access mental health services due to a stark lack of non-English mental health and welfare services in our city. As our city continues to welcome thousands of new migrants and refugees with the end of Title 42, it's critical to provide culturally competent language translations and interpretation services to our new neighbors,"

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## Maloney Celebrates Breastfeeding Legislation in the Omnibus

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to, and no new mother should be forced to choose between breastfeeding and earning a paycheck."

Background - The PUMP for Nursing Mothers Act would strengthen and expand the 2010 Break Time law by:

- Closing the coverage gap. The bill would protect 9 million employees not included in the 2010 Break Time law by extend-

ing the law's protections to cover categories of employees currently exempted from protections, such as teachers, nurses, and farmworkers.

• Providing employers clarity on when pumping time can be unpaid, as is allowed under current law.

• Ensuring that nursing mothers have access to remedies that are available for other violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

## Fatal Overdoses Awareness



Overdose fatalities are up by 50 percent in Queens this year, and three of every four of those deaths are attributed to fentanyl and fentanyl derivatives.

The Queens District Attorneys Office has worked relentlessly to get this poison and its merchant off of our streets by investigat-

ing and bringing serious charges against alleged drug dealers, all accused of trying to profit from other people's addictions. Illicit drugs, and the clear danger they help fuel, have no place in our communities.

PIX 11 recently covered this important topic.

## Gillibrand, Schumer Secure \$1 Billion For 9/11 Health Program in Funding Package

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer announced that they'd secured \$1 billion for the World Trade Center Health Program (WTCHP), which provides health benefits to 9/11 first responders and survivors. The WTCHP would have had to start denying new enrollments and cutting services to sick responders and survivors starting October 2024 without the crucial funding provided by Senator Gillibrand's amendment to the end-of-year spending bill. This funding will enable the program to continue providing uninterrupted service until 2027. After the funding was initially left out of the FY23 omnibus funding package, the senators worked across the aisle to introduce a revised version of the 9/11 Responder and Survivor Health Funding Correction Act as an amendment to secure the funding in the final omnibus package. The amendment passed 90-6.

"This \$1 billion in funding will ensure that more than 120,000 9/11 first responders and survivors can continue receiving medical treatment and monitoring," said Senator Gillibrand. "I am grateful to Majority Leader Schumer and Minority Leader McConnell for working with me to add this amendment, which continues the tradition of bipartisan support for

our 9/11 heroes. There is more work to be done in the future and I look forward to working across the aisle and with advocates to strengthen this program."

"Before the smoke even cleared on 9/11—and before the rubble even quit burning—our first responders were on the scene at Ground Zero: firefighters, police officers, construction workers, and volunteers of all kinds just trying to do their part," said U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer. "For their sacrifice, many first responders developed serious health complications from their time working the pile, from lifelong injuries to cancer. Many sadly are no longer with us. Too many. We created the World Trade Center Health Program so that 9/11 responders could afford to treat their ailments. We've funded and fought for it from day one. With the passing of this amendment, Senator Gillibrand and I can say that the health fund will not face its expected funding shortfall in approximately two years, and that more certainty and consistency of treatment for all those sick now – and all those who might become sick from their exposure— will be delivered."

In August 2021, Senator Gillibrand introduced the 9/11 Responder and Survivor Health Funding Correction Act. The bill would deliver approximately \$3.6

billion in supplemental funding to close the impending funding gap in the World Trade Center Health Program, which stems from the formula not keeping pace with the costs of health care inflation and increased participation in the program.

In September 2021, Gillibrand, Schumer, and bipartisan members of the New York congressional delegation held a press conference in New York City calling for passage of the bill ahead of the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

About the World Trade Center Health Program: Congress established the WTCHP on a bipartisan basis in 2011 with a five-year authorization to provide medical treatment and monitoring for over 120,000 9/11 responders and survivors suffering from the effects of the toxins at Ground Zero. The program covers the lifespans of all exposed, including responders and survivors of the attack on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, the Shanksville crash site, children who were in schools in downtown Manhattan on 9/11 and during clean-up, and those who have since experienced, or are expected to experience, adverse health effects that are linked to the attacks in the coming years. The program was reauthorized in 2015 and extended through 2090 with bipartisan support.

## Council Member Julie Won And Advocates Celebrate Passage of Language Access Bills

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said Council Member Julie Won. "My bills, Intro 136 and Intro 700, will expand language access for vulnerable populations, so that our immigrant neighbors and business owners have access to critical information in their own languages. We have secured \$5 million in funding to establish the first language access co-op in the country, as well as a Community Interpreter Bank in partnership with the Language Access Coalition. Thank you to the Speaker, City Council, and African Communities Together, Asian American Federation, MASA, and NYIC for prioritizing language access for our immigrant communities."

"New Yorkers speak hundreds of different languages, so it's important that crucial city services and common documents are provided in their preferred languages," said Speaker Adrienne Adams. "With the passage of legislation championed by the Council and proposed in my State of the City address, our immigrant communities will be better served and supported by city government. The Council will continue to advance efforts that ensure all New Yorkers have access to the language services and resources they need to thrive. I thank Council Member Won and all our colleagues for their support of these critical bills."

"New York City is the most diverse city in the world and New Yorkers deserve language access-

sibility worthy of that title," Asian American Federation Executive Director, Jo-Ann Yoo, said. "Int. 136 and Int. 700 are steps in the right direction, focusing on the critical parts of the City enterprise involving translation of critical documents and procurement of language services. We're grateful that City Council continues to take a leadership role in making our City as responsive to its most vulnerable as possible."

"For New York's immigrant communities, language access makes the difference between being part of our city or being locked out," said Amaha Kassa, Executive Director of African Communities Together. "Today New York takes a major step toward full inclusion by bringing language access to civil enforcement and legal compliance for immigrant businesses and community members. And we make a welcome move towards greater transparency in the dollars the City spends for language services and spending more of them on agencies based right here in our New York immigrant communities. We're grateful to Council Member Won and her colleagues on the Council for their leadership on this issue."

"We are very proud to learn that the New York City Council has moved in the right direction to improve language access for our immigrant and Limited English Proficient (LEP) community, who day in and day out help our

City run smoothly," said Masa Executive Director, Aracelis Lucero. "By passing Int. 136 and Int. 700, our City is able to leverage the richness in language diversity that already exists throughout our City by engaging culturally competent organizations who are already on the ground and ensuring that everyone, regardless of language spoken, receives written materials regarding changes in New York City laws and compliance orders."

"Every New Yorker should be able to access important and urgent information from our government and its agencies without any obstacles. This pandemic showed many faults in our systems, one of the many being language access and the ability for all New Yorkers to receive important information in a preferred language, specifically for small business owners. New York City just took an important step towards ensuring that our immigrant small businesses are better informed about procurement of contracts and compliance. While there are still significant barriers to language access for New York's immigrant communities, particularly those who speak languages of limited diffusion (LLDs), we look forward to working with Speaker Adams, Council Member Won and the rest of Council on implementation and future improvements to our city's language access policies," said Theodore Moore, Vice President of Policy & Programs, New York Immigration Coalition.

## Con Edison Urges Customers to Conserve Energy Due to Heavy Demand on Interstate Gas Pipelines

*Company Seeking Conservation, Taking Other Steps to Keep Service Reliable for Customers in NYC and Westchester*

Con Edison is urging its customers to conserve energy due to frigid weather and increased demand on interstate pipelines that bring natural gas into the New York City Metropolitan region.

The call for conservation covers Con Edison's 1.1 million natural gas, 3.5 million electric customers and its steam customers in Manhattan and will remain in effect until further notice. Conserving energy as much as possible now will help ensure adequate natural gas supplies for the rest of the weekend.

Owners of natural gas pipelines have reported that equipment problems caused by the cold weather and the heavy demand for natural gas are challenging their ability to provide adequate amounts of gas throughout the Northeast.

Though the issues are on pipelines that are outside of Con Edison's service area and not owned or operated by Con Edison, the company is seeking conservation to keep service reliable for its

customers.

Along with urging customers to conserve, the company is switching electric and steam generation plants to alternative fuels. The company is also utilizing liquefied natural gas and compressed natural gas for additional supply to serve customers.

Con Edison offers the following conservation tips:

- Set thermostats at the lowest comfortable temperature. Each degree lower reduces energy usage and decreases heating costs.
- Use appliances only as needed. Turn off the lights in unoccupied rooms. Turn off television sets, computers and other appliances that are not in use.
- Hold off on using appliances such as dishwashers, washing machines and dryers until the conservation request is lifted, if possible.
- Make sure heating vents are not blocked by furniture, carpeting or anything else that could obstruct the flow of heat.

The company is in contact with New York City Emergency Management and the Westchester County Department of Emergency Services.

## Incoming Leader Jeffries Statement on FY 2023 Government Funding Package

Incoming Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries voted to pass a government funding package including all 12 fiscal year 2023 appropriations bills, providing \$800 billion in non-defense funding, a 9.3% increase from last year.

"Led by Chairwoman Rosa DeLauro and our Appropriators, House Democrats have delivered a government funding package that puts People Over Politics and invests in our nation for lower costs, better-paying jobs and safer communities. The \$68 billion boost in non-defense funding is the largest increase ever.

Democrats delivered hundreds of millions to build, preserve, revitalize and rehabilitate housing across the nation to address our affordable housing crisis and over \$3 billion in investments to reduce homelessness. In addition, we provided over \$118 billion to ensure the men and women who served our nation can get the medical care they need and deserve. We also invested over \$15 billion to tackle the climate crisis with the fierce urgency of now.

The bill provides \$27 billion to help our communities who have been devastated by extreme weather events, including \$1 billion for the grid in Puerto Rico

and \$600 million for Jackson, Mississippi, as they recover from their water crisis.

On the heels of the historic address from President Zelenskyy to the Congress, this legislation also provides \$45 billion in assistance so we can continue to stand with the Ukrainian people as they fight back against the Russian war of aggression.

We also took steps to protect our democracy from tyrants by including reforms to the Electoral Count Act to ensure that Congress can do our job as required by the Constitution and secured an additional \$75 million to strengthen the integrity of federal elections.

Whether it's bringing our economy back to life in the wake of a deadly pandemic, making unprecedented investments in our roads, bridges and mass transit systems, passing gun safety legislation for the first time in 30 years, bringing manufacturing jobs back home to the United States, striking a blow against the climate crisis or driving down the high cost of life-saving prescription drugs, House Democrats conclude the 117th Congress having definitively proved that the D in Democrat stands for Deliver."



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Notice of Formation of ELITE EHS CONSULTANTS LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/12/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 2520 42nd St. #1C, Astoria, NY, 11103 Purpose: any lawful activities. 12/1,8,15,22,29/2022&1/5/2023

APEKS GROUP LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/12/2022. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Denis Khari, 41-20 39th Street, Long Island City, NY 11104. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 12/15,22,29/2022,1/5,12&19/2023

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2340 27 STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/28/22. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 2340 27th Street, Queens, NY 11105. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 11/24,12/1,8,15,22&29/2022

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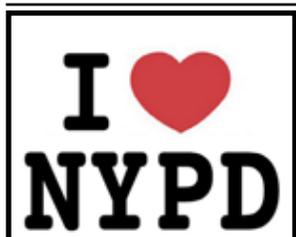
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518 Services LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 10/20/2022. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 33-15 211 St., Bayside, NY 11361. General Purpose. 12/1,8,15,22,29/2022&1/5/2023

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168-07 Northern Blvd LLC Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/17/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 168-07 Northern Blvd LLC, 168-07 Northern Blvd, Flushing NY 11358, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: any lawful activity. 12/8,15,22,29/2022,1/5&12/2023



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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS DIVISION OF ST. THOMAS AND ST. JOHN IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARIANO IRAGGI, a/k/a MARTIN IRAGGI, Deceased. Case No. ST-2021-PB-00032 NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE is hereby given that a Petition for Ancillary Administration has been filed on behalf of the Estate of Mariano Iraggi, a/k/a Martin Iraggi, deceased, and all persons having claims against the Estate are required to present them, verified by affidavit, and all persons indebted to the Estate to make payment promptly to the Petitioners: Nancy Abatemarco, Ramona Cottone and Geralyn Cefalu, or their undersigned counsel. Law Offices of Richard H. Dollison, P.C. Dated: December 2, 2022 By: /s/ Richard H. Dollison Richard H. Dollison V.I. Bar #: 502 5143 Palm Passage, Ste. B28/29 P.O. Box 6135 St. Thomas, U.S.V.I. 00804-6135 (340) 774-7044 (340) 774-7045 fax rhd@rdollisonlaw.com 12/8,15,22&29/2022

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Notice of Formation of 41-04 159th Street LLC amended to 41-04 & 41-08 159th Street LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/26/22. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 29 West Main St, Oyster Bay, NY 11771. Purpose: any lawful activity. 12/29/2022,1/5,12,19,26&2/2/2023

182 JMC LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/21/2022. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 18230 Jamaica Ave, Hollis, NY 11433. Reg Agent: Fuqun CPA, P.C., 94 Oxford Blvd., Great Neck, NY 11023. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 12/29/2022,1/5,12,19,26&2/2/2023



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162ND STREET FRESH MEADOWS, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/21/2022. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 14-26 136th Street, College Point, NY 11356. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 12/29/2022,1/5,12,19,26&2/2/2023

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Notice of Formation of HORIZON MAINTENANCE INC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/18/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 23-64 92nd Street, Flushing, NY 11369. Purpose: any lawful activities. 12/29/2022,1/5,12,19,26&2/2/2023



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### Recognition of Our Local Heroes



Chaplain Christina Winslow, Founder of A Cause A Concern A Solution Network, Inc., has dedicated her life to neighborhood unity and empowerment. The non-profit organization she runs has been in existence for 17 years to help address the needs of women, children,

and veterans in our communities. Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz was glad for the opportunity to present Ms. Winslow with a letter of recognition during a Christmas Toy Drive that her organization held for local residents in Southeast Queens.

### Assemblywoman Nily Rozic Inducts Student Government Officers

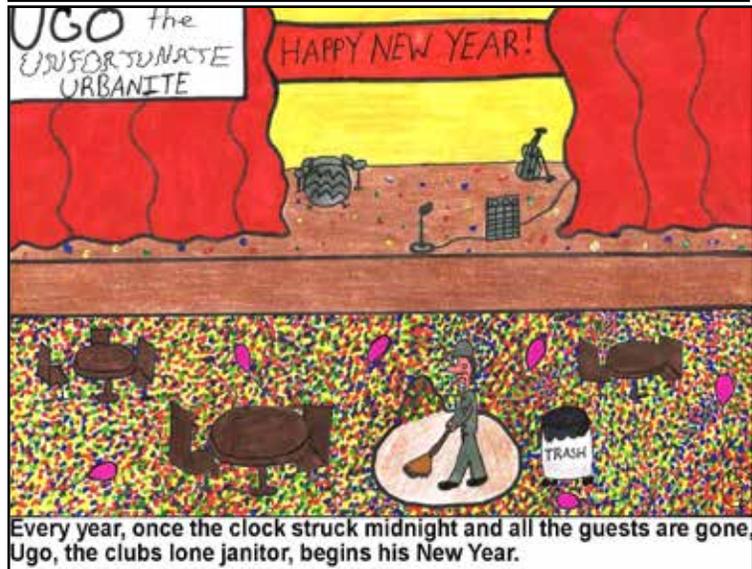


Pictured is Assemblywoman Nily Rozic with student council president of P.S. 216.

Assemblywoman Nily Rozic (D,WF-Fresh Meadows) inducted the incoming class of student government officers at M.S. 216 George J. Ryan Middle School and P.S. 26 Rufus King Elementary School in Fresh Meadows.

Rozic delivered remarks about her journey from student to public servant. She also commended the newly elected leaders on their roles in fostering civic engagement in their school communities.

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Every year, once the clock struck midnight and all the guests are gone, Ugo, the clubs lone janitor, begins his New Year.

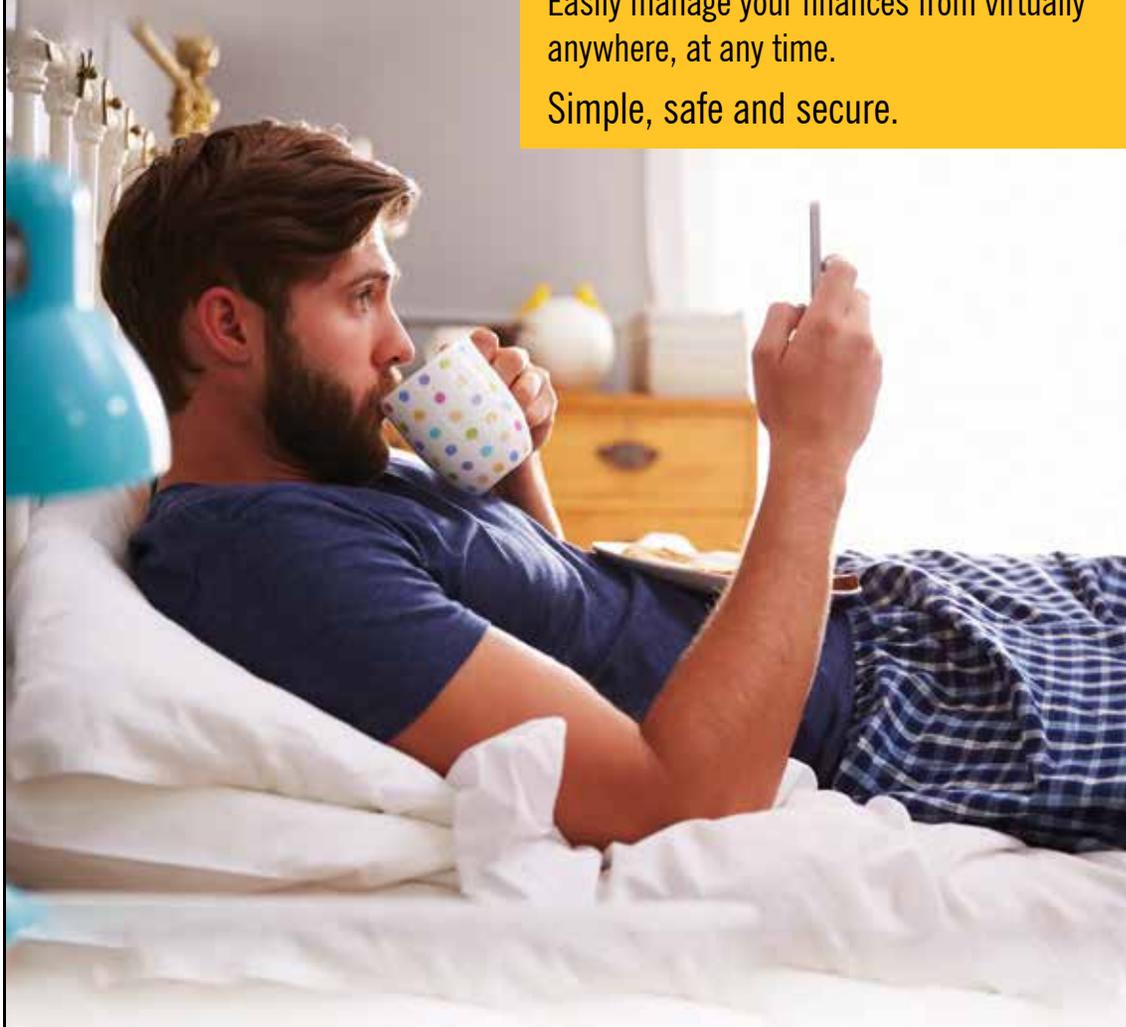
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