

Strong hiring in most industries has far outpaced high-profile layoffs

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Blockbuster job growth in the past several months has coincided with high-profile layoff announcements by a number of large companies.

So, how are both occurring at the same time? It's not as contradictory as it might seem. Recent job cuts have been concentrated mainly in just a few sectors: technology, finance and media.

Relative to the U.S. labor force of 160 million people, layoffs so far have been dwarfed by consistently vigorous hiring — a monthly average of 248,000 jobs added over the past six months. The unemployment rate is still just 3.7 percent, barely above a 50-year low.

It turns out that many of the companies that are now shedding jobs had over-hired during the pandemic, when they thought the trends that emerged then — especially a surge in online shopping — would continue apace. As the economy has normalized, many of these companies have discovered that they no longer need so many employees and have responded with layoffs.

In January, American businesses and other employers added a blistering 353,000 jobs — the biggest monthly haul in a year. The government also revised up its estimate of

job gains in November and December by a combined 126,000. The data provided compelling evidence that most companies, large and small, are confident enough in the economy to keep hiring.

Several of the companies that have announced layoffs are among the most well-known household names: Google, Amazon, eBay, UPS, Spotify and Facebook's parent Meta. Not that they've been the only ones. Challenger, Gray & Christmas, a leading outplacement firm, reported this week that businesses announced 82,000 layoffs in January, the second-most for any January since 2009.

Here are some reasons why these seemingly disparate trends are coinciding:

Gains, cuts in different industries

In most industries, businesses have kept adding workers over the past three months. Manufacturers, for example, added 56,000 in November, December and January combined. Restaurants, hotels and entertainment companies gained nearly 60,000 over that time. Health care providers — hospitals, doctors' offices, and dentists — added a whopping 300,000.

They're not all low-paying jobs, either: A sector that the government calls professional and business services, a sprawling category that includes accountants, engineers, lawyers and their support staff — has 120,000 more jobs than it did in October. Federal, state and local governments, which regained their pre-pandemic levels of employment in September, also added nearly 120,000 jobs over that period.

The job cuts, by contrast, have been more concentrated. The Labor Department doesn't track technol-

ogy jobs specifically, but Friday's jobs report pointed to signs of the industry's struggles: The unemployment rate for workers in what the government calls the "information" sector, which includes media and tech workers, jumped to 5.5 percent in January from 3.9 percent a year ago. That's nearly 2 percentage points above the national jobs rate.

More confusing is why companies would cut workers if the economy is growing and consumers keep spending. Last week, the government estimated that the economy expanded at a healthy 3.3 percent annual pace in the October-December quarter after robust growth of 4.9 percent the previous quarter.

Companies tend to shed jobs for all sorts of reasons, sometimes to reflect changes in their business strategy or to maintain or boost their profit margins. Many high-tech companies that went on hiring binges in 2022, as the economy accelerated out of the pandemic recession, miscalculated the longer-term demand for their products and services.

In its survey of job cuts, Challenger, Gray & Christmas said the leading reason companies cited last month for laying off workers was "restructuring." A year earlier, it was "economic conditions," economists at Renaissance Macro noted, meaning that companies had previously worried more about the state of the economy.

Todd McKinnon, CEO of the software company Okta, said in a message announcing that the company would cut about 300 jobs that it entered 2023 "with a growth plan based on the demand we experienced in the prior year."

"This led us to over-hire for the macroeconomic reality we're in to-



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A worker from Portland General Electric replaced a power line as crews work to restore power after a January storm in Lake Oswego, Oregon. A monthly average of 248,000 jobs were added over the past six months. The unemployment rate is still just 3.7 percent, barely above a 50-year low.

day," he wrote.

High-profile job cuts typically involve many layoffs that aren't implemented immediately. For example, UPS, the delivery and logistics provider, announced earlier this week that it would cut 12,000 jobs this year. But it said those reductions will take place over months. So they weren't included in the January jobs data that was released Friday because the layoffs hadn't yet taken place.

This doesn't necessarily mean that the government's jobs figures will worsen over time as reductions by UPS and others are implemented. Jobs cuts are deeply distressing

and disruptive for people who suffer them. But layoffs even of UPS' magnitude don't really move the needle in the vast U.S. economy. Each month, roughly 5 million people leave their jobs or are laid off, government data shows, while more than 5 million are hired.

A raft of other data confirm that overall, the job market is fundamentally healthy. The number of people seeking unemployment benefits, long seen as a measure of layoffs, remains at a very low level. And non-government data, including hiring tracked by the payroll provider ADP, shows that private-sector companies keep adding workers.

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10001: CHRISTINA POWELL 261 11th Avenue, New York, New York 10001. A lawsuit has been filed against you. Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) - or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) - you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are: Mark D. Kremer Chelsea A. Bernard CONKLE, KREMER & ENGEL, P.C., 3130 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 500, Santa Monica, CA 90403-2351. If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court. Date: 9/14/2023. Mark B. Busby, CLERK OF COURT, Karen Gorman, Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk. 020124-1 2/9/24-3/1/24

FILE NO.: 2019-2399A CITATION SURROGATE'S COURT-NEW YORK COUNTY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE Grace of God Free and Independent TO: Audrey Willacy; Chadwick Willacy; Heather Willacy; Tisha Willacy; Saleem Willacy; Rajhee Willacy; Ali Willacy; Akeem Willacy; Diane Cruickshank; Arlene Cruickshank; New York State Attorney General. Potential Unknown Distributees of Carole Taylor, deceased, if living being the unknown heirs of decedent and if dead having predeceased decedent, her issue, if any; or if dead having survived decedent, her distributees, heirs at law, next of kin, executors, administrators, successors and assigns and any other persons who might have an interest in the estate of Carole Taylor, deceased, as distributees of otherwise all of whose names, whereabouts and addresses are unknown and cannot be ascertained with due diligence. A petition having been duly filed by DENISE CRUICKSHANK, who resides at 103 ARENA TRAIL, Dallas, Georgia 30157, YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, New York County, at 31 Chambers Street, Room 509, New York, New York 10007, on the 8th day of March, 2024, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the Estate of CAROLE TAYLOR, lately domiciled in the County of New York, State of New York: 1. Directing that the net distributable estate be distributed pursuant to EPTL 4-1.1[a][6], one-half (1/2) of the net distributable estate be distributed to the maternal distributees and the other one-half (1/2) to the paternal distributees; 2. Determining that Decedent's maternal distributees are the following: the Estate of Lionel Cruickshank (post-deceased), Denise Cruickshank, Diane Cruickshank, and Arlene Cruickshank. 3. Determining that Decedent's paternal distributees are the following: Milton E. Willacy, the Estate of Colin Lloyd Willacy (post-deceased), and the Estate of Ronald Coleman Willacy (post-deceased). 4. Directing that the net distributable estate be distributed by the Administrator as follows: a. One-half (1/2) of the net distributable estate be distributed to the maternal distributees as follows: Estate of Carole Taylor File No.: 2019-2399A Page 2 of 2 i. One-half (1/2) to the Estate of Lionel Cruickshank, (ii) One-half (1/2) divided equally among Denise Cruickshank, Diane Cruickshank, and Arlene Cruickshank; b. The other one-half (1/2) of the net distributable estate be distributed to the paternal distributees as follows: 1. Equally among (i) Milton E. Willacy, (ii) the Estate of Colin Lloyd Willacy, and (iii) the Estate of Ronald Coleman Willacy; 5. Lifting the restrictions on the Letters of Administration to allow the Administrator to make distributions to the Decedent's heirs at law; 6. Forgoing the need for a Guardian ad

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item to be appointed by the Court; 7. In the alternative, if the Court does not authorize the distributions as set forth above, setting the matter down for a kinship trial; 8. Granting all other further relief that the Court may deem just and proper. Dated, Attested and Sealed, January 24, 2024 (seal) HON. Hilary Gingold, Surrogate Diana Sanabria, Chief Clerk Attorneys for Petitioner: Jeffrey F. Levine, Esq. Law Offices of Jeffrey F. Levine, 110 East 59th Street, 22nd Floor, New York, New York 10022, 212-752-2908. 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-at-law appear for you. PROOF OF SERVICE MUST BE FILED TWO DAYS PRIOR TO THE RETURN DATE Court Rule 207.7 (C). 020124-2 2/9/24-3/1/24

NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF **KOURTNEY LLC**. Application for Authority filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/20/2023. Office location: New York County. LLC formed in DE on 6/1/2023. 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 Martensen Wright PC, One Capitol Mall, Suite 670, Sacramento, CA 95814. The principal business address of the LLC is c/o Martensen Wright PC, One Capitol Mall, Suite 670, Sacramento, CA 95814. Certificate of LLC filed with Secretary of State of Delaware located at 820 N. French St., 10th Floor, Wilmington, DE 19801. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 020124-3 2/9/24-3/15/24

SUMMONS FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS In the Matter of the Guardianship of the Person and Custody of No Given Name Courtemanche a/k/a Journey Courtemanche A Dependent Child Under the Age of 18. File No. 313309, Docket No. B-26188/23 TO: Samantha Courtemanche A petition under S.S.L. §384-b has been filed with this Court. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear IN PERSON before this Court on: Date/Time: March 13, 2024, 10:45-11:30 a.m. Purpose: Return of Process. Presiding: Hon. Robert D. Hettleman. Location: 330 Jay Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, Floor: 8. To answer the attached petition and to be dealt with in accordance with the Family Court Act. If you have any documents that you would like to send to the Court, at least 5 days prior to the Court date please submit through our Electronic Document Delivery System (EDDS) https://appscontent.courts.state.ny.us/NYSCEF/live/edds.htm or e-mail to: KingsFamilyCourt@nycourts.gov If you fail to appear as directed, a warrant may be issued for your arrest. Brooklyn, New York, BY ORDER OF THE COURT, Clerk of the Court. 020124-8 2/9/24

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Notice of Formation of **DHC Production, L.L.C.** Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 9/20/19. Office location: NY County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Dayna Carney, 520 W. 163rd St., #A, NY, NY 10032. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 020124-6 2/9/24-3/15/24

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Home Health, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 1/29/24. 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 Mount Sinai Health System, One Gustave L. Levy Place, NY, NY 10029. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 020124-5 2/9/24-3/15/24

Notice of Formation of **SHF Clusters 3 LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 1/23/24. 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 Settlement Housing Fund, Inc., 247 W 37th St, 4th Fl, NY, NY 10018. Purpose: any lawful activity. 013124-3 2/9/24-3/15/24

File No.: 2019-3800/C CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT To: Estate of Elena Patrascu, Letitia Denmeade, NYC Human Resources Administration, Jackson Heights Care Center, LLC, Attorney General of the State of New York The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of MARIA VRETTOS, deceased, or their estates, if any there be, whose names, places of residence and post office addresses are unknown to the petitioner and cannot with due diligence be ascertained A copy of this citation and the accounting as well as all amendments to it, if any, shall be served on the Guardian Ad Litem, Lorraine Falco, Esq. Being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of MARIA VRETTOS, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 70-05 35th Avenue, Jackson Heights, NY 11372, in the County of Queens, State of New York. SEND GREETING: Upon the petition of LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, Public Administrator of Queens County, who maintains her office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens County, New York 11435, as Administrator of the Estate of MARIA VRETTOS, deceased, you and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate at the Surrogate's Court of the County of Queens, to be held at the Queens General Courthouse, 6th Floor, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, City and State of New York, on the 28th day of March, 2024 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of \$4,711.58 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(3); and why the claim from Jackson Heights Care Center, LLC db/a Regal Heights Rehabilitation and Health Care Center in the amount of \$16,428.74 should not be paid; and why the claim from NYC Human Resources Administration in the amount of \$382,905.89 should not be paid to the extent of the net distributable estate. Dated, Attested and Sealed 29th day of January, 2024 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, Queens County Janet Edwards Tucker Chief Clerk GERARD J.

Notice is hereby given that an On-Premise Liquor License, NYS Application ID CL-23-102947-01 has been applied for by Bobal LLC dba Enoteca Harlem to sell beer, wine, cider and liquor at retail in an on-premises Tavern Bar/Lounge. For on premise consumption under the ABC Law at 220 Frederick Douglas Blvd, New York NY 10026. 020524-1 2/9/24-2/16/24

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Notice is hereby given that a Restaurant-Wine License, NYS Application ID NA-0240-24-103686 has been applied for by Fifth Avenue Sushi LLC to sell beer, wine and cider at retail in an on-premises Restaurant. For on premise consumption under the ABC Law at 611 5th Ave, LL New York NY 10022. 020524-3 2/9/24-2/16/24

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PL Acquisition Partners, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with SSNY 8-15-2023. Office Location: NY County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to, c/o PL Acquisition Partners, LLC, Attn. Alison Murray, 481 Washington St., #1N, NY, NY, 10013. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. 012924-3 2/9/24-3/15/24

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