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## Local 237 Disputes ME Finding That Death Of Caretaker Was Natural

### Believe Problematic Garbage Hoist Was Cause Of Basement Demise

By DAN ROSENBLUM

Alleging a cover-up the president of Teamsters Local 237 called for an independent investigation after the city's Chief Medical Examiner ruled that a Housing Authority Caretaker died on the job last month of natural causes.

ME: Death Heart-Related

That determination conflicted with the results of an investigation recently completed by the local, which linked a poorly maintained garbage hoist to the March 7 death of 31-year-old Toni Jackson, who was found in a project basement following her morning shift at the Coney Island Houses. The medical examiner said her death was caused by "cardiac arrhythmia complicating second-degree atrioventricular block" with no evidence the hoist played a role in her death, according to the HA.

But Local 237's report offered a more-complicated ac-

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GREG FLOYD: What about her head wound?

## City Pension Funds Profitable Only For Investment Advisors

By DAN ROSENBLUM

Even as the city's pension funds almost doubled in value, private money managers "gobbled up" more than \$2.5 billion of projected pension-fund gains over the last decade, according to an analysis released last week by City Comptroller Scott Stringer.

Though investment fees are commonplace, the billions that the funds' managers charged over the years ate up the profits and ended up costing investors more money than they earned, he said.

Those managing money in

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ENDING A JOURNEY FOR JUSTICE?: Local 1180 President Arthur Cheliotos details a Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission finding that the de Blasio administration should pay \$246 million to correct decades of systemic discrimination against Administrative Managers. The city must reach an agreement to avoid a Federal lawsuit.

## Find Pay Scale Biased Against Minority Women

# EEOC Tells City Local 1180 Managers Should Get Big Raise to End Injustice

By DAN ROSENBLUM

The de Blasio administration should pay \$246 million to correct systemic discrimination against women and minority managers, according to a recent determination by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The EEOC cited evidence that for decades, the city salary structure discriminated against Administrative Managers, a title dominated by African-American and Hispanic women. The EEOC, the de Blasio administration and the union that filed the charge, Communications Workers of America Local 1180, must reach an agreement to avoid a potential Federal lawsuit.

'Important Milestone'

"This EEOC finding is a very important milestone in this union's journey to justice for the members of Local 1180," said its presi-

dent, Arthur Cheliotos, at an April 7 press conference. "What this finding shows is that the claims that we have been making for years now are valid, legitimate and warrant immediate action on the part of the City of New York."

The issue dates to 1978, when the city set the title's pay rate at \$24,000, according to the local. As the more-senior managers—typically white males—were promoted, the maximum pay for the title increased but those promoted into the job—often minority women—were locked into the base salaries that fell well behind the rate of inflation. Over the years, salaries for some Principal Administrative Associates climbed higher than those of their bosses, which were held at \$53,373. During the same time, maximum pay for managers surpassed \$136,000.

About 1,200 current and former Administrative Managers are affected, according to

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## Built Up DC 37, Key Player in Fiscal-Crisis Rebound

# Remember Gotbaum for Toughness, Guts, Vision and Some Blind Spots

By RICHARD STEIER

Victor Gotbaum, who built District Council 37 into one of the most-formidable public employee unions in the nation during a 22-year tenure that began with the city welfare strike in January 1965, following his death April 5 at 93 was lionized by tabloid editorial writers and columnists who never much liked him while he held power—and the feeling was mutual.

A more-heartfelt tribute came from American Federation of Teachers President Randi Weingarten, who got her start in the union world as a young lawyer working



VICTOR GOTBAUM

for Albert Shanker—with whom Mr. Gotbaum famous-

ly feuded even when they were working together during the fiscal crisis to rescue the city from the lip of bankruptcy in 1975.

He Could Work a Table

During a private funeral service April 8, Ms. Weingarten quoted a former DC 37 labor negotiator, Dennis Sullivan, saying, "Victor knew how to pound the negotiating table and get to the middle of the table," referring to a flair for theatrics that could dissolve into straightforward bargaining

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# Many State Agencies Seeking Maintenance Supervisors 2, 3 and 4

## Levels Determined by Experience; Apply by April 22, Fee \$35-\$40

### Need Experience as a Supervisor, Some Knowledge of Trades

The state is looking for Maintenance Supervisors at three levels to work in agencies all over New York. The application deadline is April 22. The fee is \$35 for Maintenance Supervisor 2 and \$40 for Maintenance Supervisor 3 and 4.

The salaries are \$49,400 for Maintenance Supervisor 2, \$55,126 for Maintenance Supervisor 3 and \$61,022 for Maintenance Supervisor 4. Appointees who work in New York City or Nassau, Suffolk, Rockland or Westchester counties receive an additional \$3,026 annual downstate ad-

justment. Those in Dutchess, Orange or Putnam counties receive a \$1,513 mid-Hudson adjustment.

Oversee Operations

As a Maintenance Supervisor 2, you would supervise the operation and maintenance of the physical plant of small state facilities, off-site facilities, or community residences. You would prepare or supervise the preparation of detailed plans, specifications

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## New Trial Ordered

# Toss \$1.6M Award For White Buffalo Firemen

By SARAH DORSEY

A Buffalo court decision that voided a \$1.6-million discrimination award for 12 white firefighters could be significant here if, as more blacks and Latinos advance on the job, firefighters sue the FDNY over promotion exams, an expert on the Fire Department's own discrimination suit said last week.

The City of Buffalo threw out its firefighter promotion list in 2005, at a time when it was facing two lawsuits by African-American firefighters over those exams. More whites did well on the promotion test than blacks.

Illegally Passed Over?

State Supreme Court Justice John A. Michalek awarded the white firefighters nearly \$2.7 million in back pay, pension benefits and emotional distress, ruling that they'd been illegally passed over for promotion due to their race. An appellate court later reduced the amount to \$1.6 million.

In February, the state Court of Appeals in a 4-1 decision sent the Buffalo firefighters' case back to the original trial judge. The city will be given a chance to prove that it had strong evidence to believe, if it used the list, it would have been liable for



RICK ROSSEIN: Cities walking a tightrope.

discrimination against the black firefighters.

"It is a tightrope," CUNY Law Professor Rick Rossein said last week, speaking of the ease with which cities could be charged with discrimination by either whites or people of color. An independent Equal Employment Opportunity consultant for the city Law Department, Mr. Rossein was previously a court-ordered EEO consultant during the FDNY's Federal hiring-discrimination suit. That case was initially launched by the Vulcan Society of Black Firefighters, and later taken up by the U.S. Justice Department.

The Buffalo award was not

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## THE NEWS INSIDE

### Wilson a New Challenger For Lynch in PBA Race

Ronald Wilson, a 24-year union delegate, is running against Patrick Lynch as he seeks a fifth term. His critiques of the incumbent over an unresolved contract and an inferior disability pension for newer members have been countered by citing his tenure on the union board that got stuck with the 1997 'zeroes for heroes' contract. P2

Razzle Dazzle

### A Shakespearean Hero, He Might've Been More

Victor Gotbaum's skills in making District Council 37 a powerhouse and helping the city survive the 1975 fiscal crisis were offset to a degree by decisions that later contributed to the union's decline and cost him a prominent labor role once he left it. P4

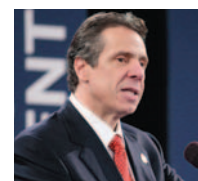


VICTOR GOTBAUM

Says Race Cost Her Job

### Ex-FDNY EEO Head Sues City for Wrongful Firing

Lyndelle Phillips, who was in charge of the Fire Department's Equal Employment Opportunity office as it dealt with a Federal lawsuit charging discrimination in firefighter hiring, claims she was fired for doing her job honestly, including offering testimony in the case that influenced the finding of wrongdoing by the trial judge. She is seeking \$1.2 million. P3



Book Portrays a Schemer

### He Coulda Had Class, But That's Not Cuomo

An unauthorized biography of the Governor offers admiration for his political skills but describes him as a bully who chooses staff in his own image and harshly punishes those who buck him. It also suggests that his fiercest rivalry has been with his father. P5

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### Mayor Taps Brezenoff To Lead Jail System Watchdog Agency

By MARK TOOR

Mayor de Blasio on April 9 appointed Stanley Brezenoff, an experienced municipal troubleshooter who became First Deputy Mayor under Ed Koch, as Chair of the Board of Correction, which sets performance standards for the Department of Correction.

Mr. de Blasio appointed the current BOC Chair, Gordon Campbell, to the board of the Health and Hospitals Corporation, with the recommendation that he be elected Vice Chair.

"Stan Brezenoff and Gordon Campbell each bring decades of experience leading key citywide organizations to their new roles, and I know they will continue to

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### Will Fill Jobs

## CITY CERTS

The Department of City-wide Administrative Services has certified sections of the eligible lists below for appointments and promotions in city agencies, subject to the 1-in-3 rule. Some of the appointments and promotions may already have been made.

### OPEN COMPETITIVE

**ASSISTANT ELECTRICAL ENGINEER**—48 eligibles between Nos. 3 and 249 on List 1037 for 1 job in Department of Parks and Recreation.

**CITY PLANNER**—3 eligibles (Nos. 40, 229 and 261.5) on List 1010 to replace 1 provisional at NYC Transit.

**CONSTRUCTION PROJECT MANAGER**—6 eligibles between Nos. 132 and 250 on List 2034 to replace 2 provisionals in Housing Preservation and Development Department.

**ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING INTERN**—6 eligibles between Nos. 4 and 37 on List 3063 for 1 job in Department of Environmental Protection.

### PROMOTION

**SUPERVISOR OF HOUSING STOCK WORKERS**—6 eligibles between Nos. 1 and 14 on List 8539 for 2 jobs at Housing Authority.

### Manager 'Flipped Out'

## OSHA Fines MTA \$52,500 In Whistleblower Harass

By SARAH DORSEY

Retaliation cases can be difficult to prove.

That did not appear to be the case when the Occupational Safety and Health Administration awarded a New York City Transit employee \$52,500 as a whistleblower for helping to expose safety hazards in a Brooklyn maintenance shop.

While inspectors from the Public Employee Safety and Health Bureau (PESH) were conducting a walk-through of the Linden shop on Aug. 9, 2012, then-welding inspector Janathan Harte turned on a machine that his supervisor, Acting General Superintendent Mark Ruggerio, had just said was broken.

### 'Put You on the Rack'

"He flew off the handle—I'm gonna put you on the rack; I'm gonna cut off your overtime," Mr. Harte recalled in an interview last week. "He was just irate, man."

Lest anyone think that description was a bit exaggerated, the retelling in the final OSHA finding read: "the PESH inspectors characterized Respondent Ruggerio's behavior as 'flipping out.'"

Mr. Harte knew the machine, a drill press, was in bad condition, he said last week.

"I knew they'd used it that morning. He said it hadn't been used in months, nobody's supposed to use it." So he turned it on—and said it started spitting and spinning.

"At that point, Mr. Ruggerio began yelling at the Complainant," the OSHA report continued. "He said something to the effect of, 'Really, you are going to do this to me?' and he followed up by threatening to remove Complainant from the overtime list."

### Ignored Warning

After the inspectors warned him his behavior could be considered retaliation, the supervisor "neither stopped yelling at Complainant nor did he provide any justification for his behavior."

Mr. Harte said that the inspection lasted several hours and uncovered many violations. But the verbal attacks that day weren't the end of the harassment.

"At that point it escalated," Mr. Harte recalled. He charged that Mr. Ruggerio held a meeting and told the supervisors not to give him information, and then began taking away privileges from his co-workers, telling them to "thank Harte."

The welding inspector also complained to OSHA that he was given a meaningless task as retaliation. He noted that other employees, far from doing busy work, were playing cards at the shop. Though the agency found the incident to be a mere misunderstanding, that supervisor told the co-workers that Mr. Harte had reported the card game.

He was soon given the cold shoulder. OSHA called the supervisor's disclosure "gratuitous."

### 'Callous Indifference'

"Respondents in this case have exhibited reckless and callous indifference to Complainant's rights under [the National Transit Systems Security Act]," the officials concluded.

Of Mr. Harte's \$52,500 award, the Department of Labor ordered \$2,000 to be paid by Mr. Ruggerio as punitive damages for his behavior. The rest was assessed against New York City Transit in punitive and compensatory damages.

A Metropolitan Transportation Authority spokesman said the agency planned to object; it has 30 days from OSHA's March 24 ruling. The MTA can request a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge; if it does not, the findings will become final and can't be reviewed by a court.

Mr. Harte said it had been a rough 2½ years since the incident.

"It was definitely tense; it was definitely tense for a few

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### Served in Prior Union Regime

## Wilson a New Challenger For Lynch in PBA Race

By MARK TOOR

A second candidate has emerged to oppose Patrick J. Lynch for a fifth term as president of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association.

Ronald Wilson, a PBA delegate since 1991 who is assigned to the Bus Unit of the Citywide Traffic Task Force, joins Brian Fusco, the PBA's Brooklyn South Trustee, in seeking the post.

### Brief Role on Board

Mr. Wilson served on the PBA board for six months, finishing out the term of another member, under James (Doc) Savage, whom Mr. Lynch defeated in 1999.

Mr. Savage was part of the PBA leadership team that was saddled with the zeroes-for-heroes awarded by an arbitration panel in 1997 during the mayoralty of Rudy Giuliani. The five-year pact provided a two-year pay freeze followed by raises totaling 12 percent for the final three years, enraging officers who felt they were being insufficiently rewarded for sharp drops in crime.

Mr. Wilson's association with Mr. Savage—who did not become president of the PBA until the uproar over the award led Lou Matarazzo to depart in mid-term—is something both Mr. Lynch and Mr. Fusco have to use against him.

"Pat Lynch has lost touch with what the everyday police officer has to deal with," Officer Wilson said in a recent interview. He criticized Mr. Lynch for failing to negotiate a new contract, prevent a reduced line-of-duty disability pension for new officers that took effect in 2010, and stop an increase in the power of the Civilian Complaint Review Board.

"The membership wants real change, the very real change of a grassroots movement taking us in another direction," he said. "Right now both of my opponents are on the board. They're both ineffective at protecting the



RONALD WILSON: Faults Lynch on pact, disability loss.



PATRICK J. LYNCH: Foe came from discredited regime.

membership and representing the membership."

### A Stinging Rebuttal

Mr. Lynch responded, "As my opponent knows, when he was on the executive board of the PBA, it was a corrupt and inaccessible union. They were the definition of out-of-touch with the members. They were also responsible for the most disastrous collective-bargaining results that New York City police officers have ever experienced. The Lynch team has successfully turned the PBA into a service-oriented and responsive organization that works for our members."

He was referring to the fact that the PBA presidency was handed down among a

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### Strong SBA Vote On Pact Leaves PBA In Bad Arbitration Spot

By MARK TOOR

The Sergeants' Benevolent Association membership ratified its contract with the city last week with more than 71 percent in favor, union officials said. That leaves the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association as the only one of the five police unions without a contract.

"We're happy that the membership has ratified this contract, which we think is a fair contract in this day and age," SBA Vice President Robert Ganley told Capital New York.

### Terminal-Leave Shift Key

The contract keeps to the uniformed-union pattern—11-percent raises over seven years, one more point than given to civilian workers. The ratification gives the city reinforcement in its upcoming arbitration battle with the PBA, which insists such terms are unacceptable.

Raises take effect on the following dates: 1 percent retroactive to Aug. 30, 2011, Feb. 28, 2013, Feb. 28, 2014, and Feb. 28, 2015; 1.5 percent on Feb. 29, 2016; 2.5 percent on March 30, 2017; and 3 percent on March 30, 2018.

The contract gives retiring Sergeants the option of a lump-sum payment for terminal leave; previously, they had to use up all leave before retirement. And it increases longevity payments in con-

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ROBERT GANLEY: 'Fair contract' gets big margin.

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Local 372 photo

**GUARDS AT A CROSSROADS:** Members of Local 372 of District Council 37 rally at City Hall April 8 to ask for more hours and higher pay to curb the heavy turnover and financial instability for School Crossing Guards.

**Hours Limited, Don't Get Paid in Summer**

**Crossing Guards Push Council For Adding Hiring and Annualized Status**

By DAN ROSENBLUM

Though their base salaries rose this month, more than 2,000 School Crossing Guards still are beset by insufficient work-hours, summer furloughs and dangerous streets, according to Local 372 of District Council 37.

About 40 members of the local rallied in front of City Hall April 8 with a handful of City Council Members and Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer to prod the de Blasio administration to allocate more money in its next budget to help address the job's heavy turnover and financial instability.

**Push for 500 Hirings**

The city has a budgeted headcount of 2,300 guards, but there are 127 vacancies, according to the NYPD. The local estimates the vacancies

at 200, and wants 300 more positions created beyond the attrition replacement.

With the city shorthanded, not every school gets a Crossing Guard. Ms. Brewer said Manhattan has 500 schools, but only 349 budgeted guards. "I think we start from the premise that every school should have a Crossing Guard and some schools need two Crossing Guards," she said.

Though the workers are associated with public schools, they are employed by the NYPD. Ms. Brewer said the department should expand its recruitment tactics, especially since those who seek out Crossing Guard jobs don't frequent police precincts, where jobs are often posted.

One of the biggest impediments to a stable workforce, according to the union, are the summer months when guards aren't paid. Local 372 is seeking to annualize guards so its

members can work and receive health benefits when schools are out of session. It is also opposed to a 25-hour weekly cap on hours; some are paid only for the 20 hours when students are picked up and dropped off.

**Got Pay Increased 10%**

More than 200 School Crossing guards earning the \$10.33 minimum hourly wage or slightly more had their base pay rates increase to \$11.50 on April 1. But several City Council Members said they should be earning \$15 to incentivize more people to apply.

"This is a perennial problem that's not getting any better," said Councilwoman Helen Rosenthal, who said she had repeatedly appealed for a guard at West 77th St. and Columbus Ave., where a 13-year-old was hit last month by a car. She said that of the six funded positions to cover 11 elementary schools in her Upper West Side district, two jobs were unfilled.

Local 372 President Shaun Francois tied the effort to the de Blasio administration's "Vision Zero" initiative, which aims to substantially decrease the number of traffic-related deaths.

"If we are serious about

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**Honor Sept. 11 Hero Billy Burke With New Trade Center Climb**

By SARAH DORSEY

He gave up his life in a World Trade Center stairwell on Sept. 11—and now supporters will climb stairs to honor his legacy.

The Stephen Stiller Tunnel to Towers Foundation, which has for 13 years hosted a 5k run in memory of another Sept. 11 hero, will hold the first stair climb allowed in One World Trade Center May 17 to honor FDNY Capt. William "Billy" Burke.

**'He Saw Other Tower Fall'**

"He was one of the few firefighters in the North Tower that saw the South Tower fall," said John Hodge, the foundation's chief of operations. Aware of the danger that the building around him

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**WILLIAM BURKE:** Tried until end to save civilians.

**Ex-FDNY EEO Head Sues, Claiming She Was Fired Over Race**

By SARAH DORSEY

The former head of the FDNY's Equal Employment Opportunity office was herself fired because she is black, she has charged in a \$1.2-million lawsuit against the city.

Lyndelle Phillips, who served as Assistant Commissioner of EEO during the U.S. Justice Department's 2007 hiring-discrimination suit against the FDNY, filed her complaint April 2, and is also suing former Fire Commissioner Salvatore Cassano and ex-First Deputy Commissioner Daniel Shacktai. She's also charging retaliation for complaining to a consultant about discrimination in the FDNY.

**Fired After Testifying**

Ms. Phillips was effectively demoted in March 2011 and then fired in April 2012, five months after a Federal Judge in the discrimination case slammed the city and ordered a Federal monitor to oversee hiring. She'd testified before him two months earlier about severe staffing shortages in her office. Ms. Phillips had 22 years of experience in labor and employment law before joining the FDNY.

Four white senior officials

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**LYNDELLE PHILLIPS:** Ex-EEO head a victim of bias?

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**PBA Sues to Obtain \$10G From Cop-Killer's Fund**

By MARK TOOR

The Patrolmen's Benevolent Association has moved to seize more than \$10,000 from the prison account of Herman Bell and distribute it to the families of two police officers Mr. Bell was convicted of killing in 1971.

"We believe that we have a solemn obligation to the families of police officers who are killed in the line of duty to do all that we can to help them physically, morally and financially," PBA President Patrick J Lynch said in a statement April 5. "The loss of these brave police officers continues to cause pain and difficulties for those left behind that never diminishes even with the long passage of time."

**Helped Set Up Ambush**

Mr. Bell, now 66, was convicted along with two other members of the Black Liberation Army of ambushing Police Officers Waverly Jones and Joseph Piagentini after making a phony 911 call reporting trouble at a housing project on West 159th St. in Harlem.

Officer Jones was shot in the head. He died instantly. Officer Piagentini was shot 22 times as he begged for his life.

Mr. Bell and his two co-defendants, Anthony Bottom and Albert Washington, were sentenced in 1979 to 25 years to life. Mr. Washington died in prison. Mr. Bell and Mr. Bottom have been rejected for parole every two years since they first became eligible in 2000.

The PBA said Mr. Bell, an inmate at the Great Meadows Correctional Facility in upstate Washington County, has amassed more than \$10,000 in his prison commissary account. Inmates use funds from these accounts to purchase personal items such as food and toiletries.



**PATRICK J. LYNCH:** Give killer's money to cops' families.



**HERMAN BELL:** Repeatedly denied parole.

Inmates must keep all funds they receive in their commissary accounts. The money can come from work done inside the prison, contributions from outside entities and lawsuits filed against the prison.

**Could Go to Survivors**

The State Crime Victims Compensation Board notifies victims or their survivors when an inmate's account exceeds the \$10,000 mark. The Son of Sam Law allows inmates to retain \$1,000; anything over that

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**FIREFIGHTER 3/4 PENSION**

Administrative Code 13-353 states that when "...such member is physically or mentally incapacitated for the performance of city-service, as a natural and proximate result of an accidental injury received in such city-service while a member, and that such disability was not the result of wilful negligence on the part of such member..." that member is entitled to a lifetime pension benefit equal to 75% of the member's final average salary. Not all "On the Job" injuries qualify. Your CD-72 injury report should include:

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## A Fitting Tribute to Gotbaum

The celebrations of Victor Gotbaum's leadership of District Council 37 that followed his death April 5 generally glossed over—if they mentioned at all—his poor choice of a successor that helped contribute to the scandal that engulfed the union a dozen years after he retired.

One former top aide to Mr. Gotbaum told us last week that DC 37's executive director during his final years in office had expressed concern about losing control of its executive board, prompting the aide to suggest he amend the union's constitution so that its officers would no longer be chosen by a few hundred union delegates, but instead by a vote of its 125,000-member rank and file. The delegate system gave presidents of DC 37's two largest locals inordinate power because they could essentially control their delegates, who accounted for 40 percent of the votes.

When Mr. Gotbaum revisited the issue with the aide, Al Viani, a couple of weeks later, Mr. Viani said his enthusiasm for the idea had waned because he claimed the change wouldn't be truly democratic. Mr. Viani was mystified as to how giving the union's members a direct say in choosing its leaders could be deemed anti-democracy, and he suspected that Mr. Gotbaum had sounded out key board members about the change and encountered resistance. He believed that ultimately prompted the choice of Stanley Hill—a man who preferred to be liked than feared—to replace Mr. Gotbaum, with predictable results, as local presidents who until then had engaged in minor transgressions stepped up to major-league thievery.

When the DC 37 scandal exploded in 1998, with more than two dozen of its key officials being criminally convicted, it was clear that the delegate system had undermined potential checks and balances. But the administrator appointed to bring DC 37 back from disgrace, Lee Saunders, did not include a move to direct elections among the reforms he instituted.

The reason for holding on to a discredited system is obvious, and it undoubtedly influenced Mr. Gotbaum and his predecessor, Jerry Wurf, as well: the deal-making at the upper reaches of the union can insulate an executive director from membership anger over a lack-luster contract, or even the concessions a union leader must sometimes make—as Mr. Gotbaum did during the mid-1970s fiscal crisis.

For an example of voter ingratitude, there is no better place to look than Great Britain, where Winston Churchill—the epitome of leadership when his nation was under siege during World War II—was voted from office even as the war was still winding down because voters were uncertain he was the ideal peacetime leader. But it's worth noting that Mr. Churchill was the one who remarked that democracy was the worst political system ever devised, except for all the other ones.

The new DC 37 executive director, Henry Garrido, has vowed to get members more involved in the union than they have been for the past three decades. The best way to further that aim would be to take the hard but necessary steps to give them the power to choose their own leaders.

## Eating Up Pension Profits

When it comes to city pension-fund investments, City Comptroller Scott Stringer doesn't subscribe to the old racetrack joke: "Gee, I hope I break even—I need the money."

A report he released last week showed that the five city retirement systems over the course of a decade gained \$2.55 billion in value, only to have so much of that money get paid to their outside investment advisors that the net return was just \$40 million. That paltry profit could just as easily have been realized had the money had been invested in the kind of index designed to yield low-but-certain profits, with no "expert" investors involved.

"When you do the math on what we pay Wall Street to actively manage our funds, it's shocking to realize that fees have not only wiped out any benefit to the funds, but have in fact cost taxpayers billions of dollars in lost returns," Mr. Stringer observed.

His concerns were shared by top union leaders including Henry Garrido of District Council 37, who said it was "ridiculous" not to link compensation for the outside investors to the results they produced, and United Federation of Teachers President Mike Mulgrew, who said it was clear those investors were "not delivering what they're selling."

The period involved included a prolonged stock-market swoon that began in 2008. But even an uninformed investor can do well in a bull market; those who are capable enough to command generous fees are supposed to be able to outperform the rest of the world even in difficult times.

It's time to insist on accountability for those given the latitude to invest pensioners' money to ensure that returns are maximized.

## FOR THE RECORD

The longtime head of the Abyssinian Baptist Church, Rev. Calvin Butts, caused a stir at City Hall last week when he led a delegation there to demand that Mayor de Blasio fire Police Officer Daniel Pantaleo, the cop who used an apparent chokehold in the struggle that led to Eric Garner's death last July, as well as calling for him to dial back the NYPD's "Broken Windows" policing and stop-and-frisks.

Unless the Mayor did so, Reverend Butts said, he and his colleagues would look hard at endorsing someone else when Mr. de Blasio seeks re-election in 2017.

All those changes, he told reporters, could be made by Police Commissioner Bill Bratton, "and if he refuses to do it, de Blasio ought to dismiss his Police Commissioner."

There is an element to the Garner case, though, that carries a distinct irony given Reverend Butts's position: the decision to make arrests for the minor offense of selling untaxed cigarettes in a Staten Island location near the Ferry Terminal, which produced the confrontation that led to Mr. Garner's death, was made by then-Chief of Department Philip Banks, who had close ties to the Reverend.

When Mr. Banks quit the NYPD three months later after Commissioner Bratton rebuffed his demand for greater authority in the job of First Deputy Commissioner to which he was being shifted, Reverend Butts stated that the reason for his leaving "is a question that must be answered, and the Mayor must stand accountable for that."

Two years ago, the Village Voice reported that Mr. Banks, who at the time was the NYPD's Chief of Community Affairs, had intervened at the request of Reverend Butts to ensure that the former top official of Abyssinian Baptist Church's development arm wasn't arrested following a domestic dispute with her husband. The former aide, Sheena Wright, who not long before the incident had left her post as president of the Abyssinian Development Corporation for a top post with United Way, had successfully developed some major projects in Harlem. But she had also been accused of cronyism and taking expensive junkets, and Graham Rayman, the Voice reporter who exposed the alleged retaliation against NYPD whistleblower Adrian Schoolcraft, reported that a former human-resources manager of the ADC claimed he was fired for asking about a possible labor-law violation.

Following the Reverend Butts's call to Chief Banks, Mr. Rayman reported, an assault charge against Ms. Wright was dropped, but a charge against her husband, Gregg Walker, based on her cross-complaint was allowed to stand. The intervention of Chief Banks in the case was a kind of prequel to Mr. de Blasio's alleged phone call to the NYPD a year later, shortly after he took office as Mayor, in response to a call from a prominent Brooklyn minister who had been a key campaign supporter when he was stopped by cops for a moving violation and taken into custody once they discovered he had an outstanding warrant.

Mr. Pantaleo has been a lightning rod for criticism, particularly after a Staten Island grand jury declined to bring an indictment in the case. The Mayor, responding to the Reverend Butts's call for his firing, said that the next move will come from the U.S. Justice Department, which is examining whether charges can be brought for violating Mr. Garner's civil rights.

**A 10-13 fundraiser for Metropolitan Transportation Authority Police Officer Robert O'Donnell is being held April 26 at Mulcahy's in Wantagh as he undergoes treatment for cancer which is believed to have resulted from his work at Ground Zero while an NYPD officer.**

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## Razzle Dazzle

### A Shakespearean Hero, He Might've Been More



By RICHARD STEIER

Victor Gotbaum will be remembered as a great labor leader, even though he never commanded a national organization, based on two accomplishments: the growth of District Council 37 during the 22 years he ran it, and his outside role in helping to rescue the city from the mid-1970s fiscal crisis, in the process preserving collective bargaining and full pension rights for municipal workers.

He had a larger-than-life personality that allowed him to be both profane and persuasive in dealing with the media and popular with those who worked for him, who were grateful for the latitude he gave them but occasionally cringed at the way he treated them or others when angered. It's revealing that one of his department heads used two seemingly incongruous adjectives to describe him: "kind" and "vicious."

Such contradictions cropped up when his ideals clashed with his sense of self: he believed devoutly in trade-unionism but crossed a picket line thrown up by the union representing DC 37's own staff, with the only apparent explanation being that he believed that union was trying to embarrass him into giving it a better deal than DC 37 could reasonably afford. No doubt all four of the Mayors who dealt with him across the bargaining table would have suggested he was no one to complain on that score.

#### Some Luster Lost Once He Left

And for all the plaudits Mr. Gotbaum deserves for the innovations and improvements he brought to DC 37—helped along the way by his willingness to choose women to head key aspects of the union's operation at a time when other labor leaders generally didn't—in the 28-plus years since he retired, some of that luster got lost, particularly because of a massive corruption scandal that overwhelmed his hand-picked successor, with some of the primary culprits being officials Mr. Gotbaum had given more power than was wise.

He did so largely because of a bitter feud that developed between him and Jerry Wurf, the cantankerous president of DC 37's international union, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, that led him to mount a challenge to his mentor that ultimately collapsed before a 1980 election was even held.

The fall-out from that ill-fated bid to take over AFSCME lingered well beyond Mr. Wurf's death the following year. It probably played a role in Mr. Gotbaum's decision to retire at the end of 1986, citing an age requirement (he had turned 65 later that year) that proved no impediment to Lillian Roberts—who had worked closely with Mr. Gotbaum first in Chicago and later New York, but was cast off by him as a possible successor. She took charge of the union in 2002, shortly after she turned 76, and remained as executive director until the end of last year, just a few weeks short of 89.

As he prepared to leave, he sought the presidency of the AFL-CIO New York City Central Labor Council, the umbrella group for both public- and private-sector unions here. It had

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## Current Pension Topics

### Stringer Should Look At City Borrowing Practices



By JOEL FRANK

City Comptroller Scott M. Stringer has, at long last, placed the enormous weight of his office behind the notion that all of the nation's financial advisors be subject to the Fiduciary Standard of Care when conducting business with a client.

The U.S. Department of Labor and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission will soon issue separate rules that extend the Fiduciary Standard of Care to securities brokers. Once the rules are officially adopted, the entire investment-advisory industry will, as it should be, come under a uniform rule. Currently the less ethical Suitable Standard of Care applies to securities brokers.

Here is some of Mr. Stringer's

press release of March 25, 2015:

"On Wednesday, New York City Comptroller Scott M. Stringer announced details of a new proposal to enact a state law requiring that financial advisors disclose whether they put their own financial interests above those of their clients. The Comptroller also released a new report (<http://goo.gl/W1zQRd>) examining the history of the fiduciary standard, expressing his support for enacting the fiduciary standard nationwide and detailing his pioneering state proposal."

"Billions of dollars in savings are lost each year because of hidden fees and con-

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## Your Social Security

### A Greener Way To Do Business



By JEAN HALL

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**RAHM EMANUEL:** An eye-opening challenge.

## Despite Public-Union Opposition, Emanuel Stays Chicago Mayor

By DAN ROSENBLUM

The backing of Teacher and transit unions and liberal groups wasn't enough to give Jesus Garcia, a candidate for Mayor of Chicago, enough votes to topple incumbent Rahm Emanuel, who received 56 percent of the votes cast in the April 7 runoff election.

After his unexpectedly good showing in a Feb. 24 five-candidate ballot, Mr. Garcia, known as "Chuy," quickly took the reins of the progressive opposition to Mr. Emanuel's education and economic policies that prompted critics to refer to him as "Mayor 1 Percent."

#### Dueled With Own Teachers

President Obama's former Chief of Staff drew fire for dozens of public-school closings and his tense battle over contract terms with the Chicago Teachers Union, which led to an eight-day strike in 2012 before the parties reached an agreement. His most-visible re-election challenger, CTU President Karen Lewis, pulled out of the race for health reasons last fall, prompting its parent union, the American Federation of Teachers, and its New York chapter, the United Federation of Teachers, to back Mr. Garcia.

Three weeks ago, he raised at least \$60,000 at a New York fundraising stop sponsored by the UFT, the Amalgamated Transit Union and the Working Families Party. But it wasn't enough to topple Mr. Emanuel, who reportedly outspent the insurgent candidate by a nearly six-to-one margin.

The Mayor, who delivered his victory speech in a plumbers-union hall, also received the support of trades unions including local chapters of UNITE HERE, International Union of Operating Engineers and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Voters with family members belonging to a labor union were almost evenly divided between the two

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**A DOER UNTO OTHERS:** Governor Cuomo is depicted in a new, unauthorized biography as someone who doesn't like sharing power, tries to get his way with hardball tactics when persuasion won't work, and has carried a fraught relationship through his adult life with his late father, Mario, a three-term Governor whom he seems determined to outshine by relying on achievements rather than lofty rhetoric.

**Biography Portrays a Schemer**

**He Coulda Had Class, But That's Not Cuomo**

By MARK TOOR

"The Contender," a biography of Governor Cuomo published March 31, can be looked at as a corrective to Mr. Cuomo's memoir, which came out last October.

In "All Things Possible," Mr. Cuomo depicted himself as a son who adored his famous father Mario, a regular guy moving seamlessly from one triumph to the next—except in 2002, when both his marriage and campaign for Governor imploded—solving previously insoluble problems wherever they cropped up. "Getting things done" is his mantra.

**Shrewd, Bullying Tactician**

"The Contender," by Michael Shnayerson, a journalist who has published six previous books of nonfiction, expresses admiration for Mr. Cuomo's political skills. But he doesn't find much else to praise.

Mr. Shnayerson's Cuomo is a bully who surrounds himself with a staff of bullies. "Tough, nasty, vindictive—those judgments came from

both sides of the aisle..." Mr. Shnayerson writes of Mr. Cuomo's performance as Governor. "I think he overplays his toughness," one lawmaker said. "Talk to lobbyists, legislators—they'll almost unanimously say the guy is a real prick, and he will do whatever he can to punish you, only you won't know it because he won't do it to your face."

"So if your community doesn't get a grant for a hospital you've been advocating for... 'It wasn't competitive,' they'll say. Or if you call an agency to get things expedited and they don't expedite things when you call... Who knows?"

At the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, where he served as Assistant Secretary and then Secretary under President Clinton (a job he got with some help from his father), he stripped longtime employees of their duties and moved them to desks without phones.

"He wasn't a screamer, but

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flicted financial advice," Comptroller Stringer said "We need a uniform, national fiduciary standard, but we can't wait to give New Yorkers the common-sense reforms they need to make informed investment choices. This new law will ensure that New Yorkers know whether the investment advice they receive is in their best interest."

"Most New Yorkers assume that their financial advisors provide objective advice that is to their benefit. However, under current law, most financial advisors are not required to provide advice that is in the client's best interest—a legal standard of care known as the fiduciary standard. Instead, many brokers, financial planners, and retirement advisors are allowed to operate under a more permissive ethical code known as the suitability standard, which allows advisors to push investments that yield high fees or commissions, provided those investments are suitable for their clients."

"Comptroller Stringer is proposing a state law which will require all financial advisors to disclose—in plain language—whether they abide by the fiduciary standard. The first-of-its-kind transparency measure would require all advisors operating under the suitability standard to state at the outset of any financial relationship:

"I am not a fiduciary. Therefore, I am not required to act in your best interests, and am allowed to recommend investments that may earn higher fees for me or my firm, even if those investments may not have the best combination of fees, risks and expected return for you."

You are encouraged to read the entire press release at: <http://goo.gl/L0lgZq>.

With all that said, one of Mr. Stringer's many important functions is to be the person-in-charge of the city's multi-billion-dollar borrowing program. While I more than welcome Mr. Stringer's support of the fiduciary standard, he needs to examine his breach of that standard when it comes to the city borrowing the private retirement savings of a single group of city workers. He needs to take a fresh hard look at the decades-old practice of borrowing the voluntary TRS 403(b) savings of educators at interest rates that only a loanshark would demand. The city can borrow all the money it needs at an interest rate of about 0.50 percent. So why, Mr. Stringer, does the city borrow \$16 billion of 403(b) savings at rates of 7.0 percent for UFT members and 8.25 percent for non-UFT members?

The law mandates that the Comptroller borrow the entire \$16-billion Fixed Return Fund at these statutorily imposed rates. In order to invoke the fiduciary standard, Mr. Stringer must violate the law that mandates this borrowing. The Comptroller is, thus, between a rock and a hard place. There is, however, a solution to his dilemma. As a true believer in the fiduciary standard, Mr. Stringer simply needs to go to the Legislature and ask it to pass another bill that will dissolve the TRS 403(b) Fixed Return Fund and transfer its assets to a Stable Income Fund. Mr. Stringer, is this not a "common-sense reform" New Yorkers need?

Why should all other workers of this city accept about 2-percent interest when Mr. Stringer and his predecessors have been, for 25 years, borrowing educators' savings at 7 or 8.25 percent? See: Sta-

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**Letters to the Editor**

**Need Policing Change**

To the Editor:

I am sure that most readers of The Chief Leader are growing tired of the endless letters traded by police supporters and those who take issue with the aggressive policing that has marked post-9/11 America. The latest incident, which will undoubtedly further fuel the debate, occurred in South Carolina, where a video has surfaced showing a white officer, Michael Slager, unload eight shots into the back of a fleeing black man, Walter Scott. The video also appears to show Officer Slager planting evidence to support a claim of self-defense. Fortunately, police officials acted quickly and fired Officer Slager and charged him with murder.

While this would seem to be a clear-cut case of a bad shooting by a bad cop, the incident does raise the larger question, Are cops using excessively aggressive tactics? Critics point to specific cases such as the one above to bolster their position that cops in America have become too quick to shoot, while supporters argue that cases involving lethal force by officers are not common and overwhelmingly justified. I suggest that we not focus solely on individual cases and argue the merits or defects of this case or that, but, rather look at the situation as a whole.

I believe that the numbers unequivocally demonstrate that we have a serious problem in America. Over the month of March 2015, there were 111 police-involved deaths in the U.S. This may not sound shocking until one considers that there have been only 52 such deaths in the United Kingdom going back to 1900!

Without subjecting everyone to the tedious math, this translates to approximately one police-involved death in the U.K. for every 2,900 such deaths in the U.S. when applying the March 2015 rate. It should alarm everyone, critics and supporters alike, when American police officers are involved in more than twice as many deaths in one month as another, similar country's officers have been involved in over a 115-year period.

We can no longer continue on this path; the system is broken and changes in policing must be made now or our society will rip itself apart.

**JOSEPH CANNISI**  
Retired 28-year DOT Employee

**Why is Liang Still a Cop?**

To the Editor:

Of all that has been written about the indictment of Police Officer Peter Liang, one question remains unanswered: why is he still a member of the NYPD?

As a taxpayer, I am outraged at having to pay for his salary and benefits while the criminal case snakes its way through the court system. And, when the case finally gets to trial, he will have the great benefit of still being a Police Officer. Juries are more likely to convict an ex-cop.

Also arguing for his immediate termination from the job is that his continued employment creates morale problems (no good cop wants to work with an officer under indictment) as well as the possible

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mischief indicted officers still on the job can get into, such as witness-tampering and destruction of evidence. Although the latter two scenarios are unlikely to occur, my point is, let's get him off the job sooner rather than later.

Presumably, the NYPD's Department Advocate's Office (DAO) has already served P.O. Liang with Charges and Specifications (the department's version of an indictment). The charges would, first, mirror the indictment, as well as Patrol Guide violations, a separate issue. I can understand the reluctance of DAO to take disciplinary action against P.O. Liang prior to the conclusion of the criminal case. That is because an internal prosecution would possibly involve compelled statements. I say "possibly" because there are ways to avoid compelled statements (see below). But first, your readers are wondering "what are compelled statements" and "why are they harmful to a criminal case?"

Compelled statements are the answers to questions posed by a police investigative unit to an officer who is the target of its investigation. If compelled statements are made, they can really screw up any criminal prosecution of the officer. Under New York law, compelled statements are immunized testimony. This makes the compelled statement inadmissible in a criminal proceeding. But, far worse, the prosecution has the burden of showing that the compelled statements played no role in how it presented the case. This would be a difficult task, at best.

The fear of compelled statements is probably the reason the DAO has not moved against P.O. Liang. However, I have a suggestion. First, there is no reason to obtain any statements from P.O. Liang. The DAO can proceed to an internal trial with facts readily available to the general public. I am not referring to the top count of the indictment, Manslaughter in the Second Degree. The facts relating to the firearm discharge are murky. Questions about numerous issues relating to how and why P.O. Liang fired the round that killed Akai Gurley remain unanswered. Given the lighting conditions, did P.O. Liang even know Mr. Gurley was present? Was it even remotely foreseeable that a round fired into a wall would ricochet and kill someone? Maybe Rube Goldberg would have an answer, but the average juror would not.

What is easily provable are the (non-) actions taken by P.O. Liang after it became clear to him that Mr. Gurley was critically wounded. He disgraced himself by not only failing to administer CPR to Mr. Gurley, but failing to immediately call for an ambulance.

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# Gotbaum a Shakespearean Hero Who Might've Been Something More

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been a powerful force in the city, particularly when John Lindsay was Mayor, but withered as its longtime leader Harry van Arsdale's health declined. Mr. Gotbaum was still a vigorous, dynamic man who seemed a logical choice to revive the CLC, but he was narrowly rejected in favor of Mr. van Arsdale's son, Tom, who was best described a decade later by longtime Gotbaum aide Norman Adler as a man no more suited to leading the city's labor movement than he was to be a runway model in the garment district.

## A Double-Edged Sword

The thread running through Mr. Gotbaum's failed bids to head AFSCME and the CLC was that the outspokenness that was one of his best qualities and a key to his success in making DC 37 such a powerhouse in both city and state government also made him a few hurtful enemies along the way. He liked to say that he did not suffer fools gladly, but some of those who felt his disdain were able to marshal enough votes to deny him offices in which he almost certainly would have done far better jobs than the persons who were chosen. (When Mr. Wurf died 18 months after winning his final term, Mr. Gotbaum briefly considered running again against Gerry McEntee, who had headed AFSCME's Pennsylvania district council, but quickly realized he wouldn't win what loomed as a popularity contest. Mr. McEntee was largely a bystander as evidence of the rot within DC 37 began to seep out before finally responding decisively once it overwhelmed the castle in 1998.)

On the surface, Mr. Gotbaum lost the CLC race because two of his own locals had not stayed current on dues payments and so their votes were nullified. It's not certain, however, that if those unions had been able to cast valid ballots, the van Arsdale forces wouldn't have been able to swing votes elsewhere to make up the difference. What was most glaring about the way the vote had gone, with most private-sector unions lining up behind Mr. van Arsdale—who was also a top official of Local 3 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers—and the public-sector ones supporting Mr. Gotbaum, was that the United Federation of Teachers gave its votes to the undistinguished private-sector guy.

## Payback From Shanker?

The most-obvious explanation was the dislike that existed between Mr. Gotbaum and Albert Shanker, the longtime UFT president who had stepped down less than a year earlier to devote full time to his duties running its national union, the American Federation of Teachers.

The two men had banded together, sometimes frantically, as key figures in the deal under which the city unions invested \$3 billion of their members' pension funds in city bonds that during the heart of the fiscal cri-



**A 'LOVE/HATE RELATIONSHIP' THAT PIERCED UNION'S HEART:** Several union officials and a labor historian contend that Victor Gotbaum's ill-fated decision to try to unseat his old mentor Jerry Wurf (right) as the president of District Council 37's international union sowed the seeds for the troubles that overwhelmed the union nearly two decades later, creating divisions within DC 37 that led Mr. Gotbaum to give power to people too corrupt to be trusted.

sis were considered untouchable on Wall Street. They had also bargained together on a pair of contracts in the aftermath of the fiscal crisis, and then begun as part of a coalition for a third in 1984 with Teamsters Local 237 President Barry Feinstein—who tended to serve as a buffer between the two men—before Mr. Shanker struck out on his own the following spring because he thought he could make a case for Teachers receiving bigger raises than other unions. An arbitration panel offered him half a loaf, raising starting and maximum salaries by more than what the Gotbaum/Feinstein tandem got for their members but upholding the pattern for the middle rungs on the pay ladder.

As part of the horse-trading that swung the UFT's vote to Mr. van Arsdale, one of its longtime officials, Ted Jacobsen, became secretary of the CLC, its second-ranking position and one that often placed him front-and-center because of his boss's reticence about dealing with the media. But the most-logical explanation was that an enmity that took root nearly two decades earlier, when Mr. Gotbaum was sharply critical of what he considered polarizing remarks by Mr. Shanker in the midst of a lengthy and bitter UFT strike in the fall of 1968 that was rife with racial tension because of the demand by black militants within the Ocean Hill-Brownsville school district for "community control," a euphemism for getting rid of many of the white Teachers there.

## Mild Compared to Foes

Some of Mr. Shanker's remarks were intemperate, though they fell short of the rhetoric of Rhody McCoy, the administrator of the Ocean Hill-Brownsville school board, community activists like Sonny Carson and Al Vann, and a black Teacher named Leslie Campbell—who later renamed himself Jitu Weusi—who read a poem on WBAI from a 15-year-old student that began, "Hey Jew boy with that yarmulke on your head/

You pale-faced Jew boy—I wish you were dead."

Mr. Gotbaum had criticized Mr. Shanker for the strike, notwithstanding the searing rhetoric from the other side.

He was hardly a limousine liberal—he grew up in East New York, always a hard-scrabble neighborhood, and his family at one point during the Depression had been forced to go on relief. Upon graduating from Tilden High School, he went to work in a factory because college—even though tuition was free in the city system—was a luxury at a time when his family needed him to work fulltime.

But his sympathy for black students in the city overrode any feelings of solidarity he might have had for the embattled Teachers. And the following year, he attempted to use Mr. Shanker's harsher rhetoric against him when the two unions competed for the right to represent school paraprofessionals, most of whom were minorities. Surprisingly, the UFT won the organizing election, with a stunning victory among the paras in Ocean Hill-Brownsville a key element, but the triumph did not leave Mr. Shanker in a magnanimous mood.

## Poured Salt on Wound

It didn't help that five years later, as part of a PBS special from Bill Moyers that featured the scene from "Sleepers" in which Woody Allen's character woke up in the future to learn that most of civilized life had been wiped out after "a man named Albert Shanker got ahold of a nuclear warhead," Mr. Gotbaum poured more salt on the wound. He told Mr. Moyers, "Al's personal belief is: Don't get angry. Get even. Very vindictive man." The CLC election 12 years later made that assessment seem prophetic.

Current AFT President Randi Weingarten, who at the time was a young UFT lawyer, offered an alternative-but-not-terribly-convincing explanation April 10, saying, "I think the van Arsdals helped to create the UFT at

the time we were starting. It was that longtime solidarity that led us to vote for them."

Mr. Gotbaum's problems with Mr. Wurf can't be traced to any single incident. Early on they had been allies, when Mr. Gotbaum and Ms. Roberts led a hospital strike in Chicago in the late 1950s. The AFSCME president at the time, Arnold Zander, offered little help, but Mr. Wurf—who then headed DC 37—stepped into the vacuum, going out there to walk the picket line while offering other aid. In 1964, when Mr. Wurf challenged Mr. Zander for the presidency of AFSCME, Mr. Gotbaum helped provide the slender margin of victory for his fellow Brooklyn native.

Mr. Wurf's top deputy, Charlie Taibbi, replaced him at DC 37, but he was in poor health, and when the city welfare strike began in early 1965 Mr. Gotbaum was summoned from Chicago to play a leading role. Al Viani, who headed one of the two unions representing workers in the old city Welfare Department and was jailed during the walkout, recalled last week, "Jerry fired him like three times during the welfare strike."

## Similar Despite Tensions

In some ways they were very similar, although Mr. Wurf, who was stricken by polio as a small boy—at a time when the disease tended to be crippling and sometimes fatal—and walked with a limp for the rest of his life, had a bigger chip on his shoulder.

Both had grown up with socialist leanings while just a couple of years apart in age—Mr. Wurf was a member of the Young People's Socialist League, and Mr. Viani called Mr. Gotbaum "a committed social democrat... a pure cradle-to-grave guy who believed everybody at all levels of life should have a decent living and a decent life." Mr. Wurf, according to Mr. Viani, was the more curmudgeonly of the two: "He could be very nasty and contemptuous of people at times."

He described the dynamic between them as "a love/hate relationship, but it was a close relationship."

Mr. Wurf had plowed the hard ground that led to DC 37's emergence as one of the more-powerful city unions, taking on Robert Moses—who was city Parks Commissioner while possessing several other titles and power that transcended his positions—to demand better treatment of union members, and forging a political alliance with Mayor Robert F. Wagner that in 1958 led to the creation of collective-bargaining rights for municipal employees. Mr. Gotbaum expanded on the gains of his predecessor as the city began putting the changes agreed to into practice in the mid-1960s with the creation of separate offices for both negotiating contracts and adjudicating labor/management disputes. A key facet of this activity had been the consolidation of employee groups in single bargaining units: before the UFT became the sole representative for Teachers in the early 1960s, several different organizations represented them, and Mr. Gotbaum took the reins at DC 37 shortly before elections were to be held for the right to represent all hospital workers and clerical workers.

## A Knack for Restructuring

Ms. Roberts had played a key role in the welfare strike, and did so again in trying to organize hospital workers, who at the time belonged primarily to Local 237, under DC 37's banner. As inspiring a figure as she could be, Mr. Viani said an equally-important aspect of the union's drive was the way Mr. Gotbaum had created special divisions within DC 37 to represent the interests of large pockets of a polyglot membership that ranged from unskilled laborers to white-collar professionals.

"Under Jerry Wurf it was ideologically driven and motivated but it didn't have the structure," Mr. Viani said of DC 37. "There was no political-action department, there was no legal department."

Creating separate divisions for dealing with issues faced by hospital workers, blue-collar employees, professional workers and technical ones, he said, "was very important in winning the hospital and clerical elections."

Mr. Wurf at some point indicated to Mr. Gotbaum that he planned to tap him as his successor when he was ready to retire at 65. But along the way, Mr. Gotbaum grew restless, perhaps because Mr. Wurf—who had antagonized many of his fellow labor leaders in New York when he was there—was a difficult man to deal with. So he made a miscalculation that would shadow the rest of his tenure at DC 37 and beyond.

## Didn't Shmooze the Voters

Mr. Gotbaum had the more-engaging personality of the two, but he didn't use it much in dealing with most of his local presidents or the AFSCME vice presidents from throughout the country. One union official said that on visits to Washington for board meetings of the international, Mr. Gotbaum spent much of his time indulging

his love of tennis rather than building relationships with the VPs. "He thought what he had accomplished in New York for DC 37" would be enough to win their support, said this official, who did not want to be quoted by name.

Mr. Viani remarked, "He didn't shmooze these guys the way Jerry did. He made some bad political mistakes. He assumed Jerry Wurf no longer exercised some political influence in DC 37, and he hid."

Among those who remained loyal to Mr. Wurf was Joe Zurlo, the head of Laborers Local 924 who became president of DC 37 with Mr. Gotbaum's help. The job's primary responsibility was to serve as a liaison to other local presidents for the executive director, which gave him a chance to cultivate relationships. There were other powerful local presidents, including Charlie Hughes of Local 372 and Jim Butler of Local 420, representing school aides and hospital workers, who also backed Mr. Wurf, eventually denying Mr. Gotbaum the ability to gain the endorsement of his own union's board.

## Desperation Planted Seeds

That didn't stop him from trying, and a man widely credited for good judgment in choosing key staffers made the kind of dubious choices in whom he elevated among local presidents that might be chalked up to desperation. One of them was Al Diop, the president of Local 1549, which represented clerical and administrative employees and was DC 37's largest local.

Mr. Diop was a quiet man, a chess enthusiast who preferred the shadows. He didn't have much taste for union work, however. Bert Rose, a close aide to Mr. Wurf when he ran DC 37, years later said there had been a day when Mr. Diop, who at the time was an organizer for the union, was out sick, and another staffer went looking for something in his desk, only to discover that buried deep in one drawer was a stack of the green cards organizers used to sign up new members. Rather than firing him, Mr. Rose said, Mr. Wurf transferred Mr. Diop to a less labor-intensive job, paving the way for him to eventually gain the presidency of Local 1549 and hold it for 30 years in as unobtrusive a fashion as possible.

On the other hand, it would have been hard for Mr. Gotbaum not to see Frank Morelli coming. He was the head of Local 983, representing tow-truck drivers and park workers. But as Mr. Viani put it, Mr. Morelli "wanted to be a gangster." He hung out with some organized-crime members, including William "Wild Bill" Cutolo from the Colombo family, and was said to enter some union events with the lights dimmed to the theme from "The Godfather," wearing a cape to accentuate his sense of grandeur.

He, too, supported Mr. Gotbaum in the battle with Mr. Wurf, and was rewarded by being named president of DC 37 when the executive direc-

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# A Shakespearean Hero, Bad Choices Kept Gotbaum From Being More

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tor stripped Mr. Zurlo of the job.

## 'Thug' in for 'Sweet Guy'

"Zurlo was one of the sweetest, most-decent guys you could ever meet," Mr. Viani said. "Victor replaced him with this thug."

Labor historian Josh Freeman calls Mr. Gotbaum "one of the towering figures" in the city's union movement, but he said that his giving greater power to those kind of dubious loyalists as he sought to topple Mr. Wurf was an even bigger error in judgment than his decision to choose Stanley Hill to succeed him. "I think it changed the culture internally in a way that later became a problem, and facilitated the difficulties that came later," Professor Freeman said. "Local presidents were pushed forward who were not terribly competent."

Mr. Gotbaum also fired some capable staff members who had joined the union when Mr. Wurf was its executive director and did not forsake him. Questioned about those kind of moves, Mr. Gotbaum never resorted to the public-relations nonsense often used when firing someone for reasons other than performance: he would invariably say of discharged employees or demoted elected leaders, "He rolled dice, and he lost."

What was particularly sad about his forging those unholy alliances was that it did him no political good. After publicly campaigning for Mr. Wurf's job for much of 1979, Mr. Gotbaum opted not to enter his name in opposition to the AFSCME president the following year once it became clear that he wouldn't have the votes to defeat him.

## Undone by Vote System

There is a distinct irony in the fact that the system that allowed first Mr. Wurf and then Mr. Gotbaum to run DC 37 with serious concern about losing an election—



**ALBERT SHANKER:** Feud may have cost Gotbaum CLC job.

having the voting done not by rank-and-file members but by union delegates who generally did what their local presidents told them to do—helped nourish the growing problems he had internally with local presidents. Those included people who had supported him and expected their transgressions would be forgiven in return, and a few who had backed Mr. Wurf but looked to take advantage of his having been weakened by the scuttled campaign for AFSCME president.

## 'Would've Been Excellent'

"He would have made an excellent international president," Mr. Viani said. But while he continued to show his strength in his external activities on behalf of the union's membership in battles with the Koch administration, Mr. Gotbaum found his internal dealings complicated by his new friends who increasingly took liberties.

There was a time, Mr. Viani said, that Mr. Gotbaum began socializing with him away from the job, inviting him to a party at his home in Bellport, L.I. that was attended by movers and shakers from the business world with whom the DC 37 leader had become friendly after their work together during the fiscal crisis. It led Mr. Viani to think he was considering him as a possible replacement, but when the so-



**AL DIOP:** Wurf, Gotbaum both enabled him.

cializing abruptly ended, Mr. Viani wondered whether Mr. Gotbaum had concluded he would not be able to muster the votes on the executive board because some key local presidents would not want a successor who would try to keep them honest.

## Direct Election? Never Mind

He got a further indication of Mr. Gotbaum's concerns when his boss wandered into his office one day and said he was having problems controlling some local presidents and asked if he had any ideas. When Mr. Viani suggested amending the union's constitution to provide for direct election of union officers by DC 37 members, he said the union leader responded enthusiastically.

Two weeks later, however, Mr. Gotbaum came to his office again and told Mr. Viani, "I came to the conclusion it wouldn't be terribly democratic. I'm so well-known, I would just get elected automatically."

Since that was already happening under the delegate system, and given that Mr. Gotbaum didn't figure to stick around forever, Mr. Viani was skeptical that this was the real reason for his change of heart. "I got the impression he tried to sell it to people on the board and he couldn't get it sold," he said.

Eventually Mr. Hill was chosen by Mr. Gotbaum to



**FRANK MORELLI:** Unfortunate choice for DC 37 president.

take over the union once he retired at the end of 1986. He was a popular, personable figure within DC 37, but nobody thought of him as tough, which made him a strange choice given that Mr. Gotbaum, who had that quality, had grown leery of the bad intentions of some of those whose power he had increased.

When the DC 37 corruption scandal came into full view in November 1998, Mr. Gotbaum told Newsday columnist Dennis Duggan that he had doubts about Mr. Hill's ability to do the job at the time he selected him, but did so anyway because he believed the heavily-minority membership of DC 37 should have a black leader.

## Ensley's Dissent

That prompted Charles Ensley, the longtime president of Local 371 and the only one of the heads of DC 37's five largest locals going back to that era who never had his honesty called into question, to insist that Mr. Gotbaum could have chosen a white successor if he felt one was more qualified, and he wondered whether Mr. Hill had been "set up to fail."

Other officials who greatly admired Mr. Gotbaum said he had other, potentially better options than Mr. Hill among black officials then working at DC 37. Beverly Gross, who was the union's general coun-

sel during the last nine years of Mr. Gotbaum's tenure, said she believed Mr. Ensley, despite not having become Local 371 president until 1982, had showed more leadership qualities while bringing peace to a notoriously-fractious local than Mr. Hill ever had.

"He wasn't level-headed, but he was bright and he was strong and he had good trade-union credentials," she said of Mr. Ensley. Mr. Gotbaum, she said, was a very good judge of talent, but "he didn't appreciate Stanley appropriately."

Bill Schleicher, who at the end of last year retired as editor of DC 37's newspaper, the Public Employee Press, after 45 years with the union, said he believed Pat Caldwell, who was assistant director of the union's schools division at the time (she died last year), would have been a good choice.

## Picked Battles Carefully

But for all his ideals, Mr. Gotbaum was also a pragmatist. Despite his invective-filled battles with Mayor Ed Koch, he declined to give the union's endorsements to his Democratic primary opponents in 1981 and 1985, Frank Barbaro and Carol Bellamy, because he concluded neither had a realistic chance of winning. It was only because he believed in Mario Cuomo's abilities and the possibility that he could spring an upset that he endorsed him for Governor against Mr. Koch in 1982 and played a pivotal role in his surprisingly comfortable primary win. (Six months into Mr. Cuomo's tenure, his relationship with Mr. Gotbaum had cooled and he was on better terms with Mr. Feinstein, who had endorsed Mr. Koch—a shift that offered insight into the personalities of both the Governor and the two union leaders.)

Mr. Viani alluded to Mr. Gotbaum's feel for what was possible and what wasn't when it came to choosing a successor by saying, "Probably there were individuals inside or outside the organization who were 'saleable' to

the board. But they didn't want anybody who was gonna be a straight shooter, black or white, who might have been a threat to them and things they were doing."

There was a Shakespearean quality to Mr. Gotbaum's career: he did so much to build up his union and to save both its members and the city in a time of crisis, yet when he tried to move on to other jobs where he could have added to his legacy, the enemies he had made and the friends he failed to make thwarted him, just as the wrong "friends" he chose in his quest for Mr. Wurf's job would bring shame upon the union after he was gone.

It brought to mind a more-contemporary line: "It's hard to soar like an eagle when you're surrounded by turkeys."

## 'Set a High Standard'

But Arthur Cheliotis, who became president of Communications Workers of America Local 1180 as the fiscal crisis was beginning to wind down, said of Mr. Gotbaum's internal troubles, "He might not have been a good manager, but he was certainly a committed union leader. He set a high standard for labor leaders in terms of negotiations and the struggle for social and economic justice."

Mr. Schleicher and Ms. Gross said that however much Mr. Gotbaum's miscalculations set back DC 37 after he left, it remained far larger and more powerful than when he took it over from Mr. Wurf, and that his efforts during the fiscal crisis transcended his role as a labor leader by doing so much to save both the city and the rights its workers still enjoy.

"He was the leader of the municipal labor movement," Mr. Schleicher said. "And where people disagreed with him, he had the tools to bring them around, starting with the relationship with Governor Carey."

Ms. Gross remarked, "I don't know if any other leader could have done what he did."

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# Remember Gotbaum for Toughness, Vision and Some Blind Spots

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once a deal he could live with was in sight.

Speaking about a tendency of Mr. Gotbaum and Mr. Shanker during his days as head of the United Federation of Teachers to squabble that was rooted in past clashes and insults, and the other member of labor's "Big Three" for roughly two decades, the hardly shy Barry Feinstein of Teamsters Local 237, she told mourners to "compare what they did to save this city with what has happened in places like Detroit. You see their commitment to both the community and to the workers we represent...but you also see the genius of how to leverage power."

She spoke of their decision to have the municipal pension funds purchase \$3 billion in city bonds that at the time were considered toxic by investors on Wall Street because of the city's huge debts—a move Mr. Gotbaum came to with some reluctance and that Mr. Shanker came close to withdrawing from on the day that a commitment had to be made, before Gov. Hugh Carey talked him down in a Manhattan apartment. "Victor understood that positioning unions as a creditor to the city would make it possible to protect the union and collective bargaining—in the short term—over the terms of retrenchment, and in the long term as the city turned the fiscal corner," Ms. Weingarten said.

## Risky Business Either Way

But as Jonathan Schwartz, who was the city's Chief Actuary at the time, recalled a day earlier, "leveraging power" wasn't the foremost thought in Mr. Gotbaum's mind during that frenetic period when he initially dared Mayor Abe Beame to declare bankruptcy but reconsidered because of the potential impact such a step would have had on employees' pensions and the collective-bargaining structure the DC 37 leader had done so much to help develop over the previous decade.

Mr. Gotbaum and Mr. Feinstein held two of the three union seats on the board of the largest municipal pension system, the New York City Employees' Retirement System, while Mr. Shanker held sway at the Teachers' Retirement System. Mr. Schwartz recalled heated meetings in the office of the



**THE VALUE OF UNITY:** Mr. Gotbaum, seen testifying on behalf of his members at the City Council, stressed unity in the then-58-local District Council 37, one longtime aide said, because they didn't work the kind of jobs that captured the public's attention like cops, firefighters and Teachers. 'They labored in the background,' he noted, meaning they had to pull together to persuade elected officials to help them.

unions' chief financial advisor, Jack Bigel, with two TRS board members "genuinely concerned about the risks of investing pension money in ostensibly worthless city paper." Mr. Bigel countered that "it was bad to have an unhealthy employer and a healthy pension fund."

But, Mr. Schwartz said of Mr. Gotbaum, "He insisted that before he committed to NYCERS buying city paper, he wanted an opinion from an outside law firm. He wouldn't take the word of the Corporation Counsel" as to whether he would be living up to his fiduciary duty to pensioners if he took the gamble.

## Not Always Civic-Minded

Mr. Gotbaum's role in putting the city back on the road to fiscal stability accounted for the editorial tributes last week, a couple of which also used his civic-mindedness to take shots at current city labor leaders they believe have put their own self-interest ahead of the city's fiscal soundness. The truth is that Mr. Gotbaum could be just as single-minded about looking out for his members as any contemporary labor leader, and was excoriated by the tabloids in decades past for both tough rhetoric and audacious actions like leading—along with Mr. Feinstein—a one-day strike by tow-truck

operators (part of DC 37's bargaining unit) and bridge-tenders (who belonged to Local 237). The tow-trucks were strategically positioned across major highways to bring traffic to a standstill, and city drawbridges were raised to the "up" position and then abandoned by the operators—who took the keys with them—to further add to the gridlock.

And as those editorials noted, it was tough bargaining by Mr. Gotbaum and his municipal-union colleagues that they believe contributed to the city's financial straits 40 years ago. The gains he was able to make for his members please those tabloid editorialists only because they continue to offer ammunition for their claim that public workers have it much too good and should have their pension rights diminished and be forced to pay for their health care like most private-sector workers.

Those inadvertent tributes to Mr. Gotbaum's achievements could be seen as the best kind of praise. But more-informed and meaningful assessments of his impact were offered by several veteran officials of DC 37 who came to the union over the period when Mr. Gotbaum was expanding the power it had gained under his predecessor—and sometimes-bitter adversary—Jer-

ry Wurf, or in the midst of the fiscal crisis when his biggest concern was its long-term survival.

## Union Declined Without Him

When he departed at the end of 1986, with some of those officials also leaving the union rather than work for his successor, Stanley Hill, it set in motion a gradual erosion of DC 37's power that accelerated in the mid-1990s, when a wage-contract vote was rigged by dishonest officials fearful that rejecting the deal would arouse the wrath of then-Mayor Rudy Giuliani and bring scrutiny of their other dubious dealings. It turned into a full-scale crash in 1998, when the Manhattan District Attorney's Office revealed not only the fixed contract vote but the systematic looting of the union's coffers by some of its top officials, foremost among them the presidents of its two largest locals.

Union officials interviewed last week said there was no question that Mr. Gotbaum was aware of the larcenous tendencies of some of those officials at the time he left office, and that Mr. Hill by nature was too easy-going to be willing to take them on and head off the draining of DC 37's assets. They contended, though, that Mr. Gotbaum could be held accountable for

just a small part of what had gone wrong, explaining that flaws in DC 37's governance system and that of its international union, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, meant there was little he could have done to prevent what occurred even if he had tried to install a tougher individual as a successor.

"Victor's legacy is the fact that there's a membership that's getting decent wages, decent benefits and programs that are very useful to working people," said Alan R. Viani, who spent 12 years as DC 37's director of research and negotiations beginning in 1973.

## 'Built a Big, Strong Union'

Bill Schleicher, who joined the union staff in 1969 and retired at the end of last year as editor of the DC 37 newspaper, the Public Employee Press, said that "he built DC 37 into a big, strong union, although others have let it slide back a bit. He brought in the best people in each area that he could, and he didn't mind if they disagreed with him in front of the executive board. It wasn't the kind of cronyism that we saw for a long time" after Mr. Gotbaum left.

Some of those people, like Dan Nelson, who preceded Mr. Viani as the union's chief negotiator, and Bernie Stephens, who ran its newspaper, came from other unions. Norman Adler, the shrewd but bombastic political-action director who one colleague dubbed "the most-dangerous man in DC 37" because of his penchant for barbed comments about powerful officials—including Democratic Mayors and Governors he believed were insufficiently sympathetic to the needs of working people—came from Hunter College seeking the already-filled position of education director.

A surprising number, given the era, were women, including Roz Yasser, whom Ms. Weingarten in her eulogy credited—along with the UFT's Bill Scott—with creating the city Health Stabilization and Equalization Fund providing employee health benefits. There was also Kathy Schrier, who headed the education department, and Beverly Gross, who served as general counsel.

"I don't think he thought about it," Ms. Gross said of Mr. Gotbaum in a phone interview. "I think he just

picked the person he thought was the best. But he did manage to staff his top departments with women. He was head-and-shoulders above other union leaders of that time" in that regard.

## 'And He Was No Feminist'

"And it wasn't because he was a feminist—he was absolutely not a feminist," she added.

Mr. Viani, who was president of Local 371 during the 1965 city welfare strike and dealt extensively with Mr. Wurf before being hired as a staffer by Mr. Gotbaum after losing a re-election bid, said that while the politics of the two men were fairly similar, Mr. Gotbaum was the less-ideological leader. A big part of his success, he said, stemmed from the major reorganization he conducted after taking the reins from Charles Taibbi, who stepped down because of poor health not long after replacing Mr. Wurf, who had left to lead the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees the previous year.

He noted that Mr. Gotbaum through contract negotiations with Mayor John Lindsay secured the money to create in-house education and legal-services funds that were uncommon back in the 1960s. To make the union more responsive to the special needs of members who hold jobs that are as diverse as the popular Accountant-to-Zookeeper description suggests, with social-service caseworkers, engineers and school-lunch workers in between, he created divisions devoted to hospital workers, blue-collar job titles, white-collar titles, professional employees and technical ones.

## Helped in Expansion Push

"That was very important in winning the hospital and clerical elections" that helped triple the union's membership from the 38,000 he had inherited, said Mr. Viani, adding that Mr. Gotbaum also created the political-action and legal departments to replace catch-as-catch can efforts that often sent members to private lawyers.

He also encouraged greater unity among the locals, despite the differences in their job duties, education levels, and salaries. This was crucial, Mr. Viani said, because

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# Remember Gotbaum for Guts, Vision and Some Blind Spots

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even the better-paid members of the union were not in the kind of high-profile jobs that were appreciated by ordinary city residents or political leaders.

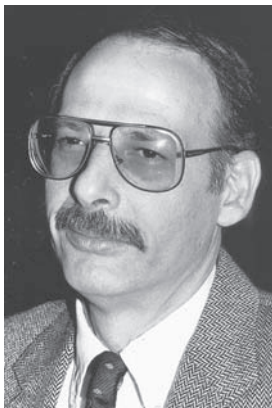
"They weren't transport workers, they weren't cops, they weren't firefighters—the visible public workers," Mr. Viani noted. "They labored in the background."

Mr. Gotbaum was aware that the better-recognized jobs were likely to receive more-favorable treatment from City Hall: unlike cops or Teachers, there weren't going to be announcements of more Sewage Treatment Worker hirings to get constituents excited that government was responding to their needs. And so, even with his difficult relationship with Mr. Koch, he refrained from criticizing contracts that were slightly more generous for cops compared to what his own members received—as long as the difference was slight.

## 'No Special Pleadings'

But during the fiscal crisis, at a meeting in the City Hall Blue Room, Mr. Viani recalled Mr. Gotbaum, speaking as the head of the Municipal Labor Committee, telling Mayor Abe Beame "there will be no special pleadings" that would lead to some unions suffering less than others because their members were more highly-regarded by the public.

"He was magnificent," he said of Mr. Gotbaum, "in finding imaginative ways to come up with savings and make sure the city didn't go into bankruptcy." Beyond his concerns about the city's fiscal survival and protecting members' jobs and pensions, Mr. Viani said Mr. Gotbaum believed it was paramount to preserve the collective-bar-



ALAN R. VIANI: 'Magnificent' during fiscal crisis.

gaining structure he had helped build over the previous decade. That ranged from the contract language to the provision for binding arbitration of wage disputes that he considered essential as an alternative to the older practice of striking that had been sharply curtailed by passage of the Taylor Law—with less-draconian but more-easily-enforceable penalties against public workers and their unions for walking off the job—that took effect in 1967.

Once tens of thousands of layoffs hit, while Sanitation Workers struck and cops engaged in a wildcat job action on the Brooklyn Bridge that included letting the air out of the tires of cars that had halted there to avoid hitting them, Mr. Gotbaum focused on getting back the jobs of as many of his union members as he could.

## Used CETA to Rehire

In 1977, the U.S. Department of Labor under new President Jimmy Carter rebuffed DC 37's request that the Comprehensive Employment Training Act be used to fund the rehiring of many of the workers who had been laid off, stating, as Mr. Viani recalled it, "this is a job-expansion program, not a job-saving program."

With the help of Mr. Wurf, Mr. Gotbaum got an audience with Mr. Carter's Secretary of Labor, Ray Marshall, at which Mr. Viani laid out what the union hoped to do. With Mr. Marshall's permission, he said, "We moved 10,000 people from city lines to CETA lines," restoring them to their old jobs but with their paychecks now coming from Federal funding.

Mr. Gotbaum's sense of humor could tickle or it could bite, and he could move be-



BEVERLY GROSS: Ahead of peers in advancing women.

tween anger and reflectiveness without breaking stride. "He was mostly kind," Ms. Gross said, "but when he wasn't kind he was vicious." She declined to offer any examples.

But she also said, "He was a very strong and positive leader," and others joined her in saying that he was a good boss because he gave his subordinates the latitude to run their departments and would not embarrass them if their decisions caused controversy within the union.

## 'Knew How to Listen'

"Victor could deal with people challenging him on various things," Mr. Viani said. "He knew how to listen and he knew how to take advice." While he was not averse to cursing out his subordinates, he continued, "He knew how to delegate responsibility, and he never let me hang in the wind if there was some political kickback."

There has historically been tension between Local 371, which represents caseworkers, and Local 1549, which represents other employees in the city social-service system who don't earn as much. When hundreds of Caseworkers were laid off during the fiscal crisis, Mr. Viani devised a plan to keep them working by moving them into lesser-paying Clerical Associate jobs that were held by provisional workers represented by Local 1549. That brought angry objections from that local's president, Al Diop, but when Mr. Viani explained to Mr. Gotbaum that the civil-service list for that title had been exhausted and so it made sense to move tenured civil servants into jobs held by provisional workers until other caseworkers left city government and created va-

cancies in their regular job title, the DC 37 leader sided with him despite Mr. Diop having more clout within the union.

"I think he's probably one of the best bosses I ever had," said Mr. Viani, who for the past 30 years has been an arbitrator. "He pushed you hard and he could excoriate you in private, but he would never hang you out in public."

## Wurf Challenge Costly

Mr. Viani is among the veteran union officials who believe some of Mr. Gotbaum's worst moments came during and following his failed bid to wrest the presidency of AF-SCME away from Mr. Wurf. He demoted or fired some DC 37 officials who stayed loyal to his predecessor, and one veteran official, who would not be quoted by name, claimed Mr. Gotbaum's "vendettas" against some of those officials continued into his wife Betsy's tenure as Parks Commissioner during the Dinkins administration, when former DC 37 President Joseph Zurlo was among those laid off during a budget crunch.

But they remembered him fondly for his willingness to stand up for what he believed was right, even when he was out of step with the rest of the labor movement. Mr. Viani said that Mr. Wurf—like AFL-CIO President George Meany—was among the supporters of the Vietnam war until Mr. Gotbaum convinced him it should not be viewed as a battle against the spread of Communism but rather as a senseless war in which tens of thousands of young lives were being lost.

He and Mr. Schleicher also recalled that a short time after construction workers demonstrating their support for the war in lower Manhattan rioted to beat up anti-war protesters and were cheered on by their union leader—future Nixon Administration Labor Secretary Pete Brennan—Mr. Gotbaum ventured over to the area for another rally to deliver a message that the protesters would not be bullied into submission.

## Brought Some Security

He was surrounded as he spoke by large members of the union's blue-collar division fortified by clubs many of them carried—men who for the most part were in favor of the war but were not

going to let their leader get roughed up for offering a dissenting view on the issue.

"He had a lot of guts," Mr. Schleicher said. "He was the only one who had the breadth to see where the country was going and where we fit in it."

That ability to take a risk also showed itself in Mr. Gotbaum's role in the purchase of the \$3 billion of city bonds with money from the retirement system, a gamble he believed was justified by the uncertainty about the solidity of the pension funds if the city went bankrupt.

"He was willing to take a big chance to protect people's pensions," Mr. Schleicher said. "It turned out to be a very profitable investment—people who followed his lead [in purchasing the bonds] made a bundle on it."

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ator, Mr. Marc Fliedner, stated that, following his discovery of Mr. Gurley, P.O. Liang "retreated back to the eight-floor hallway he'd come from and said to his partner (P.O. Shaun Landau), 'I'm going to be fired.'" Mr. Fliedner went on to say, "For the next four minutes, as Mr. Gurley's companion frantically sought a neighbor to call 911 and help her take care of Mr. Gurley, stop the bleeding, keep him breathing, (P.O. Liang) stood on the eighth floor with his partner, refusing to call the shooting to his superiors). (See, The New York Post, Feb. 11, 2015).

Here is my recommendation to the DAO. First, do not obtain compelled statements from P.O. Liang. Second, if this has not already been done, serve him with Charges and Specification alleging Patrol Guide violations only. Based upon the statements of Mr. Fliedner, P.O. Liang should be cited for (1) Failing to summon immediate medical assistance for Mr. Gurley; and (2) Failure to notify the Internal Affairs Bureau of a firearm discharge that resulted in injury. Third, immediately schedule a department trial for P.O. Liang, and present evidence relating only to the Patrol Guide violations, to avoid conflicts with the criminal prosecution. In my experience, proof of either Patrol Guide violation would result in a recom-

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PATRICK J. LYNCH: Won't help his arbitration case.

## SBA Ratification Puts PBA in Tighter Spot

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junction with the final 8 percent in raises.

The Lieutenants' Benevolent Association, the Detectives' Endowment Association and the Captains' Endowment Association settled earlier this year on the same general terms as the SBA. Those contracts, part of a settlement that involved eight unions covering supervisors of various uniformed services, have been ratified.

When the contract deal was announced at the end of February, Labor Commissioner Robert W. Linn emphasized that the deals with the superior-officers' unions all had the same percentage cost to the city, although bits of the pacts were tweaked to provide each union with benefits it considered important.

## Offsetting the Extras

For the Sergeants' contract, the Mayor's Office said, the cost of the longevity provisions and the payment of the first wage increase on the first day of the agreement were offset by savings from a reduced welfare-fund contribution, a one-month delay in the last two wage increases, and an agreement to amend the existing work rules to reduce overtime costs.

The DEA and the LBA have reopened talks with the city in an effort to win payment on the first day of the agreement as the Sergeants did.

The SBA contract covers the period from August 2011 to August 2018.

PBA President Patrick J. Lynch, who is running for reelection, decided to go to arbitration for the fourth time since 2002. Hearing dates have been scheduled for May 7 to June 18. The final hearing will occur after the PBA elections conclude in early June.



BILL SCHLEICHER: 'He had a lot of guts.'

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945 04/10/15-05/15/15

**Notice of Qualification of US Pack OpCo LLC.** Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 3/17/15. Office location: NY County. Prnc. bus. addr.: 405 Lexington Ave., 49th Fl., NY, NY 10174. LLC formed in DE on 11/26/14. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, regd. agent upon whom process may be served. DE addr. of LLC: 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Sec. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

955 04/10/15-05/15/15

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF XMAS CAKE MOVIE, LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/10/2015. Office location: New York County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: C/O DON-ALD E. CAMERON, ESQ., 139 FULTON STREET, SUITE 510, NEW YORK, NY 10038. The principal business address of the LLC is: 139 FULTON STREET, SUITE 510, NEW YORK, NY 10038. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

953 04/10/15-05/15/15

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF blackbird delight, LLC** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/18/2014. Office location: New York county. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: c/o United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, 11228. The principal business address of the LLC is: 736 West End Ave., 11A, New York, NY 10025. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

948 04/10/15-05/15/15

**Notice of Formation of Staten Island Performing Provider System, LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 12/12/14. Office location: Richmond County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: 145 Community Dr., Great Neck, NY 11021, Attn: General Counsel. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

957 04/10/15-05/15/15

**Notice of Formation of DEVONSHIRE PROPERTY HOLDINGS LLC** Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/25/15. Office location: NY County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o James M. Carolan, Esq., Withers Bergman LLP, 430 Park Ave., 10th Fl., NY, NY 10022. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

932 04/10/15-05/15/15

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950 04/10/15-05/15/15

**MY CLOSET CONCIERGE, LLC.** a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 2/18/15. Office location: New York County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Raymond J. Deppa, Jr., 104 Sawyer Ave., Staten Island, NY 10314. General Purposes.

871 03/27/15-05/01/15

**LACROSSE CLUB OF NEW YORK, LLC,** a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 1/8/15. Office location: New York County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 65 W. 89th St., NY, NY 10024. General purpose.

966 04/17/15-05/22/15

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF UNITED GLOBAL LAW GROUP PLLC** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on December 04, 2014. Office location: New York County. PLLC formed in Washington, District of Columbia on October 21, 2014. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the PLLC served upon him/her is: 7960 Baymeadows Way, Jacksonville, Florida 32256. The principal business address of the PLLC is: 7960 Baymeadows Way, Jacksonville, Florida 32256. Certificate of PLLC filed with Secretary of State of Washington, DC located at: 1025 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 1000, Washington, District of Columbia, 20036. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

856 03/20/15-04/24/15

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Visualization TV, LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/13/2015. Office location: New York County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: 501 W. 168TH ST. APT 3A NEW YORK, NY 10032. The principal business address of the LLC is: 501 W. 168TH ST. APT 3A NEW YORK, NY 10032. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

836 03/20/15-04/24/15

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Bow Wow Boys Pet Specialists, LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/20/14. Office location: New York County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: 510 W. 135th Street, #7 New York, NY 10031. The principal business address of the LLC is: 510 W. 135th Street, #7 New York, NY 10031. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

853 03/20/15-04/24/15

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ARS DIGITAL LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/26/2015. Office location: New York County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: Caroline I. Esche 4301 Massachusetts Ave NW APT 4004 Washington, DC 20016. The principal business address of the LLC is: 954 Lexington Ave # 176, New York. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

848 03/20/15-04/24/15

**Notice of Formation of POST - 2015 SOLUTIONS LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/10/14. Office location: NY County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Vera Mehta, 333 E. 46th St., Apt. 2B, NY, NY 10017. As amended by Cert. of Change filed with SSNY on 03/04/15, the process addr. is: Vera Mehta, 333 E. 46th St., Apt. 2H, NY, NY 10017. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

858 03/20/15-04/24/15

**Notice of Formation of WSC1 PROPERTY HOLDING LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/02/15. Office location: NY County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 244 Fifth Ave., L-216, NY, NY 10001. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

827 03/13/15-04/17/15

**Notice of Formation of DASH TARA DESIGN LLC** Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/11/15. Office location: NY County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Danesh Taraporevala, 200 Water St., Apt. 1214, NY, NY 10038. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

931 04/10/15-05/15/15

**104 SAWYER, LLC,** a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 2/3/2015. Office location: Richmond County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Raymond J. Deppa, Jr., 104 Sawyer Ave., Staten Island, NY 10314. General Purposes.

833 03/20/15-04/24/15

**tables on Grand, LLC,** Arts., of Org., filed with NY Sec. of State ("SSNY") 1/16/2015. Office in New York County; SSNY designated agent for service of process with copy mailed to Pryor Cashman LLP, 7 Times Square, New York, NY 10036, Attn: Richard S. Frazer, Esq., All lawful business purposes.

592 03/13/15-04/17/15

**GO GO CURRY AMERICA GROUP, LLC** Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 3/5/15. Office in NY Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 273 W. 38th St, NY, NY 10018, also the principal business loc. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

935 04/10/15-05/15/15

**CAPITAL PROPERTY PARTNERS LLC,** a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 2/20/15. Office location: New York County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 10 E. 39th St., 12th Fl., NY, NY 10018. General Purposes.

870 03/27/15-05/01/15

**DAMNED DOCUMENTARY LLC,** a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 3/9/15. Office location: Richmond County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 105 Delafield Ave., Staten Island, NY 10301. General Purposes.

871 03/27/15-05/01/15

**HBTJ HOSPITALITY LLC,** a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 2/2/15. Office location: Richmond County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 412 Forest Ave., Staten Island, NY 10301. General Purposes.

868 03/27/15-05/01/15

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF BUILD N RATE LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/18/2015. Office location: New York County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: 589 FIFTH AVENUE, SUITE 1007, NEW YORK, NY 10017. The principal business address of the LLC is: 589 FIFTH AVENUE, SUITE 1007, NEW YORK, NY 10017. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

862 03/27/15-05/01/15

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PAVLOU CONSULTING LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/19/2014. Office location: New York County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: 310 WEST 94TH APT 5C NEW YORK, NY 10025. The principal business address of the LLC is: 310 WEST 94TH APT 5C NEW YORK, NY 10025. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

859 03/27/15-05/01/15

**OF FORMATION OF Beata Gadek, PLLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/22/2015. Office location: Richmond County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the PLLC served upon him/her is: 9 Houston Street, Staten Island, NY 10302. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

861 03/27/15-05/01/15

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LYNNWELLS LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/4/2014. Office location: New York County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: 250e 53rd street, #1002, NY, NY 10022. The principal business address of the LLC is: 250e 53rd street, #1002, NY, NY 10022. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

864 03/27/15-05/01/15

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Italiano Italia LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/19/15. Office location: New York County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: 225 W. 70th St. Apt. A, New York, NY 10023. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

838 03/27/15-05/01/15

**Notice of Formation of MORGAN ELVIRA LLC** Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/29/15. Office location: NY County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

# Local 237 Disputes ME's Finding in Caretaker's Death

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count of the conditions leading to a supervisor finding Ms. Jackson in a squatting position with her head and neck lodged in the garbage lift. She was found at 1:30 p.m., a half-hour after her five-hour shift was scheduled to end, by the Supervisor of Grounds, who called 911 and tried to find a pulse. She was taken to Coney Island Hospital, where she was pronounced dead.

Ms. Jackson, an HA employee since June 2013, was a single mother of two children ages 8 and 11. Local 237 President Greg Floyd, whose local represents about 8,000 HA employees, said the finding was engineered to deprive her family of posthumous benefits and compensation.

## 'Ignores Physical Evidence'

"The Medical Examiner's report directly contradicts the physical evidence that was there," he said. "It doesn't address the head wound, it doesn't address the position that she was found in."

He said the local was seeking someone to conduct an independent investigation and autopsy.

In response, the HA reiterated that the OCME arrived at its conclusion independently, based on facts, and "any claims to the contrary are unfounded."

Two memorials stood last week at the building at 3025 West 32nd St, but HA workers declined to comment about the accident or Ms. Jackson.

## 'Dangerous Workplace'

While the preliminary report, based on logbooks, interviews with workers and information requests, didn't pin down the cause of the ac-



**QUESTIONS REMAIN:** A memorial sits next to a maintenance door at the Coney Island Houses a month after 31-year-old Toni Jackson died in the basement of the development. Though the Office of Chief Medical Examiner said she died of natural causes, Teamsters Local 237 called for an independent investigation.

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cident, it identified a dozen findings related to her death.

"While we cannot definitively state that the deficiencies described in this report caused her death until more information is available, we can state unequivocally that these deficiencies create a dangerous workplace," the report read. It also said the agency failed to give employees working conditions "free of known dangers" as required by Federal guidelines.

The hoist car, tracks and cage were made in-house and often malfunctioned, according to the preliminary report. When it wasn't loaded with trash, workers often placed concrete blocks on it to weigh it down. The mechanism also wasn't equipped with a device to prevent it from travelling too far up or down the tracks, or with a box to prevent the chain from getting tangled, the report said.

## Dilapidated Device

After the accident, investigators from the HA, Local 237 and the state Department of Labor's Public Employee Safety and Health Bureau "all observed the poor condition of the frame of the car, the broken doors of the car and the broken safety devices on the cages on both the top and bottom levels of the system," according to the report. PESH had an exit confer-

ence last week, according to a union official who said its report isn't expected for a couple of months.

An HA spokesperson said in an e-mail that the agency acted "with an abundance of caution" last month and removed the hoists from service and began to assess them.

The HA told investigators there was no inspection protocol for the hoist and that its employees weren't formally trained on safely operating the lifts. Each day, 445 tons of garbage are removed from the HA's 334 developments, most of them in buildings with ramps connecting garbage-compactor rooms to the street, unlike the hoist system at the Coney Island building. Ms. Jackson, who was typically assigned to a different building, hadn't used a hoist over the previous 15 months, if ever.

## Wary of Complaining

Additionally, workers concerned about safety hazards were routinely fearful of retaliation from HA managers. "Local 237 believes that if workers do not feel comfortable reporting deficiencies without fear of retribution, the high injury rate suffered at NYCHA is unlikely to be abated," the report said.

Mr. Floyd said threats of retaliation often became reality in write-ups, denial of

days off and other disciplinary action. "Retaliation would come after you clean up and somebody goes behind you and just messes up what you just cleaned up," he said.

He said that he was unsatisfied with HA's response and that since the agency stopped using the lifts, workers have been manually hauling garbage up stairs, adding to the many issues that they deal with.

## Taking a Closer Look

The agency said it reformed its safety protocols immediately after the incident and that a team has begun re-evaluating the design, fixes and costs to improve the machines and created a team that will offer training and formalized maintenance procedures once the upgrades are finished.

"Our employees are the heart of NYCHA and their workplace safety is of paramount importance," the statement said. "We plan to meet with Teamsters Local 237 to discuss their report and understand their concerns."

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# Crossing-Guard Push For More Upgrades

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implementing a true vision plan, we have to put more zeroes and commas in the city budget" to ensure the guards get the stability and benefits they're entitled to, he said. As a general rule, his members are typically deployed to cover a 10-block radius, he added.

## Hazardous Work

The job can be dangerous: a month ago, a worker in Queens was struck by a vehicle and two were hit last year. A Transportation Alternatives representative said that traffic crashes led injury-related deaths among children in the city.

"We know that we are at a crossroads right now," said the Council's Public Safety Chair, Vanessa Gibson. "There are too many children and pedestrians being hit and injured by motorists."

The lawmakers couldn't yet estimate how much would be needed to fulfill the union's requests. Ms. Gibson said the NYPD was responsive at a related Council hearing last month and that she was awaiting the department's budget estimates. She said though Council Members debate spending priorities, they all agree on the value Crossing Guards offer.

"I think that we all recognize that, but how much of a priority we're going to make it is what it comes down to, ultimately," she said.

## Workers Feel Pinch

The de Blasio administration is expected later this month to release its executive budget for the fiscal year that begins in July.

An 11-year veteran work-

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**SHAUN FRANCOIS:** Vision Zero needs a cash infusion.



**JESUS GARCIA:** 'Must stop school privatization.'

# Emanuel Overcomes Garcia's Union Aid

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candidates, according to exit polls conducted by Edison Research; those without union ties favored the Mayor by a 16-point margin.

In that speech, Mr. Emanuel thanked voters for "putting me through the paces."

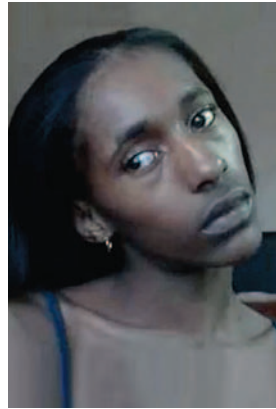
## A Learning Experience

"I will be a better Mayor because of that," he said according to a transcript of his remarks. "I will carry your voices, your concerns into the Mayor's office. I hear you on the importance of neighborhood high schools and better choices."

AFT President Randi Weingarten hoped he would follow through on his conciliatory tone after earning a "second chance."

"Tonight Mayor Emanuel was given that chance by an electorate that is willing to believe his humbled promise that 'he can do better,' but does not want him to forget that education policies have to change," she said in a statement. She expressed optimism that after a non-binding February referendum that strongly affirmed voters' hopes for an elected school board and election gains by union-approved lawmakers, "Chicago will be governed by a different and more pro-public-education legislature."

Mr. Garcia remained focused on education in his concession speech. "We need to stop the waves and waves of school-closings and privatizations in this city," he said. "To grow and keep our young families, we need to do better than grow and improve our schools, we need to make them a model for the nation."



**TONI JACKSON:** Death remains a mystery.

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ACCOUNTING PROCEEDING FILE NO. 2012-4056/A CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO: Unknown Distributees, Attorney General of the State of New York, Unity Funeral Home, Inc., Public Administrator of New York County, as Administrator of the Estate of Ruth Pugh, Unknown Distributees of Ruth Pugh, Charanne Jackson. And to the heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of Hazes Pugh and of Ruth Pugh, if living and if any of them be dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot, after diligent inquiry, be ascertained by the petitioner herein; being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, distributees, or otherwise in the estate of Hazes Pugh, deceased, who at the time of his death was a resident of 435 Convent Avenue, New York, New York 10031. A petitioner having been duly filed by the Public Administrator of the County of New York, who maintains an office at 31 Chambers Street, Room 311, New York, New York 10007. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the New York County Surrogate's Court at 31 Chambers Street, New York, New York, on May 15, 2015 at 9:30 A.M. in Room 509, why the following relief stated in the account of proceedings, a copy of the summary statement thereof being attached hereto, of the Public Administrator of the County of New York as administrator of the good, chattels and credits of said deceased, should not be granted: (i) that her account be judicially settled; (ii) that petitioner be permitted to distribute, pursuant to DEL Section 83 in effect as of decedent's date of death on August 29, 1967, \$2,000 and one-third of the net estate to the Public Administrator of the County of New York as administrator of the Estate of Ruth Pugh; (iii) that a hearing be held to determine the identity of the remaining distributees of decedent at which time proof pursuant to SCPA Section 2225 may be presented, or in the alternative, that the balance of the funds be deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York for the benefit of the decedent's unknown distributees; (iv) that the claim of Unity Funeral Home, Inc., if any, for the decedent's funeral expenses be rejected due to failure to file a claim in accordance with the provisions of SCPA Section 1803(1); (v) that the Surrogate approve the reasonable amount of compensation as reported in Schedules C and C-1 of the account of proceedings to the attorney for the petitioner for legal services rendered to the petitioner herein; (vi) that the persons above mentioned and all necessary and proper persons be cited to show cause why such relief should not be granted; (vii) that an order be granted pursuant to SCPA Section 307 where required or directed; and (viii) for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper. Dated, Attested and Sealed. April 3, 2015. (Seal) Hon. Rita Mella, Surrogate. Diana Sanabria, Chief Clerk. Schram Graber & Opell P.C. Counsel to the Public Administrator, New York County 11 Park Place, Suite 615 New York, NY 10007 (212) 896-3310 Note: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested. You have the right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you and your attorney may request a copy of the full account from the petitioner or petitioner's attorney. 963 04/17/15-04/24/15

Notice of Qualification of Full Steam Staffing LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/11/15. Office location: Richmond County. LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 10/29/07. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 111 Eighth Ave., NY, NY 10011. Address to be maintained in NJ: Mark Healey, 798 Ontario Pl., Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417. Arts of Org. filed with the NJ State Treasurer, 50 Barrack St., Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: any lawful activities. 937 04/10/15-05/15/15

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF The Weinstein Law Group, PLLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/15/2014. Office location: New York County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the PLLC served upon him/her is: Steven Weinstein, 80 Floral Drive West, Plainview, NY 11803. The principal business address of the PLLC is: 153 West 27th Street, Ste 204, New York, NY 10001. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 882 04/03/15-05/08/15

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Porto Construction LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/07/2015. Office location: Richmond County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: 934 Drumgoole Rd. West, Staten Island, NY 10312. The principal business address of the LLC is: 934 Drumgoole Rd. West, Staten Island, NY 10312. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 886 04/03/15-05/08/15

NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF Integrity Lighting LLC. Authority filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/25/15. Office location: NY County. LLC formed in DE on 2/18/15. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process against to: 1732 1st Ave #27119, NY, NY 10128. DE address of LLC: 16192 Coastal Hwy, Lewes, DE 19958. Cert. of Form filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 876 04/03/15-05/08/15

PINEHURST CAPITAL, LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 12/11/14. Office location: New York County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. General Purposes. 800 03/13/15-04/17/15

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ACCOUNTING PROCEEDING FILE NO. 2014-960/A CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO: Unknown Distributees, Attorney General of the State of New York, Village East Towers. And to the heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of Marion Howard, a/k/a Marione Howard, if living and if any of them be dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees, and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot, after diligent inquiry, be ascertained by the petitioner herein: being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, distributees, or otherwise in the estate of Marion Howard, a/k/a Marione Howard, deceased who at the time of his death was a resident at 411 East 10th Street, New York, New York, 10009, New York, New York. A petition having been duly filed by the Public Administrator of the County of New York, who maintains an office at 31 Chambers Street, Room 311, New York, New York 10007. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the New York County Surrogate's Court at 31 Chambers Street, New York, New York, on May 15, 2015 at 9:30 A.M. in Room 509, why the following relief stated in the account of proceedings, a copy of the summary statement thereof being attached hereto, of the Public Administrator of the County of New York as administrator of the goods, chattels and credits of said deceased, should not be granted: (i) that her account be judicially settled; (ii) that a hearing be held to determine the identity of the distributees at which time proof pursuant to SCPA Section 2225 may be presented, or in the alternative, that the balance of the funds be deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York for the benefit of the decedent's unknown distributees; (iii) that the claim of Village East Towers in the amount of \$4,070.81 for carrying charges for decedent's Mitchell-Llama cooperative apartment located at 411 East 10th Street, Apt. 21F, New York NY be allowed; (iv) that the Surrogate approve the reasonable amount of compensation as reported in Schedules C and C-1 of the account of proceedings to the attorney for the petitioner for legal services rendered to the petitioner herein; (v) that the persons above mentioned and all necessary and proper persons be cited to show cause why such relief should not be granted; (vi) that an order be granted pursuant to SCPA Section 307 where required or directed; and (vii) for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper. Dated, Attested and Sealed. April 2, 2015. (Seal). Hon. Rita Mella, Surrogate. Diana Sanabria, Chief Clerk. Schram Graber & Opell P.C. Counsel to the Public Administrator, New York County 11 Park Place, Suite 615 New York, NY 10007 (212) 896-3310 Note: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested. You have the right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you and your attorney may request a copy of the full account from the petitioner or petitioner's attorney. 964 04/17/15-04/24/15

PUBLIC NOTICE. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, PURSUANT TO LAW, THAT THE NYC DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2015 AT 2:00 P.M. AT 66 JOHN STREET, 11TH FLOOR, ON A PETITION FOR NPK DONUT INC. TO CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE AN ENCLOSED SIDEWALK CAFE AT 96 E 161ST ST IN THE BOROUGH OF BRONX FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS. REQUEST FOR COPIES OF THE REVOCABLE CONSENT AGREEMENT MAY BE ADDRESSED TO: DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, ATTN: FOIL OFFICER, 42 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, NY 10004. 932 04/10/15-04/17/15

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Citi Arrow LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/26/2015. Office location: New York County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: 115 East 34th Street Unit 1757 New York, NY 10016. The principal business address of the LLC is: 115 East 34th Street Unit 1757 New York, NY 10016. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 930 04/10/15-05/15/15

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF CB Cellars LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/15/2014. Office location: New York County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: 308 West 103rd Street Apt. 4F, New York, NY 10025. The principal business address of the LLC is: 308 West 103rd Street Apt. 4F, New York, NY 10025. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 926 04/10/15-05/15/15

Notice of Qualification of 60G 125 GREENE STREET LLC. Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/11/15. Office location: NY County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 03/10/15. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 370 7th Ave., Ste. 512, NY, NY 10001. DE addr. of LLC: 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 944 04/10/15-05/15/15

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Noshi LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/06/2015. Office location: New York County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: 57 W. 10th St., #PH, NY NY 10011. The principal business address of the LLC is: 57 W. 10th St., #PH, NY NY 10011. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 944 04/10/15-05/15/15

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PROBATE CITATION—File No. 2014-1860/A—SURROGATE'S COURT—New York County—CITATION—THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent—TO The heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of George E. Straus, deceased, if living, and if any of them be dead to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence. Michael Hirsh, Sandra Thomas, Debbie Hutchinson, Public Administrator of the County of New York. A petition having been duly filed by Miriam V. Sarzin, who is domiciled at 61 Jane Street, #19F, New York, NY 10014. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, New York County, at 31 Chambers Street, Room 503, New York, NY on June 2nd, 2015, at 9:30 o'clock in the fore noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of George E. Straus lately domiciled at 155 West 68th Street, Apt. 716, New York, 10023 admitting to probate a Will dated September 4, 2007, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of George E. Straus deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to: Miriam V. Sarzin. Dated, Attested and Sealed, March 26th, 2015 HON. Rita Mella, Surrogate; Diana Sanabria, Chief Clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: Steven E. Bing Tel. No.: 212-221-7635 Address of Attorney: 276 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1008, New York, NY 10001. [NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.] 938 04/10/15-05/01/15

Notice of Qualification of IVY URGENT CARE - ELTINGVILLE, LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/04/15. Office location: Richmond County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 01/26/15. Princ. office of LLC: c/o Ivy Urgent Care Centers of America, LLC, Attn: Anthony DiTommaso, One Paragon Dr., Ste. 125, Montvale, NJ 07645. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. DE addr. of LLC: c/o National Corporate Research, Ltd., 615 S. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 942 04/10/15-05/15/15

NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF Casey, Quirk & Associates LLC. Application for Authority filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/27/15. Office location: New York County. LLC formed in DE on 2/5/02. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: 17 Old Kings Hwy S, Ste 200, Darien, CT 06820. The principal business address of the LLC is: 489 5th Avenue, 22nd Floor, New York, NY 10017. Certificate of LLC filed with Secretary of State of DE located at: 401 Federal St #3, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 875 04/03/15-05/08/15

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Foomilla LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/09/2015. Office location: New York County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: 121 W. 72nd St 8D New York NY 10023. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 916 04/03/15-05/08/15

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Robert Epley Architect PLLC. Arts of Org filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/10/15. Office location: NY County. SSNY designated agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy of process against PLLC to Licensee LLC, 801 2nd Ave, NY, NY 10017. Principal business address is: 1115 Broadway, NY, NY 10010. Purpose: practice architecture. 880 04/03/15-05/08/15

Notice of Qualification of UNTRACHT EARLY LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/01/14. Office location: NY County. PLLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 09/18/00. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 325 Columbia Tnpk., Florham Park, NJ, 07932. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 898 04/03/15-05/08/15

Notice of Formation of Solid Core Partner LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 3/25/15. Office location: NY County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, regd. agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 991 04/17/15-05/22/15

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF IQADNET LLC. Arts of Org filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/05/2014. Office location: NY County. SSNY designated agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy of process against LLC to principal business address: 33 Whitehall Street, New York, NY 10004. Purpose: any lawful activities 903 04/03/15-05/08/15

358 NEW DORP LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/17/15. Office location: Richmond 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, 193 Hillside Terrace, Staten Island, NY 10308. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 902 04/03/15-05/08/15

S & S EXCLUSIVE REALTY, L.L.C. Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 2/2/2015. Off. Loc.: Richmond Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The L.L.C, Po Box 090081, Staten Island, NY 10309. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. 905 04/03/15-05/08/15

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Notice of Qualification of Knight Transportation Insurance Services, LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 3/19/15. Office location: NY County. Princ. bus. addr.: 150 Northwest Point Blvd., 2nd Fl., Elk Grove Village, IL 60007. LLC formed in DE on 6/19/09. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, regd. agent upon whom process may be served. DE addr. of LLC: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Sec. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 919 04/03/15-05/08/15

Notice of Qualification of AREA Management LLC. Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/20/15. Office location: NY County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 02/18/15. Princ. office of LLC: 55 Broad St., NY, NY 10004. 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. DE addr. of LLC: 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 908 04/03/15-05/08/15

Notice of Qualification of AREA Fund I LLC. Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/20/15. Office location: NY County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 02/18/15. Princ. office of LLC: 55 Broad St., NY, NY 10004. 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. DE addr. of LLC: 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 909 04/03/15-05/08/15

Notice of Qualification of ASTURIAS CAPITAL LLC. Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/20/15. Office location: NY County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 02/09/15. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 25 N. Moore St., Apt. 3A/4A, NY, NY 10013. DE addr. of LLC: Corporation Service Co., 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State of DE, Div. of Corps., John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 910 04/03/15-05/08/15

Notice of Qualification of Match.com, L.L.C. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 3/13/15. Office location: NY County. Princ. bus. addr.: 555 W. 18th St., NY, NY 10011. LLC formed in DE on 6/25/07. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, regd. agent upon whom process may be served. DE addr. of LLC: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Sec. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 921 04/03/15-05/08/15

Notice of Qualification of Williamsburg Portfolio I, L.L.C. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 1/29/15. Office location: NY County. LLC formed in DE on 1/23/15. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, regd. agent upon whom process may be served. DE addr. of LLC: The Corporation Trust Co., 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Sec. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 922 04/03/15-05/08/15

Notice of Qualification of Williamsburg Portfolio II, L.L.C. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 1/29/15. Office location: NY County. LLC formed in DE on 1/23/15. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, regd. agent upon whom process may be served. DE addr. of LLC: The Corporation Trust Co., 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Sec. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 923 04/03/15-05/08/15

Notice of Formation of THE NUMBERS LAB AT FIREFISH USA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/17/15. Office location: NY County. Princ. office of LLC: c/o SKP, LLP, 1745 Broadway, Fl. 18, NY, NY 10019. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Dan Lipman at the princ. office of the LLC. Purpose: Consulting - PR. 907 04/03/15-05/08/15

Notice of Formation of Margaret Porter Troupe Arts Projects LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 3/16/15. Office location: NY County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o Margaret Porter Troupe, 1925 7th Ave., Ste. 7L, NY, NY 10026, principal business address. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 918 04/03/15-05/08/15

TASHA RESTAURANT LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 3/12/15. Office location: New York County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, c/o Citrin Cooperman, 529 5th Ave., NY, NY 10017. General purpose. 947 04/10/15-05/15/15

Notice is hereby given that a license, number 1285048, has been applied for by Potatopia S1 Mall LLC, to sell wine and beer at retail in a kiosk under the Alcohol Beverage Control Law at 2655 Richmond Avenue, Space No. 6504, Staten Island, NY, 10314 for on-premises consumption. 960 04/17/15-04/24/15

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Nicolas Cogrel, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/03/2015. Office location: New York County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: United States Corporation, Inc 7014 13th Ave., Suite 202 Brooklyn, NY 11228. The principal business address of the LLC is: 179 Mott Street #4 New York, NY 10012. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 806 03/13/15-04/17/15

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Amanda Zantal-Wiener LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/05/2015. Office location: New York County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: 71 Broadway 9F New York, NY 10006. The principal business address of the LLC is: 71 Broadway 9F New York, NY 10006. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 556 03/13/15-04/17/15

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF TAG Risk Management, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/13/2015. Office location: New York County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: 350 Fifth Avenue Suite 5310, New York, NY 10118. The principal business address of the LLC is: 350 Fifth Avenue Suite 5310, New York, NY 10118. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 805 03/13/15-04/17/15

MORNINGSTAR FILMS LLC, Authority filed with the SSNY on 01/28/2015. Office loc: Richmond County. LLC formed in NV on 12/12/2014. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 501 Morningstar Rd, Staten Island, NY 10303. Address required to be maintained in NV: 318 N. Carson St., #208, Carson City NV 89701. Cert. of Formation filed with NY Sec of State, 204 N. Carson St., Ste 4, Carson City NV 89701. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 808 03/13/15-04/17/15

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Mashida LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/25/15. Office location: New York County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: 240 E. 39th St. Apt. 18B, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 807 03/13/15-04/17/15

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Enlightened Beauty LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/05/2013. Office location: New York County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: 225 East 95th Street Apt. 34A, NY, NY 10128. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 811 03/13/15-04/17/15

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A&D Resources LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/20/15. Office location: New York County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: 500 E 77th Street, #3516 NY, NY 10162. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 812 03/13/15-04/17/15

Notice of formation of DEWITT CHICKEN, LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/13/15. Office loc.: Richmond County. The principal business loc. is 3062 Erie Blvd. E, Syracuse, NY 13224. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Ashish Parikh, 15 Nicolosi Dr., Staten Island, NY 10312. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 867 03/27/15-05/01/15

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF RS Subway, LLC. Arts of Org filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/19/13. Office location: NY County. SSNY designated agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy of process against LLC to: Corp Service Company, 80 State St, Albany NY 12207. Principal business address: 56 W. 22 St, NY NY 10010. Purpose: any lawful act. 803 03/13/15-04/17/15

MAXSCM LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 2/20/15. Office location: New York County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 9 E. 38th St., Fl. 10, NY, NY 10016. General Purposes. 924 04/03/15-05/08/15

Notice of Formation of Kaltech Capital Ventures LLC. Art/Org. filed with SSNY 3/3/15. NY office location: NY County. SSNY designated as agent for process. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Kaltech Capital Ventures LLC, 257 Park Ave South, Ste 303, NY, NY 10010. Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity. 818 03/13/15-04/17/15

TYRONE 32 LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 1/16/15. Office location: New York County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 228 E. 122nd St., NY, NY 10035. General Purposes. 817 03/13/15-04/17/15

Notice of Formation of PH 109 Madison I LLC. Art/Org. filed with SSNY 2/27/15. NY office location: NY County. SSNY designated as agent for process. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Princeton Holdings LLC, 375 Park Ave., Ste 1604, NY, NY 10152. Any lawful act or activity. 879 03/27/15-05/01/15

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF TRUENORTHERN SOLUTIONS GROUP, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/18/14. Office location: New York County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: c/o United States Corporations Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202 Brooklyn, NY 11228. The principal business address of the LLC is: 401 Park Avenue South FL8 New York, NY 10016. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 925 04/03/15-05/08/15

Notice of Qualification of League Medical Concepts, LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 3/13/15. Office location: NY County. LLC formed in TX on 2/6/02. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, regd. agent upon whom process may be served. TX and principal business address: 3027 Marina Bay Dr., Ste. 110, League City, TX 77573. Cert. of Org. filed with TX Sec. of State, 1019 Brazos, Austin, TX 78701. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 920 04/03/15-05/08/15

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Mark923fitness4life-LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/12/2014. Office location: Richmond county. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: 42 St Mary's Ave., Staten Island, NY 10305. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 915 04/03/15-05/08/15

Notice of Formation of Speedway Group, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 3/26/15. Office location: NY County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: c/o KLM Equities Inc., 155 E. 56th St., 6th Fl., NY, NY 10022, regd. agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 992 04/17/15-05/22/15

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF BLING CANADA AZ, LLC. Arts of Org filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/21/13. Office location: New York County. SSNY designated agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy of process against LLC to principal business address: 1261 Broadway, Suite 1002 New York, NY 10001. Purpose: any lawful act. 911 04/03/15-05/08/15

Notice of Formation of PASAPAS LLC. Art/Org. filed with SSNY 7/8/14. NY office location: NY County. SSNY designated as agent for process. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Kenneth H. Gardner, Esq., Gardner Weiss & Rosenblum LLP, 270 Madison Ave, 13th Fl., NY, NY 10016. Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity. 928 04/03/15-05/08/15

10 ERIE STREET, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/18/15. Office location: Richmond 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, c/o Tantleff & Kreincens, LLP, 170 Old Country Road, Suite 316, Mineola, NY 11

# Wilson a New Challenger for Lynch in PBA Race

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small group of insiders, from 15-year President Phil Caruso to Mr. Matarazzo, who resigned to give Mr. Savage the top post a year before the 1999 election, which was the first contested race since 1980.

Three longtime PBA attorneys were convicted in a kickback scheme involving the Transit Police Benevolent Association, which they also represented. Mr. Matarazzo and the PBA were not tied to it, but the scandal had the effect of weakening the leadership.



**DAVID PATERSON: A crucial figure in union battle.**



**BRIAN FUSCO: 'Members know who's fighting.'**

## Guilty by Association?

"The bottom line is that Wilson was part of the previous PBA board that not only failed to make progress on any of these issues, but set New York City police officers' interests back by decades," Mr. Lynch said.

Several members of Mr. Lynch's board, including Second Vice President Mubarak Abdul-Jabbar, were on Mr. Savage's board along with him, Mr. Wilson said. "If he's looking for board members from that era, he has those people on his team now," he said of Mr. Lynch.

Mr. Wilson said he was disturbed that the PBA has gone five years without a contract and six years without a pay raise. "He basically auctioned off a quarter of a police officer's career so he can stay in office," he said of Mr. Lynch.

Asked about the reluctance of Michael Bloomberg, who was Mayor through 2013, to negotiate seriously with city unions, he said, "Pat didn't put in the paperwork for negotiations until the last month of Bloomberg's term."

"Our contract expired two years after the financial collapse of 2008," Mr. Lynch responded. "Bloomberg made it well-known that he was seeking three years of zeros, along with massive pension and health-care givebacks. That's the same kind of contract that police officers were saddled with under the previous PBA administration."

## Points to Pay Gains

"Our administration has increased police officers' pay by more than 56 percent, a larger-percentage wage increase than any of the comparable police departments in our area. It has been a dramatic change from when Wilson was on the PBA board. During an identical period under the previous PBA administration, our raises were the lowest among comparable local police departments."

Mr. Wilson said that the union leader's decisions to take the contract to arbitration had hurt officers. He pointed to a decision by arbitrators in 2005 to reduce the starting salary to \$25,100 in

order to fund a 10-percent raise over two years for officers already on the job.

"Every time he broke pattern he gave up the unborn," Mr. Wilson said. "How is that progress? Because next contract you're working to bring them up with everybody else."

"The city's outrageous proposal to reduce starting pay was entirely reversed due to the work of this administration in the next arbitration session," Mr. Lynch said. "The officers hired under that ridiculous rate were fully compensated through retroactive raises and back pay because of the work done by the Lynch team."

In the next arbitration starting pay was increased to \$35,881—although the award included givebacks in areas like vacation days for new hires—and a negotiated pact three months later brought the current starting rate to \$41,975.

## Took Hit on Disability

The problem with the pension system came about because of then-Gov. David Paterson's 2009 veto of a bill, routinely passed since 1976, that gave newly-hired police officers and firefighters the line-of-duty disability protections under the Tier 2 pension system. With the veto, those hired since 2010 were stuck with Tier 3 pensions. Tier 3 has no special protections in the event of line-of-duty injuries.

Under Tier 2, officers received three-quarters of their final salaries free of state and local taxes. Under Tier 3, they get half their final salary, subject to state and local taxes, with deductions for any Social Security disability payments. The final benefit can be as low as \$27 a day.

"Pat had notice of the veto of the Tier 2 extender bill" and did nothing to stop it, Mr. Wilson contended. Mr. Lynch disagreed. "It was Governor Paterson's decision alone to veto it," he said. "The legislators who passed the bill, and every police and fire group in the state that was affected by it, had no advance notice of Paterson's intentions. The Lynch team has expended significant time and resources in

order to change the law and equalize the disability benefits. We are fully confident that the disability benefits will be equalized as a result of these efforts."

## Concern About CCRB

Mr. Wilson said Mr. Lynch had not blocked the increase in power for the CCRB, which is now authorized to prosecute discourtesy and use-of-force cases at NYPD administrative trials rather than just making recommendations to the Police Commissioner. "CCRB was a day off patrol, now it's a day in the Trial Room," Mr. Wilson said. He repeated the frequently-heard complaint that the CCRB "is not prosecuting civilians who are perjuring themselves, but is prosecuting police officers... If people are making up stories about police officers, they should be held accountable for it."

"We defeated the city's previous attempts to completely civilianize the disciplinary process by allowing CCRB to prosecute cases at the Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings," Mr. Lynch responded. "We have been pursuing a multi-pronged strategy to have all CCRB complaints sworn under penalty of perjury from the outset, most recently in communication with the new CCRB leadership."

"Now, sworn complaints and some of our other proposals are being discussed by CCRB. This issue wasn't even on our opponents' radar until they read the news account of our progress towards these changes. We'll continue aggressively pressing for changes at CCRB, just as we have for other positive developments in the area of discipline."

Regarding the other presidential candidate, Mr. Wilson said, "Fusco is the problem, not the solution. He was up there with Lynch and did nothing to fight for police officers or to fight Lynch. I hold him even more responsible than Pat Lynch because he could have fought."

## Fusco: He Was 'Zeroed' Out

Mr. Fusco responded in a statement, "Mr. Wilson's

claim to fame is that he was voted off the PBA executive board after his team accepted zeroes for our members. Since then, he has run unsuccessfully for citywide office on numerous occasions. His claim that my team and I haven't been fighting for the members proves he's still out of touch."

Asked whether he thought Mr. Wilson's entry into the race would make it more difficult for him to defeat Mr. Lynch, Mr. Fusco responded, "The members are aware of who is fighting for the issues and who is not. We trust the members' judgment."

Mr. Wilson, a second-generation police officer, joined the department in 1987 and worked in the 104th Precinct in Queens before joining the Bus Unit in 2006. He was elected a delegate there in 2009. He served four terms as a delegate in the '104.' He says his experience as chief financial officer of one of the largest churches in Nassau County has helped prepare him for running the PBA.

His slate, the Voice of the Membership, includes Brian Blazer for first vice president, C.J. Hunter for second vice president, Ferdinand Rodriguez for treasurer, Chris Stoll for recording secretary and Pete Roman for citywide trustee.

Mr. Wilson is hopeful of victory. "Tell them to pack their bags and let me know when I can get in and repaint the office," he said.

# Seek Cop-Killer's \$10G

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can be given to victims and survivors. The PBA has taken legal steps under the Son of Sam law to schedule a hearing at which it will argue that the money should go to the officers' families.

Chandra Jones, 45, was only 2 when her father and Officer Piagentini were killed. She told the Daily News that receiving some of the money "would mean a lot of justice. He's the only reason my father is not here with us right now. He's the reason I never got to know my dad... There were six of us kids, and only two of us knew my father."

"This was a calculated, premeditated act laced with hatred for the blue uniform and the men who wore it," said Officer Piagentini's widow, Diane, at a press conference a year ago sponsored by the PBA to encourage public opposition to the parole of Mr. Bell and Mr. Bottom. "...Our lives have been changed forever... They have not shown any remorse for what they've done."

The Son of Sam Law was passed in 1977 after publishers wound up in a bidding war for the memoirs of David Berkowitz, who used that name as an alias, after he was arrested for killing six people and wounding seven others. (He was convicted and is serving six consecutive life sentences.)

## Had to Revise It

The law, copied by more than 40 other states and the Federal Government, required that any proceeds from an accused or convicted criminal telling his or her story be turned over to the crime-victims board for eventual distribution to victims.

The U.S. Supreme Court overturned the law in 1991, ruling that it violated free-speech protections in the U.S. Constitution and was too broad, applying to the accused as well as the convicted.

To meet those objections, New York State revised the law to require forfeiture of any money provided to an accused or convicted person, not just the proceeds of telling his or her story. The law covers payments made by the Department of Corrections and



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*Ms. Hall is District Manager of the Social Security Administration's Downtown New York Office.*

## Whistleblower Wins

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months," he said, recalling that some employees had told him, "You're a f---g rat." The MTA was also ordered to expunge Mr. Harte's records of any mention of the whistleblowing incident, allow OSHA to retrain all managers, provide all new hires with information about their whistleblower rights and post a notice about the illegality of interfering with those filing safety or retaliation complaints.



**JOSEPH PIAGENTINI**

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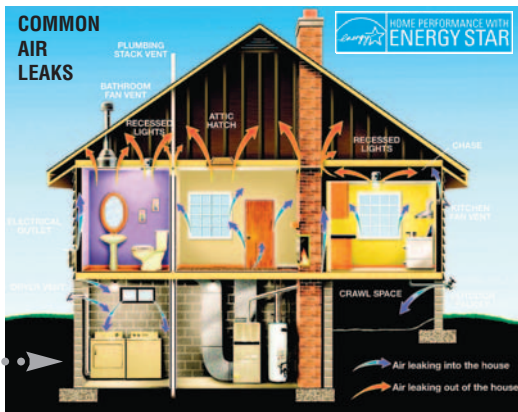
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## Toss \$1.6M Buffalo Firemen's Award

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without precedent. In 2009, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld a ruling for mostly white firefighters in New Haven, Conn. who were passed over for promotion under similar circumstances.

### Untenable Position

During that trial, "everybody recognized that employers are between a rock and a hard place," Mr. Rossein said. "They have to make sure that they're not discriminating against people even unintentionally." That includes both white employees and people of color.

The FDNY revamped its entry-level exam after the lawsuit, when a Federal Judge found the test wasn't job-related and disproportionately benefited whites. Since 2012, when the new exam was first administered, about 45 percent of Firefighter hires have been people of color.

In a few years, those members will be eligible for promotions—a process that could draw new lawsuits by either ethnic group.

"This case will certainly apply to any FDNY promotional exams, and the city needs to be careful to make sure that they prepare valid tests, as they have done with the current [revamped] entrance test, which is an excellent test," Mr. Rossein said.

### New Haven Ruling Key

The Buffalo ruling pivoted on the Connecticut decision. The U.S. Supreme Court, in *Ricci v. DeStefano*, found that New Haven officials violated the Civil Rights Act by throwing out the list without a "strong basis in evidence" that if they used it, they'd be liable for discrimination.

That decision made it easier for whites to win reverse-discrimination cases. And the Court of Appeals' February ruling explicitly applies that Federal standard to the state human-rights law for the first time.

Judge Jenny Rivera, in a partial dissent, opposed that move.

"New York State is a pioneer in addressing discrimination in the workplace," she wrote, noting that its human-rights law was passed in 1945—nearly 20 years before the Federal government caught up.

She argued that the New Haven ruling discourages cities from voluntarily complying with equal-opportunity rules and that it is not intentional discrimination to seek to reduce inequality in the workplace.

Mr. Rossein said that if Judge Michalek finds for the white firefighters again, he will almost certainly restore the \$1.6-million award.

### On Merits or Pragmatism?

The outcome will hinge on whether Buffalo's human-resources commissioner, Leonard Matarese, allowed the list to lapse merely to right a racial imbalance, as he initially testified, or because an expert told him there was a "substantial risk" that the black firefighters would win their lawsuit, as he wrote in a signed affidavit four years later.

The trial will allow Judge Michalek to judge the city's credibility on the issue.

The attorney for the white firefighters claims the ruling did not void the award, though it rejects the decision on which it was based. The attorney for the City of Buffalo has confirmed that it had that impact. A new trial date has not yet been set.

## Ex-FDNY EEO Head Sues

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around the same time were merely transferred or demoted—while keeping their pay and benefits—after major mistakes or serious charges were leveled against them, she claimed.

The Fire Department referred queries to the Law Department, whose spokeswoman said, "We will review the matter upon receipt."

Ms. Phillips also charged she was "systematically isolated, alienated and no longer invited to senior staff events" once she lost her EEO position in March 2011, though she was still doing the same work—just without the title. (She continued to handle her EEO cases until the job was filled seven months later.)

Suddenly, invitations to social and professional events allegedly evaporated—including invites to the annual Medal Day, the FDNY Foundation Dinner, the Fireman's Memorial Service, the Commissioner's social and holiday events, and promotional ceremonies. One black firefighter allegedly told her that being seen with her at a Black History Month Celebration could kill his chances at promotion.

### Claims Double Standard

Meanwhile, several white officials were being cut slack, she charged. Ms. Phillips cited four cases, beginning with Chief of EMS John Perugia, who was stripped of his title in January 2011 and replaced by Abdo Nahmod after a bungled response to the December 2010 blizzard.

"He kept his salary and benefits including a car and driver," the complaint says.

Ms. Phillips also named Assistant Commissioner of the Bureau of Fire Prevention Kay Ellis, who was allegedly reassigned in March 2011 while keeping her pay, benefits and car. She was "widely accused of mismanaging and mishandling a multi-million dollar project with IBM (the handheld summons violation project)," the lawsuit charged.

Also targeted were Director of Payroll-Employment Calvin Smith and Director of Fire Alarm Inspection Robert Rampino, who were each reassigned in 2011. Ms. Phillips claimed they were avoiding their duties and found to be unqualified for their jobs, respectively.

The former EEO head's position was posted in March 2011 but wasn't filled until October, when Margo Ferrandino took over. Ms. Ferrandino is herself biracial. She left earlier this year, and the position is vacant.

### Testimony Aided Vulcans

In August 2011, Ms. Phillips testified before U.S. District Judge Nicholas Garaufis in the Justice Department case, which was sparked and later joined by the Vulcan Society of Black Firefighters.

Judge Garaufis cited Ms. Phillips' testimony in his harshly-critical assessment of the FDNY on Oct. 4, when he called it a "stubborn bastion of white male privilege" and ordered a Federal monitor to oversee hiring.

"Not even the threat of court action has been enough to cause the City to re-evaluate" how it adheres to EEO laws, he wrote, later adding, "... [T]he City allowed a hiring freeze to hollow out the FDNY's EEO office, depriving it of the resources to conduct all but the most perfunctory of investigations and limiting its role to little more than customer service for dissatisfied employees..."

Ms. Phillips had testified that when she was hired in June 2006, she oversaw four attorney investigators evaluating EEO claims. In March 2010—after Judge Garaufis first found that the city had intentionally discriminated against blacks—her staff was cut to two investigators. By that fall, she only had one.

### 'Dismissive About Case'

She also claimed that Mr. Shacknai—then First Deputy Commissioner—was "dismissive and cavalier" about the Vulcan case in senior staff meetings, which he refused to take seriously.

He would "flat-out refuse to consider" any of the Judge's negotiating options to resolve



SALVATORE CASSANO: Accused of retaliation.



JOHN COOMBS: Punished her for doing job right.

the case, she said, predicting that the Vulcans would fail. (Mr. Shacknai is now First Deputy Commissioner of the Housing Preservation & Development Department. Margo Ferrandino is now Assistant Commissioner for Equal Employment Opportunity there.)

Ms. Phillips acknowledged that her pay and benefits were preserved when she was removed as Assistant Commissioner, but attributed that to the fact that she had hired an attorney. She also aimed barbs at Ms. Ferrandino, calling her unqualified.

As for why she was fired in April 2012, she spoke of a secret meeting that angered her superiors.

On March 23, a Friday, Ms. Phillips met with CUNY Law Professor Rick Rossein, then an EEO consultant to the Fire Department. For two hours, she allegedly described her concerns about the department, including "widespread" discrimination not just among firefighters but throughout the FDNY.

The rest of the account she attributed to Patrick Damas, then-Deputy Director of EEO. Mr. Rossein allegedly then met with Ms. Ferrandino, who "emerged from her office flustered," then talked to Mr. Shacknai for a long time in his office. On Monday, Ms. Phillips says she was told she'd be fired in two weeks.

### Defended by Vulcan Head

John Coombs, the head of the Vulcan Society during Ms. Phillips' tenure, once stood up for the EEO official in Judge Garaufis's court, insisting despite his attorney's advice that he directly address the Judge.

During a hearing on Oct. 20, 2011, he pleaded that Ms. Phillips be kept as head of EEO until the Federal monitor was installed. As the Village Voice described it, he "said in so many words that her removal was just another act of obstruction on the city's part."

In an interview last week, Mr. Coombs claimed that Ms. Phillips encountered friction because she routinely tried to push the Cassano administration to adhere to EEO rules.

"We saw Lyndelle as trying to do more than what the department's minimum was," he said. "She was adamant about it, from the very beginning."

Among her efforts, he said, were attempts to get those who committed EEO offenses moved out of firehouses, rather than moving the one taking the abuse, as was common.

### Problems Finding Job

Gregory Smith, Ms. Phillips' attorney, said in an interview last week that since she was fired, his client has been unable to secure a job at the same level as her FDNY position, despite all her experience. The \$1.2-million figure is based on her lost wages and benefits, assuming that she retires at age 65.

The suit has been filed

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# Pension Fund Gains Go to Investment Advisors

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the private market—which tend to be more complicated and longer-term investments in private-equity funds and real estate—earned \$2.6 billion below the baseline targets once fees were factored in. Those investing in publicly-based assets such as stocks, bonds and other traditional investments gained \$2.55 billion more than if they'd been passively indexed to funds guaranteeing lower yields, but fees eroded roughly 98 percent of those gains, leaving only \$40 million in returns.

## 'They're Not Delivering'

"It's clear to us that if we're going to pay these fees and we're supposed to get a bigger return, they're not delivering what they're selling," said Michael Mulgrew, president of the United Federation of Teachers, which holds three board seats at the Teachers' Retirement System. "We're getting a return, but we could get the same return with what we call a less-active, or a passive investment portfolio."

He said the findings would make it easier for trustees to justify moving their money from the high-fee investments or negotiating better terms. "This is going to upset the apple cart, to say the least," he said. "Because I think the people in the financial institutions don't want people seeing this stuff."

The analysis, conducted by Chief Investment Officer Scott Evans and the office's



**SCOTT STRINGER:** 'Status quo must change.'

Bureau of Asset Management, tracked the performance of its assets from the end of 2004 to 2014, a period when the fund grew by more than \$70 billion. The study evaluated the benefits of entrusting the money managers with the investments instead of indexing them to the overall performance of the markets.

## 'Shocking' Results

"When you do the math on what we pay Wall Street to actively manage our funds, it's shocking to realize that fees have not only wiped out any benefit to the funds, but have in fact cost taxpayers billions of dollars in lost returns. It's clear that the status quo needs to change," Mr. Stringer said in a statement.

The pension system, the fourth-largest in the country, was valued at \$159.6 billion as of January 31. Mr. Stringer is the investment advisor, custodian and trustee for the



**MICHAEL MULGREW:** 'Not getting bang for the buck.'

five funds that cover the city's Police, Firefighters, Teachers, nonpedagogical Department of Education employees and the rest of the municipal workforce. About 715,000 workers, retirees and beneficiaries are enrolled in the funds.

Mr. Stringer's office said it would overhaul how it works with external managers to ensure that fund trustees get more information about the fee structures and an accounting of fees across asset classes.

"Right now, heads or tails, Wall Street wins," he said. "In conjunction with our trustees, we are going to re-examine our entire fee structure so that our interests are better aligned and managers who do not create value will not continue to invest our funds."

District Council 37 Executive Director Henry Garrido, one of 11 trustees on the New York City Employees' Retirement System, said portfolio managers' fees should be



**HENRY GARRIDO:** 'A ridiculous arrangement.'

linked to how much they earned for the city.

## No Tie to Performance

"It's ridiculous to continue this practice of paying money managers exorbitant fees that are not tied in any way to performance," he said in a statement. "We simply have not been getting our money's worth from Wall Street money managers who enrich themselves no matter how the market performs. And that needs to change."

The study didn't directly disclose whether the fees fell outside of normal market rates. The largest fund, NYCERS, paid \$140.6 million in fees for investment managers, consultants and lawyers as well as \$5.9 million for brokerage commissions in the year that ended last June, according to an analysis of its annual report by Bloomberg View. That amounted to about 0.24 percent of the fund's \$60.8-billion assets going to portfolio managers.

In 2011, then-Comptroller John C. Liu reported that investment and administrative fees totaled \$982 million over the previous decade. At the time, he estimated that consolidating the funds would save \$400 million in consulting fees and began to analyze managers' performance. But his plan foundered when he failed to consult with two of the three NYCERS union trustees before unveiling it.

# Say City Biased on Admin. Manager Pay

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the local, which represents about 8,200 back-office workers across city agencies.

The de Blasio administration has an April 17 deadline to offer a counter-proposal that would serve as the basis for future negotiations. The Federal finding also proposes a four-year conciliation phase.

## Mayor Noncommittal

"The process is just beginning," wrote a City Hall spokeswoman, Amy Spitalnick, in an e-mail. "There has not been a hearing and we expect there to be arbitration later this year, where it will be made clear that salaries have been set based on responsibilities and experience. Administrative Managers hold a wide variety of positions across many city agencies, with varying levels of responsibilities—and therefore have a very broad range of salaries."

In his finding on behalf of the EEOC, New York District Director Kevin J. Berry wrote that because the de Blasio administration declined to respond to the discrimination charge, "the commission determines that the silence is an admission of the allegations in the charge" and found "reasonable cause to believe" the city violated Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Equal Pay Act of 1963.

Under the EEOC's pro-

posed revisions, the city would establish a salary scale for Administrative Managers and Principal Administrative Associates to progress from starting to maximum salary; increase minimum managerial salaries to \$92,117, based on the inflation-adjusted figures from 1978; require exams at least every four years; appoint an EEO monitor to give demographic data to Local 1180; add clarity for job descriptions, career pathways and selection criteria; and match tuition aid for members attending classes at the City University of New York's Murphy Institute.

## Proposal's Components

The recommended award involves \$188.7 million for back pay, \$56.2 million for compensatory damages for members who endured hardships because of lower pay, and at least \$1 million in legal fees. Other costs not calculated into the overall total include those to increase managerial salaries and potential punitive damages, which are likely to be waived.

EEOC spokeswoman and legal advisor Justine Lisser declined to comment specifically on the ruling, but said the commission doesn't have the authority to change employment laws, punish employers or award relief for victims of discrimination. It can, however, file a lawsuit in U.S. District

Court and oversee the conciliation period.

"Ultimately, if there can be a decision and a final agreement met, then further litigation will be avoided and the problem will be remedied," said Yetta Kurland, a civil-rights attorney who worked on the claim for Local 1180.

Mr. Cheliotis said the fight "ebbed and flowed to a degree" during previous mayoral administrations, but an institutional structure perpetuating discrimination needed to be "dismantled and reorganized."

## Business As Usual?

"I think the city agencies have been acting as they would normally in carrying out their policies, which have had a disparate impact on women of color," he said.

Brooklyn City Councilman Jumaane Williams condemned the pay disparity.

"It's time our city publicly declares that women, blacks and Latinos are equal to all—including Caucasian men—so I firmly support the commission's recommendation to pay millions of dollars in back wages and damages," he said in a statement. "... in 2015, it should be no means be this difficult to be a woman or person of more color, especially in a 'majority-minority,' 'progressive' city."

After a 15-year fight, the Office of Collective Bargain-

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**'A BEACON IN THE WATER':** Gina Strickland, an Administrative Manager, describes her 'elation' with the EEOC determination that could address pay disparities between her and equally-qualified white male counterparts. 'For me, it's like a beacon that's in the water, but I see it,' she said.

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# He Coulda Had Class, But Governor Cuomo Had Other Ideas

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he was a prick," says a staffer on his doomed 2002 gubernatorial campaign. "...His way of dealing with staff or things he doesn't like is to play mind games with people and make them feel small..."

## Doesn't Play Well

Mr. Cuomo is portrayed as a control freak who doesn't work with partners, tolerate dissent or admit mistakes. He seized most of a \$613-million settlement Attorney General Eric Schneiderman had won with JPMorgan Chase over the bank's actions in the housing crisis. Mr. Shnayerson's account: "For Andrew, there's just not space for two, a sympathetic insider declared, by which the insider meant two equal partners in any power-sharing situation. 'He sees others' success as an encroachment on his own.'"

When he was ridiculed for a provision of his gun-control law that required seven-round magazines—which do not exist, a fact that he acknowledged months later when he had to amend it—his aides blamed people connected to New York City's Mayor at the time, Michael Bloomberg, and the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence for slipping that language into the bill.

He likes wielding power, but doesn't like people, according to the biographer, limiting contacts with voters whenever possible to carefully policed events where no one is allowed to get too close or have too much face-time.

## A Tortured Relationship

Andrew Cuomo may be a loving son, Mr. Shnayerson writes, but he remains in competition with his father, who died in January. "Andrew had spent more than half a century attached to this man who was his father trying to please him even as he vied to outdo him, filled with love and admiration, resentment and hurt," according to the book.



**MICHAEL SHNAYERSON:** A withering look at state's leader.



**ERIC SCHNEIDERMAN:** Shunned by his predecessor.



**MARIO CUOMO:** Also didn't like to delegate authority.



**GEORGE PATAKI:** Cuomo's attack backfired.

He served his father as a \$1-a-year majordomo and hatchet man and twice as campaign manager, but he wants to eclipse his father's achievements as Governor, Mr. Shnayerson writes, right down to his string of on-time budgets, which his father could not match.

Like Mario, Andrew Cuomo makes just about every decision by himself, even supervising the renovation of the Capitol Building down to the choice of paint colors. "This style of governing—by absolute control—seemed coded in the Cuomos' political DNA," Mr. Shnayerson says.

Andrew married Kerry Kennedy, a daughter of Robert F. Kennedy, but his relationship to the famous family was distant. After he and Kerry moved into the family estate at Hickory Hill, he discouraged other relatives and friends from hanging out there. And he was rarely home, seeming to some observers quoted by Mr. Shnayerson as looking for excuses to get out of the house.

## Rough Stretch of Road

The marriage ended in 2003 after 12 years and three daughters. Andrew refused to move out of the house until news of Kerry's affair exploded in the tabloids, the author writes.

The previous year, Mr. Cuomo had emerged from the Clinton administration

to find his relationship with New York State Democrats in tatters. But he decided to run for Governor, upsetting many of the party faithful who believed it was the turn of then-State Comptroller Carl McCall.

Mr. Cuomo was so poorly connected he couldn't even get a tour of Ground Zero, Mr. Shnayerson writes. In a freewheeling session with reporters—the kind he won't allow anymore—he referred to then-Gov. George Pataki as a coat-holder for Rudy Giuliani rather than a key player in the city's post-9/11 recovery. "The quote would come to be viewed—universally—as a campaign-killer," Mr. Shnayerson says.

## A Dramatic Rebound

Mr. Cuomo rebounded when he won election as State Attorney General in 2006, replacing "Sheriff of Wall Street" Eliot Spitzer, who was elected Governor. Mr. Spitzer was forced to resign in 2008 after he became involved in a prostitution scandal—and after the Attorney General issued a damning report about his efforts to embarrass then-Senate Majority Leader Joseph L. Bruno. Mr. Spitzer was replaced by Lieut. Gov. David Paterson, who decided not to run for a full term, leaving Mr. Cuomo an open shot.

As Governor, Mr. Cuomo fought constantly with Mr. Bloomberg. For example, the

Mayor sought to kill "last-in, first-out," a rule for Teacher layoffs that is enshrined in state law, in favor of keeping more-skilled but less-senior staffers. A bill eliminating LIFO passed the State Senate, but when it came before the Assembly Mr. Cuomo headed off its advance, calling instead for changes in Teacher evaluations. Mr. Shnayerson theorizes that he did this as a way of pacifying Teacher unions, strong supporters of LIFO, at a time when he was cutting education aid.

He has a poor relationship with his successor, Mr. Schneiderman. "Andrew bridled at the prospect of a strong-willed, independent Attorney General taking his place—an Attorney General like him. Better than anyone, he knew what a vigorous AG could do to a Governor, while purporting to serve him: a shiv to the soft underbelly was one metaphor that came to mind."

## Cosmetic Kerfuffle

At a 2013 meeting with aides, "...the Governor smirked. Was it true? he asked. Was Schneiderman actually wearing eyeliner?" When asked directly, the Attorney General said he used eye-drops for a medical condition, and the drops had a side effect that made his lashes longer and thicker.

"There was no relationship between the Governor and

the AG who was, among other things, Andrew's government counsel," Mr. Shnayerson writes. "By this time the same could be said of Andrew and virtually every other high-ranking official in the state."

One of those officials was Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli, whom Mr. Cuomo dislikes, possibly because he had questioned Mr. Cuomo's proposed changes to state workers' pensions, possibly because he had opposed the Governor's effort to give himself the power to move budgeted funds from agency to agency. "Already with his inner circle, he referred to him by a nickname: Chipmunk Balls," Mr. Shnayerson says.

The title of the book refers to Mr. Cuomo's presidential ambitions, which seem on the wane, at least temporarily, now that Hillary Clinton looks like Democrats' likely choice for 2016, and after he did worse than expected in elections last year. (Law professor Zephyr Teachout, unknown and vastly outspent, took a third of the vote in the Democratic primary, and Mr. Cuomo won re-election last November by a million votes fewer than put him into office in 2011.)

But, Mr. Shnayerson writes, "if a path appears for the shrewdest and most tactically skilled Democratic Governor in the country, he'll take it."

# Find Bias in City Admin. Mgr. Pay

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ing's Board of Certification in 2009 granted the managers collective-bargaining rights. The union raised the discrimination issue when bargaining with the Bloomberg administration, which retaliated by filing bad-faith-bargaining charges, which were ultimately unsuccessful, according to a former Local 1180 vice president, Linda Jenkins.

The EEOC proceeding complicated Local 1180's basic wage-contract talks with the de Blasio administration, which had asked for concessions in the event the case went in favor of the local. The local and the city ultimately reached terms conforming to the city contract pattern in February.

## Reason to Hope

Gina Strickland, an Administrative Manager and Local 1180 first vice president, was one of those affected. The 30-year city employee said that, like others, she performed well on civil-service promotion exams but "reality hit" when her salary was \$53,000, less than her equally-qualified white counterparts. She was "elated" to hear of the EEOC decision.

"For me, it's like a beacon that's in the water, but I see it," she said. "I'm getting closer, and hopefully this de Blasio will do the right thing and meet with us and correct this injustice."

# Crossing-Guard Push

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ing in Bath Beach in southwest Brooklyn, who declined to provide her name because she wasn't authorized by the NYPD to speak to the media, said her insurance coverage could cost \$300 to \$500 through her months off.

"I don't make that much money, so you always have to make sure you save it to pay for your summer," she said.



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**INSISTS IT WAS SELF-DEFENSE:** Administration for Children's Services employee Rafaeel Pasols is surrounded by family and supporters following an April 1 appearance at Bronx Criminal Court for allegedly assaulting a 17-year-old at a Bronx youth-detention facility. Local 371 is paying for attorneys who argued that video evidence of the incident contradicts the charges.

## Brezenoff Heads Board of Correction

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work tirelessly to ensure the safety and health of all New Yorkers," the Mayor said.

### Tough Time in Jails

DOC is going through a rough period, with violence rising in the jails and U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara suing the city over its failure to control it. The Board of Correction recently approved measures proposed by Mr. de Blasio and Correction Commissioner Joseph Ponte aimed at reducing violence, including special housing units for the most violent inmates.

After running the Human Resources Administration for much of Mr. Koch's first term, Mr. Brezenoff served as president of the HHC from 1981 to 1984, bringing the system's \$1.8-billion annual budget under control, securing full accreditation for its 11 hospitals, and improving



STANLEY BREZENOFF: A history of troubleshooting.

emergency medical services and psychiatric treatment.

Mr. Koch named him Deputy Mayor for Operations in 1984 and First Deputy Mayor from 1985 to the end of 1989. He then served as Executive Director of the Port Authority, and ran Maimonides Medical Center during a period of major expansion.

He then took over Continuum Health Partners, which merged in 2013 with Mt. Sinai Medical Center. Continuum ran a group of smaller hospitals, including Beth Israel Medical Center in Manhattan and Brooklyn.

### Campbell Another City Vet

Mr. Campbell is director of the Executive MPA program at New York University's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. He previously served as president of United Way of New York City and of Safe Horizon, a victim-assistance organization recognized for its response to 9/11.

He held senior positions under several Mayors, including Commissioner of Homeless Services, Chief of Staff to the First Deputy Mayor, Deputy Director of the Mayor's Office of Operations and appointee to the city's Procurement Policy Board.



NICHOLAS GARAUFIS: Used her testimony against FDNY.

### Ex-FDNY EEO's Suit

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with the court, and Mr. Smith said he expects to serve the city in the next few weeks. He said Ms. Phillips delayed bringing suit because she hoped to avoid it and instead find a similar job to her old one. It had to be filed by last week to meet the statute of limitations.

She previously filed a discrimination complaint with the state Department of Human Rights, but later withdrew it on her attorney's advice.

The case has been assigned to U.S. District Judge Jack B. Weinstein of the Eastern District, Mr. Smith said.

## Climb Honors 9/11 Hero

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could collapse, too, he nonetheless stayed in the stairwell with two civilians, one in a wheelchair, to help them. He ordered his reluctant men to descend.

"They kept calling him on the radios," Mr. Hodge said, explaining that he'd heard part of the story from Captain Burke's family. His colleagues kept asking where he was and he kept telling them he was just behind them; he'd see them back at the rig.

"He wasn't being truthful about that," Mr. Hodge said. Instead, he'd remained with the civilians.

### A 90-Floor Odyssey

Captain Burke died that day in the tower but he will be saluted by the climb, which is named in his honor.

Participants will ascend to the 90th floor—about 180 flights. But disabled or out-of-shape supporters have no excuse not to take part: there will be a "virtual climb" that allows those who submit the registry fee to join the others.

Registrants pay \$100 and must also raise \$250 in donations. The funds go to the Billy Burke Foundation, a nonprofit set up by the Captain's family, and to Building for America's Bravest, a program created by Tunnel to Towers.

Its signature achievement is building "smart homes" for veterans catastrophically injured in Iraq or Afghanistan.

### 'Can Control From iPad'

"Every essential function of the house can operate off a smartphone or an iPad," Mr. Hodge said. Almost all of the recipients are triple- or quadruple-amputees, and the homes help them live independently.

"Some of our quadruple-amputees are living by themselves right now," he added.

So far, more than 800 people have signed up. Members of Engine 21, Captain Burke's fire company, and Squad 1, Stephen Stiller's company, will lead the climb.

Mr. Stiller's heroism on



STEPHEN STILLER: Honored by re-creation of gallant run.

Sept. 11 inspired the foundation and its annual Tunnel to Towers run. He was getting off his shift in Park Slope, Brooklyn, when he learned of the attacks. The Battery Tunnel was closed when he tried to drive his truck to the Trade Center, so he got out and ran there, lugging 60 pounds of gear. He, too, perished in the collapse. The annual run retraces his route.

### Plan to Repeat It

The organizers hope the stair climb will become an annual event, too. Such events are now held regularly by first-responders in other parts of the country to honor the FDNY's Sept. 11 losses.

"This is gonna be the Holy Grail of stair climbs," Mr. Hodge said.

Participants—most of whom, he notes, are not first-responders—are asked to register by May 10. A ceremony will be held at 7:30 a.m. before the climb as well as a reception after.

"Triumph and tragedy happened in the stairwells of the North and South Towers, and that's why it's so important and that's why this climb is going to be so iconic," Mr. Hodge said.

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ACCOUNTING PROCEEDING FILE NO. 2013-830/A CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK CON EDISON NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE And to the heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of LLOYD KERR, deceased, if living; and, if any of them be dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest, whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence; being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, distributees, or otherwise in the estate of Lloyd Kerr, deceased, who at the time of his death was a resident of 225 West 23rd Street, Apt. 4R, New York, New York 10011. A petition having been duly filed by the Public Administrator of the County of New York, who maintains an office at 31 Chambers Street, Room 311, New York, New York 10007, YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the New York County Surrogate's Court at 31 Chambers Street, New York, New York, on May 29, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in Room 503, why the following relief stated in the account of proceedings, a copy of the summary statement thereof being attached hereto, of the Public Administrator of the County of New York as Administrator of the goods, chattels and credits of said deceased, should not be granted: (i) that her account be judicially settled; (ii) that the above named persons be cited to show cause why such settlement should not be granted; (iii) that a hearing be held to determine the identity of the distributees, at which time proof pursuant to SCPA 2225 may be presented, or in the alternative, that the balance of the funds, less an appropriate reserve for the preparation of fiduciary income tax returns and the payment of taxes, if any, shown thereon to be due, be deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York for the benefit of Decedent's unknown distributees, or for the benefit of any distributee who is under a disability and for whom no fiduciary has been appointed, or who has post-deceased Decedent and for whose estate no fiduciary has been appointed, or whose whereabouts are unknown; (iv) that, if any claim is asserted herein by New York State Department of Taxation and Finance for estate, individual income or fiduciary income taxes, the same be fixed and determined, or if not so fixed and determined, deemed rejected; (v) that the claim of Con Edison in the amount of \$75.61 for utility services be rejected for failure to file a claim in accordance with the provisions of SCPA 1803(1); (vi) that the Surrogate approve statutory commissions and the Petitioner's administration expenses pursuant to SCPA 1106(3), and the reasonable amount of compensation to the attorney for the Petitioner for legal services rendered in Schedules C and C-1 of the account of proceedings; (vii) that the persons above mentioned and all necessary and proper persons be cited to show cause why such relief should not be granted; (viii) that an order be granted pursuant to SCPA §307 where required or directed; and (ix) for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper. Dated, Attested and Sealed, April 2, 2015. (Seal). Hon. Rita Mella, Surrogate. Diana Sanabria, Chief Clerk. Schram Graber & Opell P.C. Counsel to the Public Administrator, New York County 11 Park Place, Suite 615 New York, NY 10007 (212) 896-3310 Note: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested. You have the right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you and your attorney may request a copy of the full account from the petitioner or petitioner's attorney. 965 04/17/15-04/24/15

### LEGAL NOTICES

ACCOUNTING PROCEEDING FILE NO. 2013-3026/A CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO: Unknown Distributees, Attorney General of the State of New York, Erika Heitzeneder Rohrhofer. And to the heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of Erwin Heitzeneder, if living and if any of them be dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot, after diligent inquiry, be ascertained by the petitioner herein; being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, distributees, or otherwise in the estate of Erwin Heitzeneder, deceased, who at the time of his death was a resident of 60 Thayer Street, New York, New York. A petition having been duly filed by the Public Administrator of the County of New York, who maintains an office at 31 Chambers Street, Room 311, New York, New York 10007, YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the New York County Surrogate's Court at 31 Chambers Street, New York, New York, on May 15, 2015, at 9:30 A.M. in Room 509, why the following relief stated in the account of proceedings, a copy of the summary statement thereof being attached hereto, of the Public Administrator of the County of New York as administrator of the goods, chattels and credits of said deceased, should not be granted: (i) that her account be judicially settled; (ii) that a hearing be held to determine the identity of the distributees at which time proof pursuant to SCPA Section 2225 may be presented, or in the alternative, that the balance of the funds be deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York for the benefit of the decedent's unknown distributees; (iii) that the Surrogate approve the reasonable amount of compensation as reported in Schedules C and C-1 of the account of proceedings to the attorney for the petitioner for legal services rendered to the petitioner herein; (iv) that the persons above mentioned and all necessary and proper persons be cited to show cause why such relief should not be granted; (v) that an order be granted pursuant to SCPA Section 307 where required or directed; and (vi) for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper. Dated, Attested and Sealed, April 2, 2015. (Seal). Hon. Rita Mella, Surrogate. Diana Sanabria, Chief Clerk. Schram Graber & Opell P.C. Counsel to the Public Administrator, New York County 11 Park Place, Suite 615 New York, NY 10007 (212) 896-3310 Note: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested. You have the right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you and your attorney may request a copy of the full account from the petitioner or petitioner's attorney. 965 04/17/15-04/24/15

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF **Charlene Quashie Enterprises, LLC** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/25/2014. Office location: New York county, SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is Department of State, Division of Corporations, One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12231. The principal business address of the LLC is: 1020 East 231st Street, Bronx, NY 10466. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 914 04/10/15-05/15/15

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF **Perimeter Pictures, LLC** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/26/2015. Office location: New York county, SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: C/O United States Corporation Agents, Inc. 7014 13th Ave, Suite 202 Brooklyn, NY 11228. The principal business address of the LLC is: 45 Tiemann Place #3D, New York, NY 10027. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 958 04/17/15-05/22/15

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF **DMK Communication LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/14/2014. Office location: New York County, SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: United States Corporation Agents, INC., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. The principal business address of the LLC is: 317 East 111 St, Apt 5B, New York, NY 10029. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 887 04/10/15-05/15/15

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF **Miss Mercaba LLC** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/14/2015 Office location: New York county. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: 306 Mott Street 5A, New York, NY 10012. The principal business address of the LLC is: 306 Mott Street 5A, New York, NY 10012. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 895 04/17/15-05/22/15

**250 MULBERRY RESTAURANT LLC**, App. for Auth., filed with NY Sec. of State ("SSNY") 02/09/2015. Office in New York County; LLC Formed in DE on 2/11/2015, SSNY designated agent for service of process with copy mailed to Pryor Cashman LLP, 7 Times Square, New York, NY 10036, Attn: Ronald B. Krennitzer, Esq., All lawful business purposes. 897 04/17/15-05/22/15

NOTICE OF FORMATION of **Mama Jacc's, LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/15/14. Office location: NY County. SSNY designated agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy of process against LLC to principal business address: 8 West 65th Street, Suite 44H, New York, NY 10023. Purpose: any lawful act. 934 04/10/15-05/15/15

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Notice of Qualification of **IVY URGENT CARE CENTERS OF AMERICA, LLC** Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/28/12. Office location: Richmond County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 01/25/12. Princ. office of LLC: Attn: Anthony DiTommaso, One Paragon Dr., Ste. 125, Montvale, NJ 07645. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the princ. office of the LLC. DE addr. of LLC: c/o National Corporate Research, Ltd., 615 S. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 940 04/10/15-05/15/15

Notice of Qualification of **SUSSEX ASSOCIATES I LLC** Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/31/15. Office location: NY County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 01/29/15. Princ. office of LLC: c/o Stahl Real Estate Co., 277 Park Ave., NY, NY 10172. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: c/o CSC, 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 969 04/17/15-05/22/15

Notice of Qualification of **SUSSEX ASSOCIATES II LLC** Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/31/15. Office location: NY County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 01/29/15. Princ. office of LLC: c/o Stahl Real Estate Co., 277 Park Ave., NY, NY 10172. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: c/o CSC, 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 970 04/17/15-05/22/15

Notice of Qualification of **SIDNEY ASSOCIATES I LLC** Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/31/15. Office location: NY County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 01/29/15. Princ. office of LLC: c/o Stahl Real Estate Co., 277 Park Ave., NY, NY 10172. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: c/o CSC, 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 971 04/17/15-05/22/15

Notice of Qualification of **SIDNEY ASSOCIATES II LLC** Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/31/15. Office location: NY County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 01/29/15. Princ. office of LLC: c/o Stahl Real Estate Co., 277 Park Ave., NY, NY 10172. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: c/o CSC, 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 972 04/17/15-05/22/15

Notice of Qualification of **DATA-GRAM SH LLC** Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/01/15. Office location: NY County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 03/04/15. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Todd M. Young, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, 222 N. LaSalle St., Ste. 300, Chicago, IL 60601. DE addr. of LLC: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 979 04/17/15-05/22/15

Notice of Formation of **MONTEFIORE HUDSON VALLEY COLLABORATIVE LLC** Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/27/15. Office location: NY County. Princ. office of LLC: 111 E. 210th St., Bronx, NY 10467. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Montefiore Medical Center. Attn: General Counsel, 111 E. 210th St., Bronx, NY 10467-2490. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 981 04/17/15-05/22/15

Notice of Formation of **MM ALBANY LLC** Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/03/15. Office location: NY County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 982 04/17/15-05/22/15

Notice of Formation of **FIELD'S EDGE HOUSE LLC** Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/03/15. Office location: NY County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 982 04/17/15-05/22/15

**19E, LLC** Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 3/20/2015. Off. Loc.: New York Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, c/o Mitchell S. Cohen, Esq., Wechsler & Cohen, LLP, 17 State St., 15th Fl., New York, NY 10004. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. 983 04/17/15-05/22/15

**185 BENZIGER LLC**, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 3/25/15. Office location: Richmond County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Lien Ngo, 8646 17th Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11214. General purpose. 978 04/17/15-05/22/15

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mentation that P.O. Liang be immediately fired.

Aha, you say. Would not a department trial result in compelled statements? The answer is, not necessarily. If P.O. Liang would testify on his own behalf, his statement would be voluntary, not compelled. He would be compelled to answer cross-examination questions posed by the department prosecutor, but there is no rule requiring the prosecutor to cross-examine a witness.

In summary, there are steps that can be taken right now to ensure that P.O. Liang

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# IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE

# ROUNDUP OF EXAMS LEADING TO JOBS

Below is a roundup of New York City and State exams leading to public service positions. Most of the jobs listed are located in the New York metropolitan area and upstate.

There are residency requirements for many New York City jobs and for state law-enforcement positions.

Prospective applicants are advised to write or call the appropriate office to make sure they meet the qualifications needed to apply for an exam. For jobs for which no written tests are given, candidates will be rated on education and experience, or by oral tests or performance exams.

The Federal Government has decentralized its personnel operations and holds few exams on a national or regional basis. Most Federal vacancies are filled by individual agencies based on education-and-experience evaluations. For information, contact the U.S. Office of Personnel Management or individual agencies, or see [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov).

## CITY EXAMS

### CLOSE APRIL 21

- 5033 Gasoline Roller Engineer \$52,80 an hour
- 5521 Promotion to Associate Housing Development Specialist \$65,822

### CLOSE APRIL 30

- (Computerized Walk-In Testing Held Daily)
- 5325 Police Officer \$41,975
- 5322 School Safety Agent \$30,260
- 5323 Traffic Enforcement Agent \$29,217

### CLOSES JUNE 30

- (Computerized Walk-In Testing Held Daily)
- 5332 Environmental Police Officer \$29,110

### CLOSES MAY 31

- (Computerized Walk-In Testing Held Daily)
- 5331 Police Communications Technician \$34,678

### OPEN CONTINUOUSLY

- (Computerized Walk-In Testing Held Daily)
- 5504 Promotion to Marine Engineer \$64,231
- 5505 Promotion to Marine Engineer (Uniformed-Fire Dept.) \$79,596

## MTA EXAMS

### CLOSE APRIL 21

- 5613 Electronic Equipment Maintainer \$34.83 an hour
- 5614 Power Distribution Maintainer \$28.40 an hour

## NASSAU COUNTY EXAMS

### CLOSE APRIL 22

- 69-077 Affirmative Action Specialist III \$45,544-\$160,055
- 66-893 Alcoholism Group Leader Counselor I \$32,169-\$71,068
- 67-206 Assistant Business Manager Salary varies according to jurisdiction
- 67-585 Assistant Power Plant Operator \$74,859-\$118,966
- 67-501 Certification Officer \$123,773-\$173,654
- 67-058 Commercial-Industrial Appraiser-Assessor I \$41,593-\$90,828

- 64-840 Complaint Investigator Trainee Salary varies according to jurisdiction
- 60-409 Director, Faculty Practice Plan Billing \$125,672-\$249,208
- 67-160 Mental Health Counselor \$39,357-\$81,958
- 65-644 Psychiatric Social Worker I \$34,868-\$76,951
- 67-281 Psychiatric Social Worker I (Spanish Speaking) \$34,868-\$76,951
- 66-222 Social Health Investigator Trainee \$29,771-\$65,644
- 67-576 Social Welfare Examiner I \$24,149-\$53,013
- 67-577 Social Welfare Examiner I (Spanish Speaking) \$24,149-\$53,013
- 66-941 Special Investigator I \$38,001-\$83,427
- 61-590 Stationary Engineer \$27,638-\$64,488
- 67-385 Taxi and Limousine Investigator Trainee \$25,750-\$56,562

## SUFFOLK COUNTY EXAMS

### CLOSE APRIL 29

- 64-050 Case Manager \$47,395-\$54,434
- 67-402 Consumer Affairs Technician (Spanish Speaking) \$38,315
- 67-600 Drug and Alcohol Counselor I (Spanish Speaking) \$43,069
- 66-824 Education Coordinator \$38,315
- 66-355 Human Rights Investigator \$41,969
- 8-2305 Occupational Therapist \$58,161
- 64-478 Ordinance Enforcement Officer \$45,989
- 65-171 Ordinance Inspector \$44,757
- 8-2321 Physical Therapist \$58,161
- 67-540 Senior Drug Abuse Educator \$47,841

### CLOSE MAY 20

- 8-0020 Clerk Typist (Spanish Speaking) \$28,266
- 8-0056 Traffic Court Clerk \$30,772

### CLOSES SEPT. 23

- 8-5501 Correction Officer I \$34,781

## STATE EXAMS

### CLOSE APRIL 22

- 25-970 Compensation Claims Investigator Trainee \$41,721
- 25-966 Compensation Investigator I \$49,313

- 25-949 Economic Development Program Specialist 2 \$67,703
- 25-950 Economic Development Program Specialist 3 \$83,493
- 25-960 Education Director 1 (Office of Children and Family Services) \$64,302
- 25-959 Education Director 1 (Office of Mental Health) \$64,302
- 25-946 Human Rights Specialist I \$55,126
- 25-947 Human Rights Specialist I (Chinese Language) \$55,126
- 25-948 Human Rights Specialist I (Spanish Language) \$55,126
- 25-941 Labor Standards Investigator \$46,859
- 25-942 Labor Standards Investigator (Chinese Language) \$46,859
- 25-943 Labor Standards Investigator (Korean Language) \$46,859
- 25-944 Labor Standards Investigator (Spanish Language) \$46,859
- 25-937 Labor Standards Investigator Trainee \$41,993
- 25-938 Labor Standards Investigator Trainee (Chinese Language) \$41,993
- 25-939 Labor Standards Investigator Trainee (Korean Language) \$41,993
- 25-940 Labor Standards Investigator Trainee (Spanish Language) \$41,993
- 25-921 Law Department Investigator I \$49,488
- 25-920 Law Department Investigator Trainee I \$39,713
- 25-881 Maintenance Supervisor 2 \$49,888
- 25-882 Maintenance Supervisor 3 \$55,126
- 25-883 Maintenance Supervisor 4 \$61,222
- 25-860 Public Buildings Manager I \$41,993
- 25-861 Public Buildings Manager 2 \$48,911-\$55,319
- 25-862 Public Buildings Manager 3 \$67,703
- 25-952 Public Buildings Manager 4 \$75,694
- 25-953 Public Buildings Manager 5 \$84,010

## STATE COURT EXAMS

### CLOSE APRIL 22

- 45-787 Senior Court Reporter Salary to be announced
- 55-787 Promotion to Senior Court Reporter Salary to be announced

## FEDERAL JOBS

### CLOSE APRIL 15

- AEA-ATO-15-CHM-40799 Civil Engineer (FAA) (Queens) \$79,047-\$122,509
- PH-14-PG-1058158 Community Planner (Nat. Park Service) \$65,377-\$84,990

### CLOSE APRIL 16

- 15-NYE-1363844-DE Criminal Investigator (U.S. Attorney's Office) (Brooklyn) \$94,114-\$122,346

### CLOSE APRIL 20

- 2015-NYD-0220 Administrative Assistant (FDIC) \$46,437-\$73,178

### CLOSE APRIL 21

- 15R-JC-300381-DEU-NMAI Facilities Services Leader (Smithsonian) \$17,80-\$20,76 an hour

### CLOSE APRIL 22

- FRA-R1-2015-0030 Railroad Safety Inspector \$79,145-\$102,894

### CLOSE APRIL 29

- AEA-ARP-15AL-41182 Civil Engineer \$79,047-\$122,509

### CLOSES JUNE 29

- NEDB14218862120094D Test Administrator (Dept. of the Army) \$15.27-\$19.85 an hour

### CLOSE JULY 31

- NESHRO-LN-1334752-15-63 Lead Recreation Assistant (Surf-Lifeguard) (National Park Service) \$17.26 an hour
- NESHRO-LN-1336143-15-64 DE Recreation Assistant (Surf-Lifeguard) (National Park Service) \$15.43 an hour
- NESHRO-LN-1336295-15-65 DE Recreation Aide (Surf-Lifeguard) (National Park Service) \$13.74 an hour

### CLOSES MARCH 16, 2016

- BOP-N-0007-2015 Correctional Officer \$39,400-\$52,230

## WHERE TO APPLY

Below are the addresses where examination and/or job applications may be obtained. Also listed are phone numbers where applicants can obtain further details about exams and vacancies and the application process. Applications usually are available only when an exam has been formally scheduled and/or an application period has officially opened.

• **CITY:** In person (except where specified), 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday to Saturday, Department of Citywide Administrative Services, Manhattan Application Center, 2 Lafayette St., 17th floor, New York, N.Y. 10007, or Brooklyn Application Center, 210 Joralemon St., 4th floor, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201, telephone (212) 669-1357. Apply on-line or download examination notices at [www.nyc.gov/html/dcas](http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcas). Mail requests for applications must be received at DCAS Application Unit, 1 Centre St., 14th floor, New York, N.Y. 10007, with self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope no later than seven days before the filing deadline. Applications must be returned by mail postmarked on or before the filing deadline. Filing fees range from \$40 to \$101, depending on title and salary, and are payable online by credit or bank card, or by money order only if applying by mail.

• **CUNY:** By the close of the filing period, applicants must complete the entire application either online or on paper. On-line applications are strongly recommended. Applications are not accepted in person at any CUNY school. The application website is <https://cuny.cps.ca.gov> or [www.cuny.edu](http://www.cuny.edu) (at CUNY.edu click on "Employment", then "Classified Civil Service" then "Upcoming Civil Service Exams", and then the title of the exam for the exam notice; or click on the EXAMS XPRESS link at the top of the page). Filing fees vary; see the notice of exam for more information.

• **SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY:** In person, when tests have been ordered, New York City School Construction Authority, Main Lobby, 30-30 Thomson Ave., Long Island City, Queens. Filing Fees: \$30 to \$60. Information also is available online at [www.nyc-sca.org](http://www.nyc-sca.org).

• **MTA NYCT/MABSTOA:** In person (except where specified), 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Friday, at MTA NYCT/MABSTOA, Division of Human Resources, 180 Livingston St. (Lobby), Brooklyn N.Y. 11201. Apply online or download examination notices at <http://web.mta.info/nyct/hr/apexam.htm>. Promotional exams may be applied for on-line on the employee intranet at <https://myaccess.nyct.com>. Filing fees range from \$40 to \$101, depending on title and salary. If you apply on the In-

ternet, you can pay the filing fee with a bank card, credit card or prepaid debit card. If you apply by mail, you must use a money order made out to MTA NYC Transit (Exams).

• **NASSAU COUNTY:** To view examination announcements or to download an application form, go to [www.nassaucivilservice.com](http://www.nassaucivilservice.com). Applications can also be obtained in person at the Civil Service Commission office at 40 Main St., Hempstead, N.Y. 11550, 9 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Monday-Friday, or requested by mail at the same address. Application fees must be paid by money order or certified bank check. The fee is generally \$40. Most jobs are restricted to Nassau County residents.

• **SUFFOLK COUNTY:** To view exam announcements or to download an application form, go to <http://goo.gl/0iQC27>. You must have a credit card (VISA or MasterCard) to apply for a job online.

• **WESTCHESTER COUNTY:** Administers exams for jobs with the county and with some localities in the county. Examination announcements and application forms are available at <https://exams.westchestergov.com>. Forms also may be picked up at or mailed to the Westchester County Department of Human Resources, Suite 100, Michaelian Office Building, 148 Martine Ave., White Plains, N.Y. 10601. Application fees (\$25 per test) are payable by check or money order.

• **STATE:** In person, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, New York State Civil Service Department Community Outreach Center, 163 West 125th St., Manhattan, telephone (212) 961-4326, and at Labor Department Community Service Centers. Mail requests to New York State Department of Civil Service, Alfred E. Smith State Office Building, Albany, N.Y. 12239, telephone (518) 457-6216. Filing fees range from \$15 to \$60. Information also is available online at [www.cs.ny.gov](http://www.cs.ny.gov).

• **STATE COURT SYSTEM:** To view examination announcements and submit an application, please go online to [www.nycourts.gov/careers/exams.shtml](http://www.nycourts.gov/careers/exams.shtml). There is a \$30 filing fee for open-competitive exams and no filing fee for promotion exams. Applications may only be submitted during the open filing period for an exam electronically.

• **FEDERAL:** Information about job openings and how to apply is available online at [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov). Job listings generally contain a phone number to call for information.

• **POSTAL SERVICE:** Information on available jobs can be found at [usps.com/employment](http://usps.com/employment). Most job announcements will have a telephone number or e-mail address if you need more information.

## Maintenance Supervisor Jobs

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and estimates for small alteration and repair projects. You would supervise and inspect the execution of plans and instruct subordinates and contractors in general building construction and maintenance. You would prepare reports and identify mechanical and maintenance needs. Maintenance of roads, grounds, fleet management and related equipment may also be your responsibility.

As a Maintenance Supervisor 3, you would be a second-level supervisor in medium-sized state facilities, off-site facilities or community residences.

As a Maintenance Supervisor 4, you would also be a second-level supervisor; however, you would be assigned to the largest state facilities with more workers and projects. You would act as assistant to the plant superintendent or the director of the physical plant.

### Qualifications Required

To qualify for the job of Maintenance Supervisor 2, you need two years of experience supervising other workers in maintenance and operation of a physical plant, building construction or building renovation and/or repair projects.

These positions require travel. You will need a valid license to operate a motor vehicle in New York State or otherwise demonstrate your capacity to meet the transportation needs of the job.

To apply, go to the list of job announcements at <http://goo.gl/Mf2Xg> and click the one in which you are interested. The job announcement will have a box you can click to apply online. You can pay the application fee with a Visa or Mastercard. The job announcements give instructions for obtaining a paper application if you prefer to apply by mail.

The announcement numbers are 25-881 for Maintenance Supervisor 2, 25-882 for Maintenance Supervisor 3 and 25-883 for Maintenance Supervisor 4.

that tests your knowledge of building maintenance and repair of roofs, windows, walls, floors, millwork, insulation, masonry, pipes and valves, electrical wiring and switches, and painting; building trades you may have to use, such as electrical, plumbing and heating, and masonry work; scheduling jobs and employees; operation and maintenance of heating, ventilating and air-conditioning systems; installation, repair and maintenance of water and wastewater systems; and principles of supervision and administration.

Your score must be 70 or higher in order to pass. If you pass, rank on the eligible list will be determined after adding any wartime veterans' and Civil Service Law Section 85-a credits to your score.

### Background Check

You will undergo a background investigation. You are likely to be disqualified if you are listed on any Medicare or Medicaid exclusion lists or on the state list of abusers maintained by the Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs. You may also be screened against the Statewide Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment. Finally, the state will check whether you have a criminal record.

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## Letters to the Editor

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is an ex-cop. I would urge that my suggestions be given some consideration by the Police Department.

### PAUL GALLAGHER

*Editor's note: The writer worked for 25 years in the Department Advocate's Office of the NYPD.*

### Why Walker's Dangerous

#### To the Editor:

In this era containing the anti-unionism of the likes of Scott Walker, it pays to remember labor history. When Walker eviscerated union bargaining, one of the restrictions he imposed was that unions could no longer bargain on health and safety issues.

So, let's go back in time to the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire. What most people don't know is that the shirt-

waist industry was more or less unionized, apart from the Triangle factory which, alone among the large shirt-waist manufacturers, was non-union. The importance of this cannot be overstated because, as alluded to above, one of the major issues unions advocate for in contract negotiations is health and safety.

Even over the last several years, when you read of charter buses overturning, the one thing they have in common is they're all non-union. You don't hear of Greyhound buses overturning, because they're unionized.

Now we will never know whether a union contract with health and safety protections would have averted the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire. What we do know is that if we elect Scott Walker or any of the other anti-union thugs to be President of this country, we will be playing with fire.

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## VISION ZERO IS TREATING BUS OPERATORS LIKE COMMON CRIMINALS . . .

MTA Bus Operators carry more than two and a half million passengers every day over the most difficult routes in the world, constantly congested with traffic and pedestrians. Bus Operators, thanks to strong union contracts, have good jobs and are pillars of their communities. Now, these same men and women are being criminalized by Mayor de Blasio's Vision Zero law.

TWU Local 100, the TWU of America AFL-CIO, and the Amalgamated Transit Union Locals 726, 1056, 1179 and 1181 – representing thousands of New York City Bus Operators – believe that this was not the intent of the Vision Zero right-of-way law. **It must be amended immediately.** Twenty-five members of the New York City Council, the Working Families Party, the New York City Central Labor Council AFL-CIO, the New York State Federation of Labor AFL-CIO, and the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists agree.

Stop scapegoating Bus Operators for the flaws in the system. Start addressing the systemic causes of right-of-way accidents involving MTA buses, including street design, MTA bus routing, pedestrian and cyclist behavior.

We urge the New York City Council and Mayor de Blasio to immediately get behind City Council amendment Int. 663 to eliminate the unintended consequences of Vision Zero. **Fix the system. Stop arresting Bus Operators.**

# WE ARE NOT CRIMINALS

## #AmendVisionZero



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