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Local 3005's members say leadership is stifling rank and file engagement



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Workers represented by District Council 37 rallied in Foley Square in 2022. Members of DC 37's Local 3005 say leadership has stifled member engagement and militancy, which has led to disillusionment among the rank and file.

Similar circumstances at other DC 37 locals

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Members of District Council 37's Local 3005 say that attempts to mobilize their coworkers over the last two years have been stonewalled and met with apathy by union leadership.

Current and former members say that since the pandemic, they have presented proposals to create a membership committee, speak out about city budget cuts, fight for telework rights and pushed for other efforts and that all were slow-walked or shot down by the union's president, Jeff Oshins.

Most recently, some members sought to introduce motions calling for a ceasefire in the Gaza Strip and for the New York City Employees' Retirement System to divest from Israeli bonds and securities. Members have been trying to raise motions on the topics for eight months but leadership has responded by saying the union can't get involved in political matters, that open meetings aren't the proper place for discussions on divestment and, in one case, by abruptly ending a meeting

early.

"Leadership is doing anything to keep us out from any sort of democratic involvement," said Kate Klein, a Local 3005 member who works as a city research scientist at the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. "They don't want us involved in any formal way at all."

Last year, members proposed reviving the union's dormant membership committee to create a body that could help onboard members, maintain the email list and take other actions that members, some of whom had been in other unions before, felt should be provided by the local as a baseline of service.

"We were just trying to engage members and make them feel excited about the union that they pay dues to," said a former Local 3005 member involved with the proposal.

Oshins responded to the proposal by writing in an email that those responsibilities were already being carried out by union leadership, and that the committee would be largely redundant and unnecessary. Members debated with Oshins about the matter for weeks, but the panel was never formed. According to its website, the union has no one

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Union says city medical examiners face staffing crisis

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A shortage of city medical examiners has prompted the union representing the forensic pathologists to urge the mayor and labor commissioner to settle a contract and provide more funding to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to recruit and retain staff.

In a recent letter to Mayor Eric Adams, the Service Employees International Union's Doctors Council called the current staffing levels a "crisis." When the medical examiners' last contract expired in 2021, there were 32 full-time MEs performing autopsies on staff. There are now 20, as well as four fellows who require supervision, according to the union.

"It has become impossible to retain and recruit critically needed OCME staff as a result of low pay and the failure of the New York City Office of Labor Relations (OLR) to renew a 2018 memorandum of agreement (MOA) that expired over three years ago made with the intention of avoiding this

current citywide crisis," the forensic physicians wrote Adams. "We implore you to take immediate action to avoid losing your medical examiners (MEs), your borough offices, and your ME fellowship training program, the losses of which will not only have disastrous consequences for the City of New York, its law enforcement, and our criminal justice system, but for the nation's forensic pathology specialty."

Can find higher pay elsewhere

The forensic pathologists claim that city medical examiners are some of the lowest paid in the nation, which has made it difficult to recruit staff and also caused attrition issues.

Salaries for city medical examiners range from \$156,088 to \$238,942, according to the Doctor's Council. A recent job posting for a senior city medical examiner includes a salary range from \$189,527 to

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WTC Health Program running out of money

But bipartisan bill would permanently fund the effort

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With the World Trade Center Health Program once again facing a funding shortfall that could oblige it to turn away would-be enrollees within a few years, a bipartisan group of Congress members are backing legislation that would provide mandatory, permanent funding for the program.

Established by the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act passed by Congress in late 2010, the program provides medical monitoring and treatment of WTC-related health conditions for 9/11 responders and survivors.

Although it was reauthorized in 2015, with a sunset date of 2090, program costs have increased more than was anticipated, in part because more sick and injured 9/11 responders and survivors have since enrolled.

"Without this fix," the program "will have to start making cuts to

services and turn away new responders and survivors by 2028," Democrat New York Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, the legislation's primary Senate sponsor, said July 25 during a Capitol Hill press event introducing the bill.

Gillibrand and others at the press event said it was critical for Congress to pass the legislation given the latency period of illnesses, mostly cancers, caused by the dust and debris that lingered at the World Trade Center site in the days, weeks and months following the attacks.

Congress authorized funding to keep the program going in prior years, including \$700 million last year and \$1 billion in 2022. The current bill would inject nearly \$3 billion into the program's fund and ensure that amount for each fiscal year through 2033. It would also tweak the funding formula to ensure the program remains solvent through 2090.

"We're solving this problem, once and for all, permanently," Democratic Senator Chuck Schumer said at the event.

"The people who got sick later de-

serve the treatment and health care that the people who got sick earlier got," he added. "We're not going to leave you high and dry."

The bill also increases funding for research and data collection on 9/11 conditions.

John Feal, a staunch advocate for WTC responders, noted that the program had nearly twice as many enrollees — 132,000 as of March — than it did nine years ago. "Everybody's latency period is different," he said. "More and more people are going to get sick. While we're a finite number, we're getting smaller because we're dying."

But Feal, a demolition supervisor at ground zero who was badly injured when a steel beam slammed down on his foot and who later founded the FealGood Foundation, remarked that the program's singular focus on 9/11 illnesses, coupled to early screening protocols, means that WTC responders have a higher survival rate compared with the general population.

The program's wholesale surviv-

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Senator Kirsten Gillibrand

John Feal, who has long advocated for September 11 responders, spoke on Capitol Hill July 25 in favor of bipartisan legislation that would permanently fund the World Trade Center Health Program, which is facing a projected shortfall. Feal was flanked by New York Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, the bill's prime sponsor in that chamber.

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FDNY Commissioner Laura Kavanagh presided over her final graduation ceremony for probationary firefighters last week. The department has announced that Kavanagh's final day will be Aug 7.

284 join Bravest

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Emmett Daly Jr. was just a kindergartener on the day of the World Trade Center attacks and what he remembers more than his father responding with Ladder 120 is his mother battling a fire in his home caused by a broken dishwasher.

While Daly's dad attended to the aftermath at ground zero, his mom used a fire extinguisher on the dishwasher and, when that failed to put out the fire, escaped the house with her young son to let volunteer firefighters douse the flames.

At 3 a.m., Daly Sr. finally called to let his wife and young son know that he was OK. The duo had been waiting in a neighbor's apartment, watching their house burn up and the roof cave in.

"Now my mother had the task of telling a man who had already lost so much in one day that his house was on fire," Daly said at the FDNY's graduation ceremony for 284 probationary firefighters last Friday. "But all that mattered to him was that we were alright. Houses can be rebuilt, kitchens redone, belongings can be replaced; family cannot."

Daly, the valedictorian of his probationary firefighter class, said he "couldn't express" how grateful he was for his mother's actions and that his father returned home, when so many fathers, brothers and family members of thousands of others did not.

"Both of my parents were heroes that day, and I could not be prouder as a son to have such strong role models in life," Daly said. "I don't think my path was ever going to lead anywhere but the New York City Fire Department."

Kavanagh's last class

The class that graduated alongside Daly on Friday was the last overseen by the FDNY's first female commissioner, Laura Kavanagh. The department last week announced that Aug. 7 would be her last day on the job.

"As she promised, the Commissioner has spent the past several weeks leading a planned transition of leadership at the FDNY, in addition to helping the mayor's team search for the Department's next commissioner," the department said in a press release. "Importantly, there will be no lapse in leadership."

Kavanagh spoke briefly at the ceremony in what may be her last public comments at the department's helm.

"It never gets old to see so many brave men and women reach this milestone knowing you will impact



Probationary firefighter Emmett Daly Jr., the valedictorian of his FDNY academy class, speaking at last week's graduation ceremony.

our city by saving lives and inspiring others," she said. "Being your fire commissioner has truly been my highest honor and I look forward to watching your successes and cheering you on."

The ceremony was held at the Christian Cultural Center, the same venue at which firefighters jeered Attorney General Letitia James earlier this year.

The probie class is 29 percent Hispanic, 15 percent Black and 2 percent Asian American. Twenty-eight of the graduated probationary firefighters are veterans.

There are also eight women in the probationary firefighter class, raising the total number of women firefighters in the FDNY to 169. One of those women is Jessica Chiodo, the daughter of former firefighter Peter Chiodo of Engine 226, who passed away in November from a World Trade Center-related illness.

Chiodo took the open competitive exam to become a firefighter in 2016 after graduating college, and said that she wished her dad was still here to guide her.

"The FDNY has been a lifeline for my family, showing up in ways I never imagined," she told the department before the ceremony. "My father and I were incredibly close, and stepping into his shoes is both an honor and a challenge. If I can live up to half the firefighter and person he was, I'll consider my career a success."

The FDNY now counts 8,240 firefighters, the department said.

In their remarks, both Kavanagh and Daly highlighted the family-like nature of the FDNY.

"I was lucky enough to be raised around the culture of this job," Daly said. "From a young age I saw what a truly magnificent family the FDNY is. Your family will become an extension of the Fire Department family, which is an honor like no other."

Mulgrew's resolution protecting Medicare falls short, critic says

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To counter what he implied was the avarice of profit-driven health care providers and the indifference of elected officials, the president of the United Federation of Teachers, Michael Mulgrew, last week proposed a resolution calling for federal legislation protecting Medicare and Social Security.

Mulgrew's resolution, among 17 presented and passed at the American Federation of Teachers convention in Houston, Texas, notes that the two entitlement programs form a vital part of the nation's core safety net, and for seniors in particular. It argues that they should not be burdened by uncertainty concerning the two programs given "a national healthcare crisis is affecting all workers."

It also notes that Americans as a whole spend more than twice as much on health care and prescription drugs than residents in other countries, which "translates to an overwhelming economic burden for individuals and families."

Seniors "should never be allowed to diminish those benefits for any reason whatsoever. None," Mulgrew said in introducing his resolution July 24 at the convention.

"We are all in support of a national health care plan. There seems to be no political will, but that's not stopping you. Let's pass legislation that says no, you can only make so much in profit, hospital. You can't just keep bleeding out, and I mean it that way, bleeding out your patients because you want more profits," he added.

Back home, though, Mulgrew was criticized for essentially offering up a redundant set of policy proposals while doing little to nothing to ensure that retired UFT members are able to keep from losing that very Medicare.

Arthur Goldstein, a retired public schools teacher and the vice chair of the UFT's Retired Teachers Chapter, noted in a Substack post the same day that Mulgrew proposed his resolution that the AFT had passed similar resolutions in both 2012 and 2014.

Goldstein chastised Mulgrew for failing to explicitly support city retirees' efforts to rebuff the Adams administration's push to switch the retirees to a for-profit, privately run Medicare Advantage plan from the very Medicare Mulgrew's resolution vows to otherwise preserve.

"We still have to go to battle ourselves, working with NYC Retirees against our unions," Goldstein wrote in his post, alluding to the New York City Organization of Public Service Retirees, which has been leading the fight against the planned switch.

Goldstein also argued that the UFT's support for the administration's plan ran counter to members' wishes. He noted that the retirees chapter in 2007 passed a resolution opposing the privatization of Medicare "in the form of profit-making Medicare Advantage plans."

Turnabout

That resolution was eventually also sanctioned by the union's delegate assembly, essentially making it part of UFT's policy program. "That means when Michael Mulgrew unilaterally tried to dump us into a Medicare Advantage plan, he was acting against the will of the



Ed Reed/Mayoral Photography Office.

Michael Mulgrew, the United Federation of Teachers president, during a media briefing in July 2021. The American Federation of Teachers last week approved a resolution forwarded by the union leader calling for federal legislation protecting Medicare and Social Security. But some would have preferred Mulgrew to sanction municipal retirees' fight against an administrative effort to shepherd them into a for-profit Medicare Advantage health plan.

union," the former teacher wrote.

Up until a few weeks ago, Mulgrew was among the principal backers of the planned switch. As the executive vice-chair of the Municipal Labor Committee, the umbrella organization of municipal public-sector unions, he was instrumental in getting the group to greenlight the proposed Medicare Advantage switch by endorsing a Medicare Advantage contract between the city and managed-care giant Aetna.

That agreement, however, is on hold pending the outcome of the city's appeal of court decisions that, at least for now, has scuttled the administration's plan, a succession of judges finding that moving the retirees to a private plan would break guarantees city officials made to employees regarding their health care plans.

In late June, though, Mulgrew walked back that support, blaming what he characterized as the administration's recalcitrance in pursuit of the switch.

"It has become apparent that this administration is unwilling to continue this work in good faith," the four-paragraph letter reads. "This administration has proven to be more interested in cutting its costs than honestly working with us to provide high-quality healthcare to city workers," he wrote in a four-paragraph letter to MLC Chairman Harry Nespoli.

'Of course we support national legislation that protects us, but this is not enough.'

— Arthur Goldstein, VICE CHAIR OF THE UFT'S RETIRED TEACHERS CHAPTER

WTC: Bipartisan funding bill

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al is imperative, he said. "This is a commitment and commitment that should be serious, and if we don't take this seriously, people will suffer," Feal said.

Recipients in all 50 states

The president of the New York City Sergeants Benevolent Association, Vincent Vallelong, recalled two former partners who fell ill with similar cancers as a result of their work at ground zero. One of them, retired Sergeant Leonard Davis, died last year at 54.

"We shouldn't be coming down with these illnesses at this time of our lives," Vallelong said. "This is about doing the right thing," he said of the funding effort.

About 35,000 of the nearly 89,000 responders now in the program were between 55 and 64 as of March. Just over 22,000 of them have 9/11 certified health conditions.

Andrew Ansbro, the president of the United Firefighters Association, Local 94, recalled that 343 members of the FDNY died on the day of the attacks, but that another 362 had since died because of their work during the rescue and recovery phases at the site. "And we're continuing to lose members, two or three a month, nonstop," he said.

He called it "unacceptable" that the program could have to begin turning away recipients.

"It's easy to say 'never forget,' but backing it up with action is what

'never forget' means," Ansbro said.

Nearly 3,000 were killed at the World Trade Center the day of the attacks. Since then, nearly 7,000 people who contracted respiratory illnesses, cancers and other ailments and enrolled in the WTC Health Program have died, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Just over 5,000 of them were responders from the FDNY, NYPD, DSNY and other city agencies and departments, and volunteers.

Those enrolled in the program live in all 50 states and in 434 out of 435 Congressional districts. More than 83,000 of them have at least one certified 9/11 condition attributable to toxins at ground zero, the Pentagon and the Shanksville crash site, while a large percentage have multiple conditions caused by the dust and debris, according to Citizens for the Extension of the James Zadroga Act, a coalition of unions and 9/11 advocate groups pushing for the permanent funding bill.

Gillibrand said she was confident the legislation would get enough support, but wants to see the bill passed soon. She said its sponsors would look to attach it to any must-pass bill, such as the defense budget.

"I'm optimistic that we will get a vote that will be deeply bipartisan in the Senate," she said. "I'd like to do it now. Time is always of the essence. You don't know what the future holds. And we have the strong coalition now and we have passion behind this moment in time."

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At School Construction Authority, contract stall raises employees' ire

Says corporation refuses to sign off on raises or work-from-home options

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The union representing architects, engineers, inspectors and other employees at the School Construction Authority says the agency won't agree to provide their members with telework options or raises in line with the citywide pattern even though they've been granted to managers.

District Council 37 officers and members, as well as elected officials, rallied July 25 outside of SCA's headquarters in Long Island City to demand a fair contract. The agreement for about 350 workers represented by DC 37's Local 1740 expired in August 2021, and the employees haven't had raises since January 2020.

Charles Komlo, the local's president since it formed in 2018, said that turnover at the SCA has remained high since even prior to the pandemic. He noted that the vacancy rate at the agency is currently about 15 percent, and that a significant number of his members — more than 120 — were recent hires who have been on the job since 2020 or later.

"There's a revolving door. Why do people come and leave? Because they're not getting paid their fair share; they're being dumped on with excessive workloads," he said during the rally. "Tell me anywhere in the country where an architect

has 100 projects concurrently under their belt. This agency needs to have reform, and it needs a fair contract for those who are doing the work."

'Shouldn't have to beg'

SCA is responsible for managing the construction of new schools and renovating the city's aging public schools. Vidhu Dhar, a senior construction assessment specialist who has worked at SCA for nearly 17 years, said that SCA workers "do everything" to make sure school buildings are safe and comfortable for students and staff.

"What should have been given to us a long, long time back, we have to beg for it. We should not have to beg for it," she said.

Several elected officials, including City Council members Lincoln Restler, Julie Won and Justin Brannan, criticized the SCA for not providing its employees with fair raises for more than four years.

"We're not supposed to be doing this outside of a place that's technically connected with the city and the state; I'm used to doing this outside of big bad corporations. It's time to do the right thing here because we're sending the wrong message," Brannan said.

A spokesperson for the SCA, Kevin Ortiz, said he was confident a deal with the union would be reached.

"We are dedicated to our employees and are fully committed to reaching a fair and equitable agreement that benefits both our employees and the SCA," he said in a statement. "We remain optimistic that with continued effort and collaboration, we can achieve a mutually

satisfactory agreement in a timely manner."

The union and SCA began negotiations in July 2023. Although the two sides have had 14 bargaining sessions, SCA is refusing to sign off on raises that follow the citywide pattern unless the union drops separate arbitration, Komlo alleged.

In 2019, the local approached SCA's leadership about conducting a quality review of certain titles with high attrition rates. SCA officials told the union that they were going to do a salary review of all titles, and the local and SCA signed a side letter under their previous contract stating that they would collaborate throughout the entire review process, Komlo told The Chief. The union was also told that the funding for the study, and any salary increases resulting from the review, would come out of the agency's budget, Komlo said.

The review was put on hold because of the pandemic, but was restarted in 2021, the union leader stated. In late 2022, SCA brought up the discussion of salary increases based on the findings of the study but the union had not seen the data, Komlo said.

"We asked for the data that backs up the salary changes and they said it was proprietary," belonging to the company that conducted the salary analysis, Komlo noted. He contends that refusing to show the union the data went against their agreement to collaborate.

PERB grievance

In February 2023, DC 37 settled a tentative contract with the city that set the citywide pattern for future labor agreements with unions representing municipal workers.

"As soon as the citywide contract was tentatively agreed upon, they said they were taking the offer away, but that they looked forward to negotiating on the citywide pattern," Komlo said. The local filed a grievance with the Public Employees Relations Board, which he said went into arbitration and adjourned in late June. The union is still awaiting a decision.

Although many of the demands in the contract have been negotiated, "the SCA negotiator said they wouldn't sign off on the increases unless we drop the arbitration, which is extortion," Komlo said. "We found it extremely concerning that they said if the arbitration does provide any award, they would reduce it from the citywide raises."



Crystal Lewis/The Chief

Members of District Council 37 and elected officials rallied July 25 outside of the School Construction Authority's Long Island City headquarters to demand the agency settle a contract on behalf of 350 engineers, quality assurance specialists and other workers. The employees have not received raises since early 2020.



Crystal Lewis/The Chief

DC 37 Local 1740 President Charles Komlo slammed the School Construction Authority for not agreeing to raises or telework for his members but granting them to managers. He also alleged that the SCA said that it won't sign off on raises in line with the citywide pattern unless the union drops arbitration it filed pertaining to a salary study.

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Ortiz, the SCA spokesperson,



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Workers at the Police Pension Fund are required to work in the office every day despite qualifying for telework, the employees and union officials say. Nearly half of the workforce signed a petition asking for telework in December and have yet to receive a response from management.

Police Pension Fund workers shut out of telework option

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Despite being eligible to telework several days a week under a remote work pilot program, 150 workers at the Police Pension Fund are still required to work in the office five days a week.

Tens of thousands of city workers have been spending one or two days a week working from home since last year but pension fund management has refused to allow workers to participate in the work-from-home pilot, workers and union officials say.

"The Police Pension Fund is not willing to do remote work no matter what we do," said Laura Pirtle Morand, the president of District Council 37's Local 2627. "Our members are very upset."

Morand represents around 20 IT workers at the Police Pension Fund and has members in nearly every agency across the city participating in remote work. The pension fund, whose address is the Woolworth Building in Tribeca, is among the few agencies not participating in the pilot program and its leadership is "unwilling to budge on the matter," Morand said.

In December, 70 PFF employees signed a petition and delivered it to the agency's director requesting a telework option be implemented, the union leader said. The workers argued that the change could lead to increased productivity, better work-life balance and cost savings.

"Telecommuting has proven to be a successful and flexible solution in various industries, fostering increased productivity and job satisfaction," the workers wrote in a letter accompanying the petition. "We are confident that implementing a telework option aligns with our commitment to fostering a positive work environment and supporting

the welfare of our dedicated team members."

Quit on first day

The workers never received a response, said one PPF employee who signed the petition.

"Not yes or no, just nothing," said the worker who asked to remain anonymous to guard against retaliation. "Everyone keeps asking what is happening. No one is giving us a straight answer."

The worker said that members have been leaving the agency to take jobs where they can work from home. In one case, a recent hire quit on the first day when he realized he wouldn't be able to work from home.

"The problem now is that not only are people leaving, people don't accept job offers to be hired in our agency either," the worker said. "They are losing a lot of opportunities to have good, qualified people join us."

The fund did not reply to requests for comment. The PPF is one of the city's five pension funds, which together manage hundreds of billions of dollars in investments for hundreds of thousands of current city workers and retirees.

The remote-work pilot for city workers was approved as part of DC 37's latest contract agreement with the city, ratified early last year. By the end of May 2023, agencies were supposed to submit their plans to City Hall for approval and on June 1 the program began for many workers.

But many agencies with employees in DC 37 did not submit plans in time and over the last year, the union has been pushing various mayoral agencies and authorities to agree to teleworking plans. The NYPD and the New York City Housing Authority took longer than most to begin participating.



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Work deferred

TO THE EDITOR:

It’s wishful thinking on MTA Chairman Janno Lieber’s part to say he will take Governor Kathy Hochul at her word when she promises to restore the \$15 billion she cut from the transit agency’s \$51 billion 2020-2024 five-year capital plan due to her pause of congestion pricing last month.

In 2019, instead of providing hard cash, then-Governor Andrew Cuomo and the legislature gave the MTA congestion pricing. This was supposed to raise \$15 billion toward the \$51 billion capital plan. Albany’s so-called financial watchdog, state Comptroller Tom DiNapoli, said nothing. With real cash, virtually all of these state of good repair projects would have already been underway. When it comes to MTA financing, Hochul reminds me of the cartoon character Wimpy.

He was fond of saying, “I’ll gladly pay you on Tuesday for a hamburger today,” or in this case \$15 billion worth of MTA capital transportation projects.

Larry Penner

As you were

TO THE EDITOR:

A recent letter (“Character comeback,” The Chief, July 26) suggests that the assassination attempt on Donald Trump “revealed his character.” Sadly, we know this character all too well. Trump proved in his acceptance speech that he is the same man he has always been.

He’s the guy who cheated kids with a fake university, plundered a sham “charitable” foundation and let the world know how little he thinks of women.

Trump is the same man who sexually assaulted and defamed an American journalist and illegally wrote off hush money to conceal a sexual encounter with a porn star. He is the person who pressured state legislators and a secretary of state to commit election fraud and incited anger for months by spreading a B.S. story of election theft that he knew to be false.

Trump is the same man that stole, hid, lied about and shared some of our nation’s most sensitive classified documents.

He is the guy that called a mob to D.C., inflamed that mob with his lies, turned them against his own vice president and sent them “to the Capitol” knowing full well that the crowd was in a very ugly mood and that many were armed. And Trump is a whiner who still can’t man-up and say “I lost.”

What is revealing is that so many Americans know all of the above, yet still need to be reminded. Take off your rose-colored glasses. Trump, a twice-impeached and twice-convicted reprobate, isn’t the savior of Western Civilization. He is the embodiment of its vic-

es: greed, misogyny, arrogance, racism, cruelty and more. What a character!

Joseph Cannisi

Beards grown longer, etc.

TO THE EDITOR:

Seemingly every week another letter from Joseph Cannisi discusses how awful Donald Trump is. That’s fine. Mr. Cannisi is entitled to his opinion. But I have an issue with his statement about how the American people “won’t get fooled again.”

Donald Trump lost the popular vote to Hillary Clinton in 2016 by almost 3 million, and to Biden in 2020 by well over 7 million. He was propelled to victory in 2016 by the Electoral College and in 2020 lost the electoral vote. Assuming for the sake of argument Hillary Clinton would have been a better president, how exactly can two losses of the popular vote by Trump be classified as the American people being “fooled,” much less “fooled again?”

Nat Weiner

Flipping

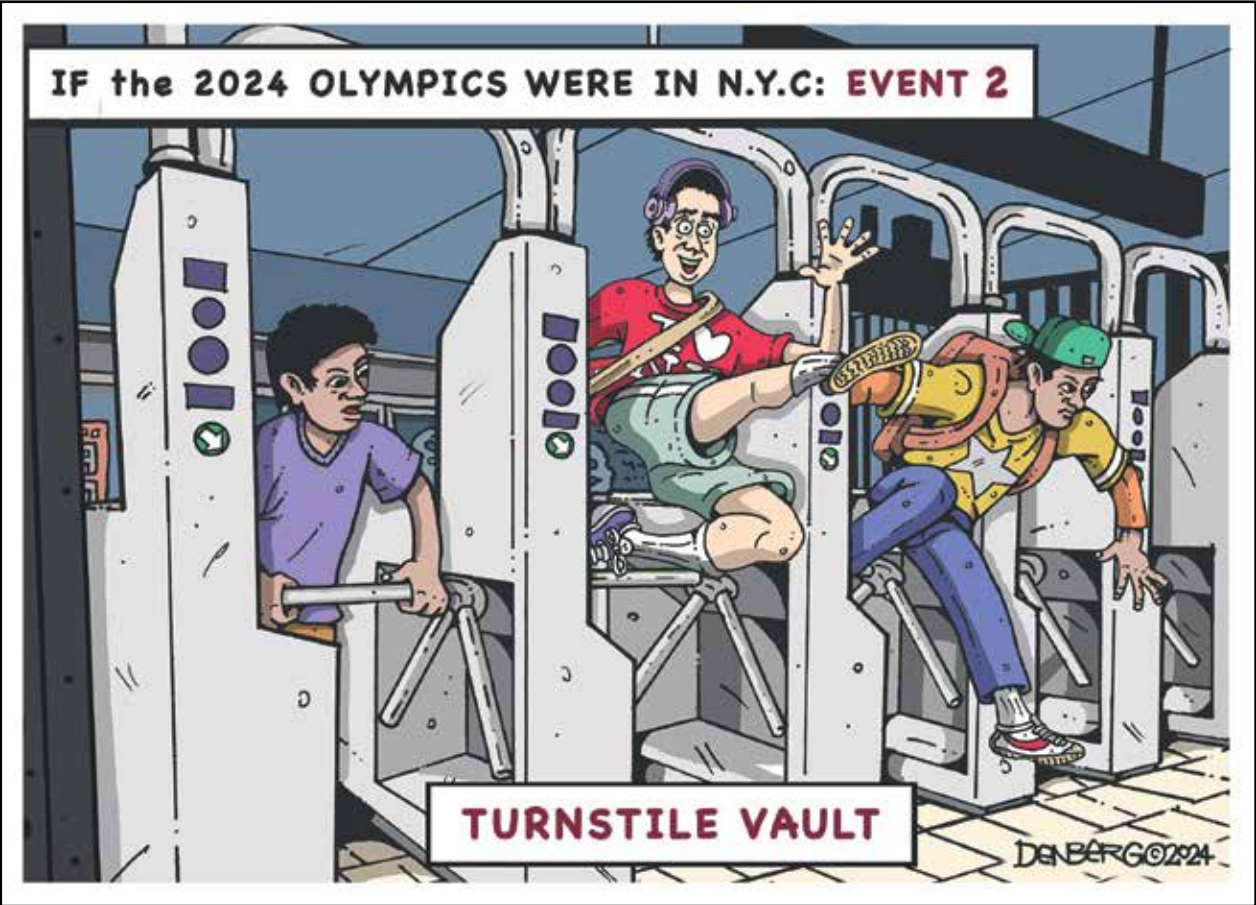
TO THE EDITOR:

Donald Trump selected J.D. Vance for vice president despite pushback from critics, who said Vance had been critical of Trump.

Vance had changed his opinion of Trump by 2020 and said so publicly, including by noting that as president Trump had delivered on all accounts.

So much so that I voted for Trump in 2020; he was the best president in my lifetime. Trump

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In 2024, Bret Baier asked Vance about his past criticisms regarding Trump. Vance said, “I regret being wrong about the guy.”

Robert Sica

Bibi’s bull

TO THE EDITOR:

On July 24, Prime Minister Netanyahu delivered a highly arguable speech to a joint session of Congress at the invitation of Mike Johnson, Mitch McConnell, Charles Schumer and Hakeem Jeffries. This appeared to give Netanyahu’s appearance bipartisan support.

Congress members gave Netanyahu numerous standing ovations during his address, at which he strongly defended Israel’s response to the murderous attack by Hamas on Oct. 7.

Netanyahu never mentioned a ceasefire or a two-state solution, claimed victory over Hamas was near and that the hostages would be released. He also accused anti-Israel protesters of being funded by Iran, and vehemently denied Israel was carrying out mass starvation and targeting Palestinian civilians.

The following is a reality check. The International Court of Justice made a preliminary finding that it was plausible Israel was committing genocide in Gaza. Its directives to prevent this have been consistently ignored by Israel. The head of the ICC announced he would seek arrest warrants for war crimes committed by Netanyahu and the Israeli defense secretary, as well as for the three

leaders of Hamas.

The charges against the Israel leaders include mass starvation of Palestinians and deliberate targeting of civilians (in Gaza, nearly 40,000 Palestinians have died and there are over 90,000 injured, the majority of whom are women and children). Since Oct. 7, Palestinians in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, with the complicity of the Israel Defense Force, have been attacked by extremist settlers. Some of them have illegally seized land.

The ICJ has ruled that Israel’s occupation of the West Bank and East Jerusalem is unlawful, and Israel should leave and pay reparations. Finally, Israel’s 10-month siege of Gaza has created horrific living conditions for 2.3 million people.

Howard Elterman

Mandated to win

TO THE EDITOR:

There are no presidential candidates even close to perfect with a chance to win. Vice President Kamala Harris’ record as a prosecutor was terrible. But on most issues she is actually good.

The economic policies of President Joe Biden, which increased jobs, increased salaries and lowered unemployment, are the same that she advocates. She strongly supports fighting climate change. She supports student loan forgiveness and Senator Bernie Sanders’ bill making public colleges tuition-free.

Republican claims that Harris supports unlimited late term-abortion is flat-out false. The only laws for or advocates of late-term abor-

tions are for cases when the fetus is dead or the mother’s life is in danger.

What the Democrats can be blamed for is not having Biden bow out sooner. His mental decline did not happen overnight.

There were two major problems with Biden’s debate performance. It raised questions about his ability to function as president.

The other problem is that most people who vote know nothing about politics. So they don’t know that almost everything that Donald Trump is saying is a lie. Then Biden not only fails to rebut those falsehoods, but he responds with gibberish.

That won’t be a problem with Harris and this is an election that Democrats need to win. If they lose this one, there might not be future elections.

Richard Warren

Sloganeering

TO THE EDITOR:

Kamala Harris could use some campaign slogans, so here are a few of my meager offerings:

1. There’s not much chance for the misogynist and Vance — but I repeat myself
2. Roe, Roe, Roe, he wrote, abortion is a sin. If women come out and vote, Kamala’s gonna win
3. Women, have those babies, Vance tells you that’s God’s will. It’s cat ladies versus tiger men; ladies stay home and chill
4. Project 2025 is a dictator’s bible. When you read this regressive screed, it’s tyrannical libel.

Michael J. Gorman

TAX STRATEGIES

A taxpayer’s bill of rights

BY BARRY LISAK

EVERY TAXPAYER HAS a set of fundamental rights. You should be aware of these rights when you interact with the Internal Revenue Service. There are 10 broad categories:

1. The Right to Be Informed. Taxpayers have the right to know what they need to do to comply with the tax laws. They are entitled to clear explanations of the laws and the IRS procedures in all tax forms, instructions, publications, notices and correspondence.

2. The Right to Quality Service. Taxpayers have the right to receive prompt, courteous and professional assistance in their dealings with the IRS, to receive clear and easily understandable communications from

the IRS and to speak to a supervisor about inadequate service.

3. The Right to Pay No More than the Correct Amount of Tax. Taxpayers have the right to pay only the amount of tax legally due, including interest and penalties, and to have the IRS apply all tax payments properly.

4. The Right to Challenge the IRS’s Position and Be Heard. Taxpayers have the right to raise objections and provide additional documentation in response to formal IRS actions or proposed actions, to expect that the IRS will consider their timely objections and documentation promptly, and to receive a response if the IRS does not agree with their position.

5. The Right to Appeal an IRS Decision. Taxpayers are entitled to a fair and impartial administrative appeal of

most IRS decisions, including many penalties, and have the right to receive a written response. Taxpayers generally have the right to take their cases to court.

6. The Right to Finality. Taxpayers have the right to know the maximum amount of time they have to challenge the IRS’s positions as well as the maximum amount of time the IRS has to audit a particular tax year. Taxpayers have the right to know when the IRS has finished an audit.

7. The Right to Privacy. Taxpayers have the right to expect that any IRS inquiry, examination or enforcement action will comply with the law and will respect all due process rights.

8. The Right to Confidentiality. Tax-

payers have the right to expect any information they provide to the IRS will not be disclosed unless authorized by the taxpayer or by law. Taxpayers have the right to expect appropriate action will be taken against employers, return preparers, and others who wrongfully use or disclose taxpayer return information.

9. The Right to Retain Representation. Taxpayers have the right to retain an authorized representative of their choice to represent them in their dealings with the IRS. Taxpayers have the right to seek assistance from a Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic if they cannot afford representation.

10. The Right to a Fair and Just Tax System. Taxpayers have the right to

expect the tax system to consider facts and circumstances that might affect their underlying liabilities or ability to pay. Taxpayers have the right to receive assistance from the Taxpayer Advocate Service if they are experiencing financial difficulty or the IRS has not resolved their tax issues timely through its normal channels.

To expand awareness, the IRS is making Publication 1 (Taxpayer Bill of Rights) available in multiple languages on IRS.gov.

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COMMENTARY

WAKE-UP CALL

Blue screen follies

BY RON ISAAC

Planes grounded, cancer surgery suspended, the entire health service of a major industrialized nation paralyzed, critical databases paused, transportation systems immobilized, media on the blink, global banking shaken up, factories neutralized, first-responder call centers disrupted, courts compelled to adjourn their mischief.

Most painfully, the Department of Motor Vehicles incapacitated from generating revenue from victimized citizenry.

All because of an obscure company called CrowdStrike, that few folks have heard of. The more sophisticated technology becomes, and the more dependent on it we become, the more irremediably vulnerable we become to chaos. Its conquest is incremental. Progress is a “blue screen of death.” Revolutionary theologians are already speculating that creation was just another vendor’s accidentally wrought glitch.

The seamless operation of civilization hinges upon contractors with connections. They are politically wired. With all the impregnable layers of security and fail-safe backup systems to protect us against a precipitous relapse into a pre-industrial era, it takes so little to thwart our pooled intelligence.

CrowdStrike assured us “it wasn’t a cyberattack.... The system was sent an update, and that update had a software bug in it and caused an issue with the Microsoft operating system.”

What a relief! And to know that many days later, they were still working their groundbreaking tails off trying to patch the booboo.

Who is CrowdStrike, how were they vetted and selected, and what is their history?

According to ABC, the company is “perhaps best known for investigating the Russian hack of Democratic National Committee computers during the 2016 election. It has been at the center of false conspiracy theories since 2016.”

It also reportedly helped Sony and tracked North Korea hackers. The Associated Press notes “the Austin, Texas, company reported that its revenue rose 33 percent in the latest quarter from the same quarter a year earlier — logging a net profit of \$42.8 million, up from \$491,000 in the first quarter of last year.”

President Dwight D. Eisenhower warned us about the establishment of the “military-industrial complex.” There should be bipartisan government tweaking of this advisory. Be on the lookout for the government-technology complex.

“And now for something completely different,” as Mr. Python

used to say.

It’s been a couple of weeks since the attempted assassination of former President Donald Trump. An exhaustive compilation of objective and verifiable information is still not finalized. Determinations will succeed premature assumptions. Conspiracy theorists no longer bother to tarry in the wings. They rush center-stage concurrently with the rising curtain.

I’m quite sure there was no criminal conspiracy, despite malignant neglect. Neither was there a conspiracy to enable assassination by omission.

It’s been established there were too many anomalies of oversight to enumerate. Was there a machination of errors or was too much left to chance? Some elements in the supercharged spectrum may have subliminally hoped for the worst, but emotional ballistics, though in bad taste, are bloodless.

There is too much oxygen in the room of warrantless conjecture. Accusations made in the absence of substantiation backfire. But when facts speak for themselves, they must not be stifled or drowned out.

It does not bode well or encourage faith in the government’s investigative readiness, that two weeks after the event, there have been no press conferences. During Covid, then-Governor Andrew Cuomo treated us to protracted pressers. Internal inquiries tend to be erratic and hallucinatory. A meticulously vetted independent special counsel must explore and discover.

Let the chips fall where they may. Like bullet casings.

On the eve of the D-Day invasion, Eisenhower wrote a note in which he accepted accountability in the event of failure. On President Harry S. Truman’s desk were the words “The buck stops here.” At first, Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle’s testimony in Congress fell a dollar short. Instead of falling on her sword, she stabbed Congress with papier-mâché mission statements.

Her replies sounded like the language that corporate human resources departments inflict on their employees. It’s cross-pollinated jargon.

On the day following her testimony and under duress, she resigned her office. She had no choice and could not have long delayed the inevitable, but perhaps, out of self-respect and pride, she didn’t want to give satisfaction to the members of Congress who could have gotten their points across without humiliating her. Her termination was justified. There was stupendous dereliction. Her captive audience was not captivated.



Ross D. Franklin/AP Photo

A departures board at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport on July 19, following what was said to be a failed software update sent to Microsoft computers that paralyzed air travel and other industries.

Numerous Democrats on the committee grilled Cheatle with the same awesome brilliance, measured indignation and disciplined insight, as their Republican peers. There was no partisanship. U.S. Reps Ocasio-Cortez, Mfume and Raskin were models of statesmanship and patriotism.

Heads of major federal agencies like the Secret Service, ambassadors and certain other posts (including some judgeships and even big city school chancellors) should not be political appointees, but rather be senior civil servants who rose from the rank and file up the career ladder. We’d get a better crop that way.

In the wake of the near assassination, there have been some sincere and credible calls to tone down the rhetoric, though not from lunatics who claim it was staged and the blood had no hemoglobin. It’s said that “all politics is local.” That’s also true of unbounded rhetoric.

When I expressed relief that Trump wasn’t killed, a friend of mind and mutual political crony practically accused me of selling my soul, switching to the dark side and being a closet fascist. Not the case at all. But if opining that Trump is not Hitler, Stalin, Mao or the murderer of Emmett Till makes me an apologist for tyranny, and that denying Robert Kennedy Jr. Secret Service protection for so long was crass, unsporting and reckless, then bring it on.

As the spin cycle of the election cycle unfolds, let’s delete as much spite from the conversation as possible. That requires dispelling some of the enmity that is the mother’s milk of politicization.

Every sector of American life, it seems, has been infected by the flesh-eating bacteria that spreads to the red meat of our moral com-

pass. It is particularly stubborn regarding the right and pursuit of economic justice.

Billionaires endorse a “flat tax of 15 percent” for everyone. That would be an equitable tonic for class envy, they say, keeping a straight face as they insult our intelligence. Fifteen percent for a wage slave, which is the preponderant population, is a huge shark-bite out of the hide of their quality of life and standard of living. For a fat cat, it’s an eyelash in the cosmos.

But the art of the raw deal, ir-

respective of the IRS code, will remain the only game in town as the players are tickled by oratory about “passing the torch.” The torch gets dropped and the American Dream gets torched.

Everyone professes to favor the leveling of the playing field for all workers, but that has come to mean the leveling of the poor second-string players, leaving them prone and prostrate to be carried off that mined field.

Yet there’s hope. But it’ll take more than an election to tweak the dream.

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LOCAL: 3005 members say they are shut out

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chairing its membership, social or safety and health committees.

Meghan, a shop steward in Local 3005, said that the fight over the membership committee is emblematic of the union’s top-down structure and leadership’s “antagonistic” posture towards militant, engaged members. “Leadership makes all the decisions and those trickle down to us,” she said, requesting her last name not be used due to privacy concerns.

Meghan argued that the structure has resulted in members who were once engaged over issues like telework or DC 37’s contract campaign no longer showing up to meetings because their concerns and questions will not get addressed or answered.

Oshins did not respond to requests for comment.

Special meeting called

Local 3005, chartered in 2018, has 1,100 members, all of whom work at DOHMH and the Office of Chief Medical Examiner. The members used to be part of Local 375, another white-collar local whose members have been frustrated with leader-

ship, but Local 3005 broke away from the larger union when it was placed under administratorship in the mid-2010s.

Frustrated with the inability to bring motions and concerned with growing disillusionment because of leadership’s failure to engage the rank and file, Klein and dozens of other members initiated a new method of engagement in June to “turn up the heat.” Members discovered that month that the local’s constitution allowed for a special meeting to be called if 50 members signed a petition.

Last month, Klein and 62 of her coworkers signed a petition demanding a meeting on divestment by July 31.

“After months of our efforts being blocked through persistent — and what we feel is unconstitutional — interruption of motions, ending meetings early to avoid discussion, and empty promises to follow up outside of meetings, we felt like this was our only option left to be able to exercise our rights as rank and file members to motion for a democratic discussion and vote on this topic,” the members wrote in an email to Oshins accompanying the petition.

Oshins, in an emailed reply, told

the members that he received the petition and would respond accordingly. But no meeting has been scheduled, and the members say that they plan to pursue charges through the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. DC 37’s parent union, if Oshins refuses to hold a meeting.

“Fundamentally, what I want is a union that is communicative, open to democratic discussion, transparent and helpful,” said Klein. “[Oshins] appears to not have the where-withal to have a democratic debate, to be able to handle that.”

The former Local 3005 member says the problem of top-down leadership is an issue across DC 37.

“People who are in leadership across DC 37 locals really don’t know how to react to productively engaged rank and file,” he said. “It’s automatically perceived as a threat. It threatens the status quo and the hierarchy just to have members who are not elected to leadership write a petition.”

“Instead of being excited about the prospects of dozens of people, who otherwise would just never participate in the union, being excited about the union and seeing it as a vehicle for political change, they see it as a threat,” he added.

WORK RULES by Barbara Smaller



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Slowing down: City transit workers take relaxation classes to cope with job stress

BY CATHY BUSSEWITZ
Associated Press

In a dimly lit room strung with fairy lights and ivy, transit workers file in and lie on inflated cots. Soothing piano notes play as a teacher rubs their ankles and toes, helping each with heated blankets and eye masks.

“Breathe in,” she says. “Think of a balloon, filling up with fresh energy. Your spine dropping into softness.”

The teacher, Lalita Dunbar, sprays a mist scented with lavender and lemon as she slips around the room.

“At the sound of the chime,” she says, “take a deep breath in.”

The relaxation class, held at the Brooklyn headquarters of Transit Workers Union Local 100 for New York City transit employees, has emerged as one of the ways in which transportation workers around the country are trying to manage their fear and anxiety over a rise in violent crime on subways and buses. Concern has grown after a series of especially brutal attacks in recent months against bus drivers, subway operators and station agents.

Reports of crime against transit workers have been rising since the pandemic erupted in 2020, when millions of Americans suddenly avoided subways and buses for fear of contracting Covid. Their exodus left transit workers more isolated and vulnerable to attacks.

Yet even with many travelers having returned to subways and buses, the rate of violent assaults on transit systems has remained elevated. The level of crime is all the more striking because it coincides with a steady decline over the past three years in overall violent crime in the United States.

Nationally, the rate of reported major assaults against transit workers reached a 15-year high in 2023, up 47 percent from 2020, according to an Associated Press analysis of Federal Transit Administration data. And between 2011 and 2023, the rate of assaults more than quadrupled.

By contrast, reports of overall violent crime in the United States have dropped every year since 2020, FBI data shows.

“We’re in the line of fire every day,” said Blanca Acosta De Avalos, a bus driver in Omaha, Nebraska, who was severely beaten three years ago by a man who had chased some women onto the bus. “We don’t have no protection.”

Yoga, meditation at Local 100

With transit workers trying to manage their stress over the threat



Frank Franklin II/AP Photo

New York City transit workers took part in a guided relaxation class at the Brooklyn headquarters of Transit Workers Union Local 100. The class has emerged as one of several ways in which transportation workers around the country are trying to manage their fear and anxiety over a rise in violent crime on subways and buses.

of violence, some unions and transit agencies are seeking ways to both reduce violence and ease anxieties.

In New York, Local 100 this year began offering not only free relaxation sessions but also yoga and meditation classes. The classes were begun after a subway operator who had been looking out the window of a train at a Brooklyn station had his throat slashed in February. The victim was treated at a hospital, where he received 34 stitches and was released.

“Being a bus operator, you’re pretty much worried about everything at every moment of every day ... so you don’t really get a chance to relax,” said Grace Walker, a city bus driver. “You’re driving a pretty big machine, and you have a lot of customers’ lives at risk.”

Walker, who attended the relaxation class, said it helped her decompress.

Among others attending the recent relaxation class was Margana Marin, who cleans subway stations. In her job, she frequently wipes up human waste. Sometimes, while emptying trash bins, she has to dodge passengers throwing garbage.

When passengers insult Marin, she takes a deep breath and uses a tactic her mother taught her when she was a child: Count to 10. If that fails, she counts again. Or she re-

moves herself from the situation.

After the relaxation class, Marin said she felt rejuvenated.

Highly stressful vocation

Transit workers and officials largely blame lingering effects of the pandemic for the increased violence. After Covid struck, many transit agencies let riders hop on for free. Some people who were struggling to stay housed rode buses and subways for shelter. More riders overdosed on drugs. People who had previously used mass transit to commute to work stayed home.

Even now, transit ridership nationally is only at 75 percent of pre-Covid levels, according to the American Public Transportation Association.

Last month, New York City’s subway ridership hovered around 70 percent of pre-Covid levels while bus ridership was at about 57 percent.

Even in the best of circumstances, transit workers endure disproportionately high levels of anxiety and depression as well as stress-related illnesses, including heart disease and musculoskeletal disorders, according to a review of dozens of studies published in the Journal of Transport & Health. During the pandemic, worries grew about contracting the virus or suffering intimidation or assaults from passengers, according to a report by the International Transport Workers’ Federation. “Sometimes it’s not just the severity of the traumatic experience — it’s the frequency, said Alexis Merdjanoff, co-investigator in a transit worker study conducted by New York University. “The verbal abuse is much more frequent, and we’re noticing that it has a really big impact on anxiety and depression and overall mental wellbeing.”

European researchers found that bus drivers, especially urban drivers, face among the highest risks of heart disease or high blood pressure of any occupational group, said Paul Landsbergis, a specialist in occupational health at State University of New York-Downstate.

Improving worker safety

Stockholm, Copenhagen and other European cities have progressed further than American

cities, Landsbergis said, in improving conditions for transit workers. Some changes that helped ease stress were increasing staffing and giving workers more flexibility in work hours and vacation scheduling.

This spring, the Federal Transit Administration changed how transit agencies address safety. It imposed stricter requirements on the safety plans that transit agencies must submit to receive federal funding. The agencies must now include an equal number of frontline transit workers and management representatives on the committees that draft safety plans. And they must establish programs to try to reduce assaults by, for example, installing strong bus barriers or posting signs warning of penalties for assault.

“Nobody should have to go to work worrying if they’re going to come home at the end of the day,” said John Costa, president of the Amalgamated Transit Union, which represents about 200,000 transit workers in the U.S. and Canada.

In Europe, some buses include a cockpit that completely encloses the driver. So far, that’s uncommon in the U.S.

New York’s transit authority is testing barriers that stretch from the floor to the roof of the bus. On subways, it’s considering adding cameras inside operator cars.

Governor Kathy Hochul in March deployed 1,000 officers, including state police and National Guard, to help check bags in heavily trafficked parts of the subway. Hochul also said the city would install cameras focused on conductor cabins to help hunt down assailants.

In the meantime, in addition to the relaxation and yoga classes, the New York union offers CPR and “stop the bleed” classes.

“It actually helps the mind relax and go into a sort of Zen where your mind’s free of everything,” said Local 100’s president, Richard Davis. “It would help you be able to think clearer and give you the objective of how to resolve situations, how to be able to interact with another person.”

AP Staffers Christopher L. Keller in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Patrick Orsagos in Columbus, Ohio, contributed to this report.

EXAMINER: Staff shortage

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\$238,942.

Comparatively, at Philadelphia’s Medical Examiner’s Office of the Department of Public Health, forensic pathologists earn between \$218,000 and \$280,000, according to a job posting on the National Association of Medical Examiners’ website. An assistant chief medical examiner opening at the Virginia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner notes a maximum salary of \$290,000, while an open deputy chief medical examiner position at the West Virginia Department of Health posts a \$306,000 salary.

The low pay has resulted in the loss of OCME’s most-experienced city medical examiners, the union said.

“Five years ago, 70% of the ME’s had ten or more years of experience; currently only 20% have that same level of experience,” the letter stated.

The staffing shortages were particularly bad at the OCME’s Brooklyn Forensic Pathology and Family Services Center, the union noted.

“The Brooklyn borough office is in danger of halting operations due to the staffing crisis,” the letter states. “Even if the Brooklyn office can remain open for the time being, without a commitment to immediate and ongoing funding we will have to reduce the number of autopsies by approximately 2,000 cases per year.”

OCME stated that the staffing issues were not agency-wide, adding that other departments such as the DNA laboratory and toxicology lab weren’t affected. The office also noted that operations at the Brooklyn and Queens offices will remain open “regardless of any reorganization to autopsy services that may become necessary to accommodate medical examiner staffing levels.”

“Medical examiners’ offices across the country face a critical shortage of highly trained forensic pathologists while coping with increased case-loads since the pandemic, driven in part by the fentanyl-fueled overdose crisis,” a spokesperson for OCME said. “Combined with ongoing recruitment efforts, OCME remains flexible to adapt to these challenges while upholding quality and accuracy in the forensic science services we provide to families and communities during times of profound need.”

On top of the staffing shortages, the medical examiners are facing a growing number of opioid-related deaths. The preliminary mayor’s management report found that ME’s caseloads have grown due to suspected overdose deaths, which has also contributed to an increase in the average number of days it takes OCME to complete autopsy reports.

The MMR found that the median time it took for OCME to complete autopsy reports during the first four months of Fiscal Year 2024 was 133 days, which was 21 percent higher than it was during the same period in FY 2023.

The letter noted that delays investigating deaths could also negatively affect operations at the NYPD and district attorneys’ offices, in addition to impacting funeral homes and the families of the deceased. The forensic pathologists also worried that six additional MEs could leave the department “in the immediate future” and that the shortages have harmed OCME’s forensic pathology fellowship training program, which is the largest in the country.

The Doctors Council slammed the Office of Labor Relations for reportedly “refusing to renew” the contract that was negotiated in 2018, which provided funding specifically aimed at averting a looming staffing crisis.

“It is evident that OLR does not care if this office fails and has not considered the impact of that failure on the NYPD. We are relying on you, Mayor Adams, to save us and the residents of New York City,” the letter concluded.



Frank Franklin II/AP Photo

An NYPD officer looked down a subway platform at Grand Central Terminal in May 2021. Reports of crime against transit workers and passengers have been rising since the pandemic erupted in 2020, when millions of Americans suddenly avoided subways and buses. Their exodus left transit workers more isolated and vulnerable to attacks.

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<p>Notice of Formation of Marc Straus Gallery LLC. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 7/12/24. Office location: New York County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 187 Wolf Rd Ste 101, Albany, NY 12205. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is Business Filings Incorporated, 187 Wolf Rd Ste 101, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful activity.</p> <p>072524-4 8/2/24-9/6/24</p>	<p>Notice of Qualification of MIP IV AEHold GP, LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 7/9/24. Office location: New York County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/3/24. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 660 5th Ave., NY, NY 10103. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St, Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Formation filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St, Ste 3, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.</p> <p>072524-5 8/2/24-9/6/24</p>	<p>File No.: 2022-1888/A CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT To: EAC Suffolk Community Guardianship Program, William Dawson, Linda Ildige, NYC Human</p>		<p>64UNI LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/20/22. Office: New York 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, 285 Lafayette Street, #4E, New York, NY 10012. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.</p> <p>072224-2 8/2/24-9/6/24</p>	<p>Notice is hereby given that a Restaurant Wine License, NYS Application ID NA-0240-24-126851 has been applied for by Hakim Hospitality LLC to sell beer, wine and cider at retail in a restaurant. For on premises consumption under the ABC law located at 817 Broadway New York NY 10003.</p> <p>072424-2 8/2/24-8/9/24</p>
<p>Notice of Qualification of LPUSA, LLC. The fictitious name is LPUSA OF GEORGIA, LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 5/24/24. Office location: New York County. LLC formed in Georgia (GA)</p>				<p>NOTICE OF FORMATION OF HEART ALIVE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT & TRAINING. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/29/2024. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against</p>	<p>NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Merlin Tax Solutions LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/2/2024. 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 209 East 7th St., #4W, New York, NY 10009. The principal business address of the LLC is 209 East 7th St., #4W, New York, NY 10009. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.</p> <p>072924-1 8/2/24-9/6/24</p>

Widespread union support for school cellphone ban

BY CRYSTAL LEWIS
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Unions representing teachers, school safety agents and other school staff are weighing in on a plan to ban cellphones in schools, with most appearing in favor.

In a New York Times op-ed published in June, U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy wrote that social media platforms are so harmful, Congress should require them to have warning labels.

That same month, the Los Angeles Unified School District, which is the second-largest school district after New York City's, approved a cellphone ban, which will go into effect in January.

Although city students will still be allowed to bring their phones to school, Banks is discussing with principals how to implement a system-wide process prohibiting cellphones in the classroom.

"We want you to be able to bring your phone to school because the minute that school is over you need

to be in communication with your family, so you'll be able to do that. But we're going to look to have a system where you can't use it during the school day," he told NY1.

Current policy leaves it up to individual schools to regulate cellphone use.

Former Mayor Michael Bloomberg instituted a cellphone ban in schools, but Mayor Bill de Blasio lifted it in 2015, leaving it up to principals.

What remains to be determined is who will be collecting phones from students and how they will be stored. School leaders told news outlet Chalkbeat that the ban could possibly take effect starting in February, but some principals have expressed concerns about rolling out a new policy mid-year.

A DOE spokesperson said that the department plans to provide more details soon.

The United Federation of Teachers is surveying educators to ask which policies work at schools that currently do have cellphone bans.

"If you talk to any individual teachers, they will say get rid of cell phones in the classroom," the UFT's president, Michael Mulgrew, said. "We need to workshop the issue this summer to get a broader take from our membership, about what works and doesn't from schools that already collect cell phones."

In addition to the distraction to learning that phones can cause, Banks noted that phones have contributed to safety issues, such as fights between students that stem from arguments over texting and messaging platforms.

The head of Teamsters Local 237, who represents nearly 4,000 school safety agents, expressed support for a ban.

"Mayor Mike Bloomberg banned cell phones in schools. It worked," the union's president, Gregory Floyd, said in a statement. "[Mayor Bill de Blasio] allowed cell phones in schools and cut school safety agents. No cell phones and more school safety agents will help make our schools more secure."



John Brown/NYC Public Schools

Schools Chancellor David Banks, pictured at Samara Community School in the Bronx in June, announced at the conclusion of the last school year that the city's Department of Education was working on a policy that would bar students from using cellphones in classrooms.

After a period of lax enforcement, illegal weed shops are being shut down by the hundreds

BY CEDAR ATTANASIO and JENNIFER PELTZ
Associated Press

Thousands of marijuana shops boldly opened without a license in New York City after the state legalized recreational use of the drug, but after more than a year of lax enforcement, new state rules are finally allowing officials to padlock their doors.

New York City's sheriff's office says it has shuttered around 700 illegal stores since new state regulations passed in April. The unsanctioned shops had become ubiquitous across the Big Apple, when the city's power to step in had been limited and the legal market was mired in red tape.

Officials had estimated there were some 2,900 unlicensed vendors throughout New York City — compared to around 60 licensed dispensaries currently operating. But cannabis industry licensees say the

sheriff is starting to bring order.

Enforcement used to be "kind of a joke, and now it's not," said Sasha Nutgent, retail director of Manhattan's Housing Works Cannabis Co., which rang up the state's first legal marijuana sale in December 2022.

When New York first legalized marijuana in 2021, the regulations initially didn't give local law enforcement agencies much power to punish unlicensed sellers, assigning that to the nascent state Office of Cannabis Management. Officials stressed that they didn't want to "recriminalize" the drug as they tried to make up for decades of prosecutions.

Meanwhile, strict eligibility requirements on who could receive a license to open a dispensary, bureaucratic delay and lawsuits slowed the launch of legal stores. Governor Kathy Hochul declared the rollout a "disaster." New York still has only 150 dispensaries statewide. By comparison, California has around 1,200, though the state has also struggled to shut down illegal shops.

City and state officials have promised tough enforcement in the past. Last year, lawmakers expanded the state's powers for inspections, seizures and fines, which it then used to close some stores, while Manhattan's district attorney sent hundreds of sternly-worded letters to landlords. But most of the stores persisted, ignoring the threat



Michael Appleton/Mayoral Photography Office

The NYPD and New York City Sheriff's Office during a late night bust of a large illegal cannabis operation in the Bronx on July 17. The estimated 2,000 illegal shops in New York City still dwarf the 150 opened statewide. But licensed sellers in the city say they're already seeing big increases in sales as illegal shops close down around them.

The powers, passed in the state budget, gave local authorities the ability to padlock stores while administrative hearings play out. Because the sheriff's office can inspect businesses without a court order, it's able to quickly raid retail stores and seize products. A lawsuit was filed in federal court arguing the practice denies stores due process, but has not won any favorable ruling that would stop it. The law firm representing some two dozen shuttered stores in the lawsuit declined to comment.

The sheriff's office says it has also issued violations amounting to more than \$57 million since April, though it's unclear how much of that sum has been collected.

The sheriff's office declined to comment, referring questions to City Hall, which said 15 teams of deputies and NYPD officers are being sent out daily.

"If you are operating an illegal cannabis business, our administration is sending a clear message: You will be shut down," the office of Mayor Eric Adams said in a statement.

City Council Member Gale Brewer, who strove for two years to shutter an unlicensed weed shop across the street from her office on Manhattan's Upper West Side, says the latest effort is finally helping to nip the problem in the, well, bud.

"There's no question about it," she said.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LAG Consultants LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/21/2024. 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 65 Vineland Ave., Staten Island, New York 10312. The principal business address of the LLC is 65 Vineland Ave., Staten Island, New York 10312. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 7/26/24-8/30/24

File No. 2020-881. CITATION. SURROGATE’S COURT. QUEENS COUNTY. THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. By the Grace of God Free and Independent, TO: Eva Maria Dixon, Mingo Dixon, Jr., LaVina Dixon, Derrick Dixon, Hysalene Dixon, Public Administrator Queens County. The heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of Mingo Dixon, a/k/a Mingo Dixon, Sr. 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. A petition having been duly filed by Clarethia Robinson who is/are domiciled at 122-19 111th Avenue, S. Ozone Park, NY 11420. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate’s Court, Queens County, at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Flushing New York, on August 22, 2024, at 9:30 o’clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Mingo Dixon, a/k/a/ Mingo Dixon, Sr. lately domiciled at 122-19 111th Avenue, S. Ozone Park, NY 11420 in the County of Queens, New York, granting Letters of Administration upon the estate of the decedent to Eva Marie Dixon, his wife, Mingo Dixon, Jr., his son, LaVina Dixon, his daughter, Derrick Dixon, his son, Hysalene Dixon, his daughter, and, or eligible distribute or the Queens County Public Administrator and if they are allowed to renounce then the Petitioner’s nominee, Simon Bardlebanian, Esq., upon duly qualifying. That the letters shall be limited to the acceptance of process and contact of the automobile liability insurance carrier for the

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decedent with regard to the accident that occurred on February 28, 2013, in which an action is pending In Queens County Court under Index No. 300134117 and together with such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper. Dated, Attested and Sealed, July 16, 2024 (Seal). HON. PETER J KELLY, Surrogate. Janet Edwards Tucker, Chief Clerk. Print Name of Attorney: Jack Grossman, Esq. firm: Malillo & Grossman, Esqs. Telephone: (718) 461-6633. Address: 163-09 Northern Blvd., Flushing, New York 11358. 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. 7/26/24-8/16/24

FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - CITY OF NEW YORK: COUNTY OF QUEENS. Docket No.: B-07475/23. SUMMONS. In the Matter of Commitment of Guardianship and Custody of ISABEL CARI MILETTE, a/k/a ISABEL MILANO, A Child under the Age of Eighteen Years. In the Name of the People of the State of New York TO: NARIEQ MILETTE, WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN. A Petition having been duly filed in this Court pursuant to Article 6 of the Family Court Act of the State of New York, asking that the above-named child, who in the care of THE NEW YORK FOUNDLING be committed to the guardianship and custody of THE NEW YORK FOUNDLING; a copy of said Petition being annexed hereto; You are hereby summonsed to appear In Person in this Court. Queens County Family Court, 151-20 Jamaica Avenue, Jamaica NY 11432 before the Hon. Margaret Morgan, Part 11, on October 9, 2024 at 2:00 PM to Show Cause why the Court should not enter an Order committing the guardianship and custody of said child to the petitioning agency as required by law To appear by video the link is as follows: https://notify.nycourts.gov/meet/Okwsg7 To appear by phone: 1-347-378-4143 code 122236393# PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that if the guardianship and custody of said child are committed to the petitioning agency, THE NEW YORK FOUNDLING, said child may be adopted with consent of the petitioning agency without your consent or further notice to you. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that you have the right to be represented by a lawyer, and, if the Court finds that you are unable to pay for a lawyer, you have the right to have a lawyer assigned by the Court. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that upon failure of the person summoned to appear, all of his or her parental rights to the child

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may be terminated, and PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that his or her failure to appear shall constitute a denial of his or her interest in the child which denial may result, without further notice, in the transfer or commitment of the child’s care, custody or guardianship or in the child’s adoption in this or any subsequent proceeding in which such care, custody or guardianship or adoption be at issue. Dated: Queens, New York, July 25, 2024. By Order of the Court, Hon. Margaret Morgan. 072524-15 8/2/24

FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - CITY OF NEW YORK: COUNTY OF QUEENS. Docket No.: B-21404/23. SUMMONS. In the Matter of Commitment of Guardianship and Custody of MULANI ALFORD HILL, a/k/a MULANI HILL, A Child under the Age of Eighteen Years In the Name of the People of the State of New York, TO: STEFAN HILL, WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN. A verified petition having been filed in this Court pursuant to Section 384-b of the Social Services Law, asking that the above-named child, who in the care of THE NEW YORK FOUNDLING be committed to the guardianship and custody of THE NEW YORK FOUNDLING; a copy of said Petition being annexed hereto; You are hereby summonsed to appear In Person in this Court. Queens County Family Court, 151-20 Jamaica Avenue, Jamaica NY 11432 before the Hon. Margaret Morgan, Part 11, on October 9, 2024 at 2:00 PM to Show Cause why the Court should not enter an Order committing the guardianship and custody of said child to the petitioning agency as required by law. To appear by video the link is as follows: https://notify.nycourts.gov/meet/Okwsg7 To appear by phone: 1-347-378-4143 code 122236393# PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that if the guardianship and custody of said child are committed to the petitioning agency, THE NEW YORK FOUNDLING, said child may be adopted with consent of the petitioning agency without your consent or further notice to you. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that you have the right to be represented by a lawyer, and, if the Court finds that you are unable to pay for a lawyer, you have the right to have a lawyer assigned by the Court. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that upon failure of the person summoned to appear, all of his or her parental rights to the child may be terminated, and PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that his or her failure to appear shall constitute a denial of his or her interest in the child which denial may result, without further notice, in the transfer or commitment of the child’s care, custody or guardianship

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or in the child’s adoption in this or any subsequent proceeding in which such care, custody or guardianship or adoption be at issue. Dated: Queens, New York, July 25, 2024. By Order of the Court, Hon. Margaret Morgan. 072524-14 8/2/24

FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - CITY OF NEW YORK: COUNTY OF QUEENS. Docket No.: B-07476/23. SUMMONS. In the Matter of Commitment of Guardianship and Custody of LAILANI MARIE HILL, a/k/a LAILANI HILL, A Child under the Age of Eighteen Years. In the Name of the People of the State of New York TO: STEFAN HILL, WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN. A Petition having been duly filed in this Court pursuant to Article 6 of the Family Court Act of the State of New York, asking that the above-named child, who in the care of THE NEW YORK FOUNDLING be committed to the guardianship and custody of THE NEW YORK FOUNDLING; a copy of said Petition being annexed hereto; You are hereby summonsed to appear In Person in this Court. Queens County Family Court, 151-20 Jamaica Avenue, Jamaica NY 11432 before the Hon. Margaret Morgan, Part 11, on October 9, 2024 at 2:00 PM to Show Cause why the Court should not enter an Order committing the guardianship and custody of said child to the petitioning agency as required by law. To appear by video the link is as follows: https://notify.nycourts.gov/meet/Okwsg7 To appear by phone: 1-347-378-4143 code 122236393# PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that if the guardianship and custody of said child are committed to the petitioning agency, THE NEW YORK FOUNDLING, said child may be adopted with consent of the petitioning agency without your consent or further notice to you. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that you have the right to be represented by a lawyer, and, if the Court finds that you are unable to pay for a lawyer, you have the right to have a lawyer assigned by the Court. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that upon failure of the person summoned to appear, all of his or her parental rights to the child may be terminated, and PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that his or her failure to appear shall constitute a denial of his or her interest in the child which denial may result, without further notice, in the transfer or commitment of the child’s care, custody or guardianship or in the child’s adoption in this or any subsequent proceeding in which such care, custody or guardianship or adoption be at issue. Dated: Queens, New York, July 25, 2024. By Order of the Court, Hon. Margaret Morgan. 072524-13 8/2/24

FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF KINGS. SUMMONS. Docket Number: B-23047/23. In the Matter of the Application of CHILDREN’S AID, For the Guardianship and Custody of JAKAYLI WINTER CHASE, A Dependent Child Under the Age of 18 Years, Pursuant to the Provisions of Section 384-b of the Social Services Law of the State of New York. TO: KYLE DAMIAN CHASE, WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN. A verified petition having been filed in this Court pursuant to Section 384-b of the Social Services Law, alleging that the above-named child in the care of CHILDREN’S AID, in which, petitioner prays that the court make a finding that KYLE DAMIAN CHASE’s, consent to the adoption of this child is not required pursuant to Section 111 of the Domestic Relations Law of the State of New York or, in the alternative, that an order be made adjudicating the above named child an abandoned child as to KYLE DAMIAN CHASE and an order be made adjudicating the above-named child a permanently neglected child as to the mother, and that they be deprived permanently of the custody and guardianship of said child and that custody and guardianship of said child be awarded jointly to CHILDREN’S AID, and the Commissioner of the Administration for Children’s Services of the City of New York, pursuant to the provisions of Section 384-b of the Social Services Law, a copy of said petition being annexed hereto; YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear before this Court on SEPTEMBER 11, 2024, at 330 Jay Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201 in Part 20 at 2:30 P.M., in the afternoon of said day to show cause why the Court should not enter an order depriving you of any and all the rights to the guardianship and custody of said child and awarding guardianship and custody of said child to the petitioning authorized agency as provided by law. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that if guardianship and custody of the child are committed to the Petitioner, CHILDREN’S AID, the child may be adopted with the consent of the authorized agency, without your consent and without further notice to you. In the event of your failure to appear, the Court will hear and determine the petition as provided by law. Your failure to appear shall constitute a denial of an interest in the said child which denial may result in the transfer or commitment of the child’s custody and guardianship, and/or the adoption of said child, all without further notice to you regarding said child. Your failure to appear on the above date shall constitute a denial of your interest in this child and in opposing this petition which may result, without further notice to you, in the court proceeding in your absence, granting the petition, terminating your parental rights and the transfer or commitment of the child’s care, custody or guardianship to the Custodian or the Commissioner of the Administration for Children’s Services or in the child’s adoption in this or any subsequent proceeding

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in which such care, custody or guardianship or adoption of the above-named child may be at issue. Dated: Brooklyn, New York, July 15, 2024. BY ORDER OF THE COURT (Hon. Erik Pitchal, J.F.C.). 072524-8 8/2/24

FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF KINGS. SUMMONS. File: 169043, Docket Nos. B-9750-24 B-9754-24. In the Matters of KOREE TERREL PEREZ and AURORA BRIELLA HUGEE, Dependent children, under the age of 18 years, to the custody of SCO Family of Services, alleged to be permanently neglected and abandoned children and the children of a mentally ill parent, pursuant to Section 384-b of the Social Services Law. In the Name of the People of the State of New York TO: SHANEL LENA DENISE HUGEE A/K/A SHANEL L. HOLDEN. Verified Petitions having been filed in the Court alleging that the above-named children in the care of SCO Family of Services, the petitioner, are permanently neglected and abandoned children and the children of a mentally ill parent, as defined by Article 6, Part 1 of the Family Court Act and Section 384-b of the Social Services Law; YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear before the Family Court at 330 Jay Street, Brooklyn, New York, Part 6, on the 6th day of September, 2024, before the Hon. Jacqueline Williams, at 10:00 in the forenoon of said day, to show cause why the Court should not enter an Order depriving you of all the rights of custody of KOREE TERREL PEREZ and AURORA BRIELLA HUGEE, awarding the custody of said children to the petitioning authorized agency as permanently neglected and abandoned children and the children of a mentally ill parent, as provided by law. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that if said children are adjudged to be permanently neglected and abandoned children and the children of a mentally ill parent, and if custody is awarded to said authorized agency, said children may be adopted with the consent of said agency and without further notice to you and without your consent. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that your failure to appear will result in the termination of all your parental rights to the children. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that your failure to appear shall constitute a denial of interest in the children, which denial may result in the transfer or commitment of the child’s care, custody, guardianship or adoption of the children, all without further notice to the parents of the children. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that you are entitled to be represented by an attorney and, if you cannot afford to retain an attorney, one will be appointed to represent you by the Court free of charge to you. Dated: May 10, 2024, By Order of the Court, Ryan L. Darshan, Clerk, Family Court, Kings County. 072624-1 8/2/24

FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - CITY OF NEW YORK: COUNTY OF NEW YORK. Docket No. B-08243/43. SUMMONS. In the Matter of Commitment of Guardianship and Custody of ALIANA JA’NAE THOMAS, also known as ALIANA THOMAS, A Child under the Age of Eighteen Years. In the Name of the People of the State of New York TO: CURTIS EDWARD THOMAS a/k/a CURTIS THOMAS, WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN. A Petition having been duly filed in this Court, alleging that the above-named child in the care of THE NEW YORK FOUNDLING, should be committed to the guardianship and custody of THE NEW YORK FOUNDLING; a copy of said Petition being annexed hereto; You are notified to appear IN PERSON at New York County Family Court located at 60 Lafayette Street, New York, New York 10013 in Part 1 before the Honorable Karen I. Lupuloff on September 19, 2024, at 10:30 am of said date to Show Cause why the Court should not enter an Order committing the guardianship and custody of said child to the petitioning agency as required by law. By virtual link: https://notify.nycourts.gov/meet/0v43dk By telephone: 1-347-378-4143 Dial in code: 844910022#44 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that if the guardianship and custody of said child are committed to the petitioning agency, THE NEW YORK FOUNDLING, said child may be adopted with consent of the petitioning agency without your consent or further notice to you. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that you have the right to be represented by a lawyer, and, if the Court finds that you are unable to pay for a lawyer, you have the right to have a lawyer assigned by the Court. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that upon failure of the person summoned to appear, all of his or her parental rights to the child may be terminated, and PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that his or her failure to appear shall constitute a denial of his or her interest in the child which denial may result, without further notice, in the transfer or commitment of the child’s care, custody or guardianship or in the child’s adoption in this or any subsequent proceeding in which such care, custody or guardianship or adoption be at issue. Dated: Queens, New York, July 23, 2024. By Order of the Court, Honorable Karen I. Lupuloff. 072524-1 8/2/24

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Consulting By BGA LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/23/2024. 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 6415 223rd

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Pl. Oakland Gardens, NY 11364. The principal business address of the LLC is 228 Park Ave. S. #321025, New York, NY 10003. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 072524-16 8/2/24-9/6/24

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI, AT INDEPENDENCE. Case No. 2416-CV14136, Division: 17. SAGE DOOR OFFICES, LLC, a Missouri limited liability company, Plaintiff, vs. ROBERT FERREIRA, et al. Defendants. NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION. TO: ROBERT FERREIRA. You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court of Jackson County, State of Missouri, at Independence, the object and nature of which is a declaratory judgment and quiet title action related to real property located in Jackson County, Missouri, legally described as: Building 7, Suite B, COPPER OAKS, a subdivision in Blue Springs, Jackson County, Missouri, according to the recorded plat thereof, together with an undivided interest in the common elements as established by Declaration filed December 24, 1986 as Document No. 1-739938 in Book I-2913 at page 640, as amended October 22, 1996 by Document No. 1-0066253 in Book I-2913 at page 690 and as amended December 10, 1996 by Document No. 1-0076901 in Book I-2935 at page 552 and Document No. 200010068915, as amended. The names and all parties to the action are stated above in the caption and the names and addresses of the attorneys for Plaintiff are Stephanie L. Hammann, Hunter Law Group, P.A., 1900 W. 75th Street, Suite 120, Prairie Village, Kansas 66208. You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the petition within forty-five (45) days after the 2nd day of August, 2024, judgment by default will be rendered against you. Witness my hand and seal of the Circuit Court this 23 day of July, 2024. 07/23/24. By: Tammy Jonas, DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR. 070324-2 8/2/24-8/23/24

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Notice of Formation of Wall Street Grow NYC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 7/19/24. Office location: NY County, Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: 362 5th Ave., NY, NY 10001, principal business address. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 072524-9 8/2/24-9/6/24

Notice of Qualification of Richard Serra Studio LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State: 7/11/24. Office location: NY County. Princ. bus. addr.: 175 Duane St., NY, NY 10013. LLC formed in DE: 7/3/24. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Cogency Global Inc. (CGI), 122 E. 42nd St., 18th Fl., NY, NY 10168. DE addr. of LLC: c/o CGI, 850 New Burton Rd., Ste. 201, Dover, DE 19904. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Sec. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. 072524-11 8/2/24-9/6/24

Notice of Qualification of Upstate Chesapeake LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State: 11/1/23. Office location: NY County. Princ. bus. addr.: 175 Duane St., NY, NY 10013. LLC formed in DE: 10/31/23. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Cogency Global Inc. (CGI), 122 E. 42nd St., 18th Fl., NY, NY 10168. DE addr. of LLC: c/o CGI, 850 New Burton Rd., Ste. 201, Dover, DE 19904. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Sec. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. 072524-10 8/2/24-9/6/24

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Some scores are prefixed by the letters v, d, p, s and r. The letter “v” designates a credit given to an honorably discharged veteran who has served during time of war. The letter “d” designates a credit given to an honorably discharged veteran who was disabled in combat. The letter “p” designates a “legacy credit” for a candidate whose parent died while engaged in the discharge of duties as a NYC Police Officer or Firefighter. The letter “s” designates a “legacy credit” for being the sibling of a Police Officer or Firefighter who was killed in the World Trade Center attack on Sept. 11, 2001. Finally, the letter “r” designates a resident of New York City.

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<p>FEVR LLC Arts of Org filed with SSNY 04/16/2024. Office: NY Co. SSNY designated agent for process and shall mail copy to LLC at 7014 13th Ave, #202, Bklyn, NY, 11228. Purpose: any lawful act.</p> <p>062024-8 6/28/24-8/2/24</p>	<p>(SSNY) on 6/11/24. Office location: New York County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 3/4/20. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St, Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Formation filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St, Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.</p> <p>061724-4 6/28/23-8/2/23</p>
<p>NOTICE OF FORMATION OF The Missouri Rowe Collective. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/7/2024. 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 228 Park Ave. S, PMB 321009, New York, NY 10003. The principal business address of the LLC is 228 Park Ave. S, PMB 321009, New York, NY 10003. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.</p> <p>061724-2 6/28/23-8/2/23</p>	<p>Notice of Qualification of United Utility Services, LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 6/3/24. Office location: New York County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/19/17. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St, Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Formation filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St, Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is C T Corporation System, 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. Purpose: any lawful activity.</p> <p>061724-5 6/28/23-8/2/23</p>
<p>NOTICE OF FORMATION OF J/A Doc Productions LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/26/2024. 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 1185 Park Avenue, Apt 4K, New York, NY 10128. The principal business address of the LLC is 1185 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10128. Purpose: Media Production.</p> <p>061724-1 6/28/24-8/2/24</p>	<p>Notice of Qualification of USRC KINGSTON HOLDCO, LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 6/11/24. Office location: New York County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/29/20. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St, Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Formation filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St, Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.</p> <p>061724-6 6/28/23-8/2/23</p>
<p>Notice of Formation of Carmen Villegas Partners LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 6/11/24. 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 The LLC, 334 E 110th St, NY, NY 10029. Purpose: any lawful activity.</p> <p>062024-5 6/28/24-8/2/24</p>	<p>Notice of Formation of My Little Jacket, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 6/11/24. 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, 211 W. 106th St, #6A, NY, NY 10025. Purpose: any lawful</p>
<p>PROBATE CITATION. File No. 2018-2950. SURROGATE'S COURT - NEW YORK COUNTY. CORRECTED CITATION. THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, TO the heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of Norma Lewin, 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. An amended petition having been duly filed by Geraldine Mazur, who is domiciled at 12603 VINCENZA WAY, BOYNTON BEACH FL 33473-7119. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, NEW YORK County, at 31 Chambers Street, New York, on September 9th, 2024, at 9:30 o'clock in the FORE noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of NORMA LEWIN lately domiciled at 11 East 87th Street, Apt. 3E, New York, New York 10128, United States admitting to probate a Will dated December 12, 2012, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of NORMA LEWIN deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to: GERALDINE MAZUR. *To all Parties: No in person appearances shall be made at the return date. If you wish to object to this matter, you may do so in writing in accordance with the annexed New York County Surrogate's Court Notice to the Cited Parties. Dated, Attested and Sealed July 18th, 2024. HON. /S/ Hilary Gingold, Surrogate. /S/ Diana Sanabria, Chief Clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: Sylvie L. P. Richards, Esq. Telephone Number: 212-222-4175. Address of Attorney: 710 West End Avenue, Suite 16C, New York, New York, 10025. E-mail Address of Attorney: sylvie@sylvierichardsesq.com. [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.]</p> <p>SURROGATE'S COURT OF THE COUNTY OF NEW YORK, 31 CHAMBERS STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10007, (646) 386-5800. NOTICE TO CITED PARTIES. You have been served with a citation for a matter that is scheduled to be heard at a New York County Surrogate's Court calendar. Please be advised that pursuant to Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Orders and Chief Administrative Judge Lawrence Marks' Administrative Orders now in effect in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, this court is serving the public and court users primarily through virtual or electronic appearances; inperson appearances are limited at this time. The citation that you have received contains a return date. Please do not appear in the courthouse on that date. The following choices are available to you: - If you do not object to the relief requested, you do not need to contact the court or do anything else. - If you do object to the relief sought on the citation, you or your lawyer must send a document to the court signed by you or your lawyer indicating that: 1. You object to the relief or you are requesting discovery; OR 2. You are requesting the opportunity to appear in person or by using Skype for Business or by telephone conference; OR 3. You are requesting an adjournment to consult with or retain counsel. Your written response must be received by the court three (3) business days before the return date and must include either an email address or telephone number, or both, where you or your lawyer can be reached during business hours. Your communication to the court may be sent by email to: Probate.General@nycourts.gov or by mail addressed to the Probate Department of this court at the address listed above. The attorney for the petitioner must be copied in your communication. If your written communication to the court indicates that you would like to proceed as described in choice number 1 above, your case may be referred to a court attorney-referee for a conference. The case will be adjourned to a future date, if you request the opportunity to appear in person or by electronic means or to consult or retain counsel (choices number 2 and 3). If you do not contact the court by the date on the citation, the record will reflect that you do not object to the relief requested. If an attorney plans to appear on your behalf, he or she must file a Notice of Appearance. This Notice may be filed by mail addressed to the Probate Department of this court at the address listed above or through the e-filing system (NYSCEF), at www.nycourts.gov/efile. If you have questions about responding to the citation, you may contact the Probate Department at Probate.General@nycourts.gov. Please note that court staff are prohibited from giving legal advice but they are available to answer any question about procedure. The Probate Department of the New York County Surrogate's Court.</p> <p>072524-6 8/2/24-8/23/24</p>	

<p>PROBATE CITATION. File No. 2018-4659. SURROGATE'S COURT - NEW YORK COUNTY. CITATION. THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, TO: The heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of Jytte Palumbo, a/k/a Jytte N. Palumbo, 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; and to Public Administrator of the County of New York, Attorney General of the State of New York. A petition having been duly filed by FEDERICO TETI, who is domiciled at 2109 Broadway, Apt. 1220, New York, New York 10023. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, NEW YORK County, at 31 Chambers Street, New York, on September 9th, 2024, at 9:30 o'clock in the FORE noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of JYTTE PALUMBO, a/k/a JYTTE N. PALUMBO, deceased lately domiciled at 2109 Broadway, Apt. 877, New York, New York 10023 admitting to probate a Will dated January 21, 2015, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of JYTTE PALUMBO, a/k/a JYTTE N. PALUMBO, deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to: FEDERICO TETI. *To all Parties: No in person appearances shall be made at the return date. If you wish to object to this matter, you may do so in writing in accordance with the annexed New York County Surrogate's Court Notice to the Cited Parties. Dated, Attested and Sealed July 23rd, 2024. HON. /S/ Hilary Gingold, Surrogate. /S/ Diana Sanabria, Chief Clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: David P. Callahan, Fulton Vittoria, LLP. Telephone Number: (212) 586-0700. Address of Attorney: 1 Rockefeller Plaza, Suite 301, New York, NY 10020. E-mail Address of Attorney: dcallahan@fultonvittoria.com. [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.]</p> <p>SURROGATE'S COURT OF THE COUNTY OF NEW YORK, 31 CHAMBERS STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10007, (646) 386-5800. NOTICE TO CITED PARTIES. You have been served with a citation for a matter that is scheduled to be heard at a New York County Surrogate's Court calendar. Please be advised that pursuant to Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Orders and Chief Administrative Judge Lawrence Marks' Administrative Orders now in effect in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, this court is serving the public and court users primarily through virtual or electronic appearances; inperson appearances are limited at this time. The citation that you have received contains a return date. Please do not appear in the courthouse on that date. The following choices are available to you: - If you do not object to the relief requested, you do not need to contact the court or do anything else. - If you do object to the relief sought on the citation, you or your lawyer must send a document to the court signed by you or your lawyer indicating that: 1. You object to the relief or you are requesting discovery; OR 2. You are requesting the opportunity to appear in person or by using Skype for Business or by telephone conference; OR 3. You are requesting an adjournment to consult with or retain counsel. Your written response must be received by the court three (3) business days before the return date and must include either an email address or telephone number, or both, where you or your lawyer can be reached during business hours. Your communication to the court may be sent by email to: Probate.General@nycourts.gov or by mail addressed to the Probate Department of this court at the address listed above. The attorney for the petitioner must be copied in your communication. If your written communication to the court indicates that you would like to proceed as described in choice number 1 above, your case may be referred to a court attorney-referee for a conference. The case will be adjourned to a future date, if you request the opportunity to appear in person or by electronic means or to consult or retain counsel (choices number 2 and 3). If you do not contact the court by the date on the citation, the record will reflect that you do not object to the relief requested. If an attorney plans to appear on your behalf, he or she must file a Notice of Appearance. This Notice may be filed by mail addressed to the Probate Department of this court at the address listed above or through the e-filing system (NYSCEF), at www.nycourts.gov/efile. If you have questions about responding to the citation, you may contact the Probate Department at Probate.General@nycourts.gov. Please note that court staff are prohibited from giving legal advice but they are available to answer any question about procedure. The Probate Department of the New York County Surrogate's Court.</p> <p>071524-6 7/26/24-8/16/24</p>	
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<p>Notice of Qualification of Mercury Servicing, LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 6/11/24. Office location: New York County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 3/18/24. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St, Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Formation filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St, Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.</p> <p>062524-1 7/5/24-8/9/24</p>	
<p>NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Blue Nomad Labs LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/24/2024. 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 1123 Broadway, Suite 1014, New York, NY. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.</p> <p>062524-7 7/5/24-8/9/24</p>	
<p>Notice of Qualification of MPI HOLDINGS LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 5/21/24. Office location: New York County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 5/20/20. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St, Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Formation filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St, Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is C T Corporation System, 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. Purpose: any lawful activity.</p> <p>062524-2 7/5/24-8/9/24</p>	
<p>Notice of Qualification of Ohio Medical, LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 5/23/24. Office location: New York County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/24/2015. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St, Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Formation filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St, Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is C T Corporation System, 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. Purpose: any lawful activity.</p> <p>062524-3 7/5/24-8/9/24</p>	
<p>Notice of Formation of WISHBONE STUDIO, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/22/24. Office location: New York County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: PRESIDENTAGENT, LLC, 1 Rockefeller Plaza, Suite 1204, New York, NY 10020, also the registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful activities.</p> <p>070124-9 7/5/24-8/9/24</p>	
<p>Notice of Formation of Wolf Supply Company LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/14/24. Office location: New York County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Wolf Supply Company LLC, 70 E. 96th St., Apt. 8CD, New York, NY 10128. Purpose: any lawful activities.</p> <p>070124-10 7/5/24-8/9/24</p>	
<p>Notice of Formation of Ess-A-Bagel 115 Broadway LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 6/18/24. Office location: NY County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Cogency Global Inc., 122 E. 42nd St., 18th Fl, NY, NY 10168. Purpose: all lawful purposes.</p> <p>070124-1 7/5/24-8/9/24</p>	
<p>NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIVINYOURBEAUTY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/13/2024. Office location: New York County. SSNY has been designated</p>	
<p>PROBATE CITATION. File No. 2023-3084. SURROGATE'S COURT - NEW YORK COUNTY. CITATION. THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, TO New York County Public Administrator, Patricia McLaughlin Sullivan, Joseph T. McLaughlin; William McLaughlin; Dorothy McLaughlin; Bartholomew T. Gillen, Jr.; Joann McLaughlin; and Elizabeth McLaughlin, if living and if dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if they died subsequent to the decedent herein, to their executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of Julia McLaughlin, the decedent herein, whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot, after diligent inquiry, be ascertained. An amended petition having been duly filed by ADRIANNA FUSCO, who is domiciled at 685 Murray Road, Kingston, New York 12401. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, NEW YORK County, at 31 Chambers Street, New York, on August 12th, 2024, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of JULIA McLAUGHLIN lately domiciled at 303 West 66th Street, Apartment 1DE, New York, New York 10023 admitting to probate a Will dated September 20, 2010, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of JULIA McLAUGHLIN deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to: ADRIANNA FUSCO. To all Parties: No in person appearances shall be made at the return date. If you wish to object to this matter, you may do so in writing in accordance with the annexed New York County Surrogate's Court Notice to the Cited Parties. Dated, Attested and Sealed June 27th, 2024. HON. /S/ Rita Mella, Surrogate. /S/ Diana Sanabria, Chief Clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: Julia L. Santo, Esq. Telephone Number: 212-447-8690. Address of Attorney: 2 West 45th Street, Suite 1408, New York, New York 10036. E-mail Address of Attorney: jsanto@lamson-cutner.com. [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.]</p> <p>SURROGATE'S COURT OF THE COUNTY OF NEW YORK, 31 CHAMBERS STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10007, (646) 386-5800. NOTICE TO CITED PARTIES. You have been served with a citation for a matter that is scheduled to be heard at a New York County Surrogate's Court calendar. Please be advised that pursuant to Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Orders and Chief Administrative Judge Lawrence Marks' Administrative Orders now in effect in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, this court is serving the public and court users primarily through virtual or electronic appearances; inperson appearances are limited at this time. 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Your communication to the court may be sent by email to: Probate.General@nycourts.gov or by mail addressed to the Probate Department of this court at the address listed above. The attorney for the petitioner must be copied in your communication. If your written communication to the court indicates that you would like to proceed as described in choice number 1 above, your case may be referred to a court attorney-referee for a conference. The case will be adjourned to a future date, if you request the opportunity to appear in person or by electronic means or to consult or retain counsel (choices number 2 and 3). If you do not contact the court by the date on the citation, the record will reflect that you do not object to the relief requested. If an attorney plans to appear on your behalf, he or she must file a Notice of Appearance. 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<p>LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State: 6/19/24. Office location: NY County. LLC formed in DE: 7/1/22. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: 757 3rd Ave., Ste. 24B, NY, NY 10017, principal business address. DE address of LLC: c/o SPI Agent Solutions, Inc., 300 Creek View Rd., Ste. 209, Newark, DE 19111. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Sec. of State. 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes.</p> <p>071124-9 7/19/24-8/23/24</p>	<p>New York, NY 10013. The principal business address of the LLC is 66 Leonard St., New York, NY 10013. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.</p> <p>071224-3 7/19/24-8/23/24</p>
<p>Notice of Qualification of Eastborough Partners LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State: 6/19/24. Office location: NY County. LLC formed in DE: 6/28/22. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: 757 3rd Ave., Ste. 24B, NY, NY 10017, principal business address. DE address of LLC: c/o SPI Agent Solutions, Inc., 300 Creek View Rd., Ste. 209, Newark, DE 19111. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Sec. of State. 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes.</p> <p>071124-8 7/19/24-8/23/24</p>	<p>Notice is hereby given that a ON-PREMISES LIQUOR license, application number LC-23-102879-01 has been applied for by SAN JOSE RESTAURANT CORP., to sell at retail, beer, wine and liquor, in a Restaurant establishment, under the Alcoholic Beverage Control law at 109 E. 153rd Street, Bronx, NY 10451 for on premises consumption.</p> <p>071724-3 7/26/24-8/2/24</p>
<p>NOTICE OF FORMATION OF MANAGER MEAL MEDIA LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/5/2024. 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 447 Broadway 2nd Floor, Mailbox Number #624, New York, NY 10013. The principal business address of the LLC is 447 Broadway 2nd Floor, Mailbox Number #624, New York, NY 10013. Purpose: Marketing.</p> <p>071724-1 7/26/24-8/30/24</p>	
<p>NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF Hoedebecke Clinic PLLC. Application for Authority filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/8/24. Office location: New York County. PLLC formed in TX on 12/20/22. 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 33 Henry St., Apt. 13, New York, New York 10002. The principal business address of the PLLC is 33 Henry St., Apt. 13, New York, New York 10002. Certificate of PLLC filed with Secretary of State of Texas located at 3314 Castle Manor Drive, Spring, TX 77386. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.</p> <p>071124-3 7/19/24-8/23/24</p>	<p>Notice of Qualification of NYC CATERING SERVICES LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 7/2/24. Office location: New York County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 4/17/24. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St, Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Formation filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St, Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.</p> <p>071624-5 7/26/24-8/30/24</p>
<p>NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Calvin Sung MD PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/15/2024. 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 2248 Broadway, #1113, New York, NY 10024. The principal business address of the PLLC is 2248 Broadway, #1113, New York, NY 10024. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.</p> <p>071124-4 7/19/24-8/23/24</p>	<p>Notice of Qualification of NOVELLA INSURANCE AGENCY LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 5/10/24. Office location: New York County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 5/1/24. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 417 Grand St, D603, NY, NY 10002. DE address of LLC: 1000 N. West St, Ste 1400, Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Formation filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St, Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.</p> <p>071624-4 7/26/24-8/30/24</p>
<p>NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Foot Labs, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/9/2024. 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 600 Lexington Avenue, Suite 2B, New York, NY 10022. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.</p> <p>071124-6 7/19/24-8/23/24</p>	<p>Notice is hereby given that a Tavern Wine License, NYS Application ID NA-0267-24-126609 has been applied for by 200 CPS LLC d/b/a Charcuterie by Bohemian Pienics to sell beer, wine and cider at retail, in a premises for on premises consumption, at the ABC law located at 200 Central Park South New York NY 10019.</p> <p>071724-2 7/26/24-8/2/24</p>
<p>Notice of Formation of SoHo 97 Properties LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 7/5/24. Office location: NY County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1770 Madison Ave, Apt 7D, NY, NY 10035. Purpose: any lawful activity.</p> <p>071124-1 7/19/24-8/23/24</p>	
<p>NOTICE OF FORMATION OF JKW Partners LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/11/2024. 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 66 Leonard St.,</p>	<p>SUBSCRIBE TO THE CHIEF: CALL 212-962-2690</p>

<p>PROBATE CITATION. File No. 2023-4277. SURROGATE'S COURT - NEW YORK COUNTY. CITATION. THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, TO the heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of David Tesdell, deceased, if living, and if any of them be dead to the heirs at law, next of kin and distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence. Public Administrator of the County of New York; Attorney General of the State of New York. A petition having been duly filed by Mark Jann, who is domiciled at 86 East 3rd Street, Apt. 5A, New York, NY 10003. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, New York County, at 31 Chambers Street, New York, New York, on August 19th, 2024 at 9:30 o'clock in the fore noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of David Tesdell lately domiciled at 425 East 9 th Street, Apt. 4B, New York, New York 10009 admitting to probate a Will dated September 6, 1989 (a Codicil dated NONE) a copy of which is attached, as the Will of David Tesdell deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to Mark Jann *To all parties: No in person appearances shall be made at the return date. If you wish to object to this matter, you may do so in writing in accordance with the annexed New York County Surrogate's Court Notice to cited parties. Dated, Attested and Sealed July 8th, 2024. Hon. /S/ Hilary Gingold, Surrogate. /S/ Diana Sanabria, Chief Clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: Stephanie J. Ressler-Hochstadt. Telephone Number: 212 505-8330. Address of Attorney: 714 Broadway, Suite 5, New York, NY 10003. sjressler-aty1@gmail.com. [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.]</p> <p>SURROGATE'S COURT OF THE COUNTY OF NEW YORK, 31CHAMBERS STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10007, (646) 386-5800. NOTICE TO CITED PARTIES. You have been served with a citation for a matter that is scheduled to be heard at a New York County Surrogate's Court calendar. Please be advised that pursuant to Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Orders and Chief Administrative Judge Lawrence Marks' Administrative Orders now in effect in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, this court is serving the public and court users primarily through virtual or electronic appearances; inperson appearances are limited at this time. The citation that you have received contains a return date. Please do not appear in the courthouse on that date. The following choices are available to you: - If you do not object to the relief requested, you do not need to contact the court or do anything else. - If you do object to the relief sought on the citation, you or your lawyer must send a document to the court signed by you or your lawyer indicating that: 1. You object to the relief or you are requesting discovery; OR 2. You are requesting the opportunity to appear in person or by using Skype for Business or by telephone conference; OR 3. You are requesting an adjournment to consult with or retain counsel. Your written response must be received by the court three (3) business days before the return date and must include either an email address or telephone number, or both, where you or your lawyer can be reached during business hours. Your communication to the court may be sent by email to: Probate.General@nycourts.gov or by mail addressed to the Probate Department of this court at the address listed above. The attorney for the petitioner must be copied in your communication. If your written communication to the court indicates that you would like to proceed as described in choice number 1 above, your case may be referred to a court attorney-referee for a conference. The case will be adjourned to a future date, if you request the opportunity to appear in person or by electronic means or to consult or retain counsel (choices number 2 and 3). If you do not contact the court by the date on the citation, the record will reflect that you do not object to the relief requested. If an attorney plans to appear on your behalf, he or she must file a Notice of Appearance. This Notice may be filed by mail addressed to the Probate Department of this court at the address listed above or through the e-filing system (NYSCEF), at www.nycourts.gov/efile. If you have questions about responding to the citation, you may contact the Probate Department at Probate.General@nycourts.gov. Please note that court staff are prohibited from giving legal advice but they are available to answer any question about procedure. The Probate Department of the New York County Surrogate's Court.</p> <p>071024-1 7/19/24-8/9/24</p>	
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JOB HIGHLIGHT

State holding exams for multiple law enforcement posts, including forest rangers

The state is accepting applications through Aug. 14 for police positions within the Department of Environmental Conservation, the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, the State University of New York campuses and some municipalities for exams scheduled to start in late September.

The state will hold tests for park police officer trainee, forest ranger 1, environmental conservation police officer trainee 1, university police officer 1 and municipal police officer/deputy sheriff. Spanish speakers are sought for the park police officer trainee, environmental conservation police officer trainee 1 and university police officer 1 posts. Chinese speakers are sought for the environmental conservation police officer trainee 1 posts.

QUALIFICATIONS

Park police officer trainee applicants must have either 1) 60 college semester credit hours; or 2) 30 college semester credit hours and two years of active United States military service with an honorable discharge or under conditions in the New York State Restoration of

Honor Act; or 3) 30 college semester credit hours and successful completion of a New York State Municipal Police Training Council approved pre-employment training program and eligibility to complete the second phase of such training program that has not lapsed.

Forest ranger 1 applicants must have either 1) an associate or higher-level degree in aquatic biology, conservation biology, environmental biology, wildlife biology, environmental and natural resource conservation, environmental engineering, fisheries and fisheries sciences and management, fish and wildlife technology, aquatic and fisheries science, forestry, forest engineering, forest management, forest resource management, forest resources production and management, forest sciences and biology, forest technology, land surveying technology, natural resource management, natural resources management and policy, wildlife science, wildlife fish and wildlands science and management or any other associate or higher-level degree program accredited by the Society of American Foresters;

or 2) 60 college semester credit hours or higher including or supplemented by 24 college semester credit hours in coursework as described below;

or 3) two years of active U.S. military service with an honorable discharge or under conditions in the

New York State Restoration of Honor Act and two years of qualifying experience in forest management, fish and wildlife management, forest, fish or wildlife interpretation in a wildland setting or law enforcement in a park, forest or wildland setting.

Qualifying coursework includes: forestry, forest management, forest recreation, forest resources technology, forest fire management, forest engineering, environmental engineering, environmental education, fish or wildlife biology, fish or wildlife management, conservation biology, botany, zoology, limnology, ecology, environmental biology, environmental and natural resource conservation, forest science and biology and natural resource management.

Environmental conservation police officer trainee 1 applicants must have either 1) a bachelor's or higher-level degree; or 2) an associate degree and one of the following: a. one year of experience in the areas of environmental engineering or environmental technology, freshwater or marine sciences, wildlife sciences or forestry; or b. one year of experience as a police officer in New York State with municipal police training course certification (or equivalent course approved by the NYS Municipal Police Training Council); or c. one year of experience as a certified federal law enforcement officer; or d. two years of

active U.S. military service with an honorable discharge or under conditions in the New York State Restoration of Honor Act; or 3) three years of experience as a police officer in New York State with municipal police training course certification (or equivalent course approved by the NYS Municipal Police Training Council).

University Police Officer 1 applicants must have either 1) 60 college semester credit hours; or 2) 30 college semester credit hours and two years of active United States military service with an honorable discharge or under conditions in the New York State Restoration of Honor Act; or 3) 30 college semester credit hours AND successful completion of a New York State Municipal Police Training Council approved pre-employment training program and eligibility to complete the second phase of such training program that has not lapsed; or 4) two years of experience as a police officer in New York State with municipal police training course certification (or equivalent course approved by the NYS Municipal Police Training Council).

Municipal police officer/deputy sheriff applicants must have either 1) 60 college semester credit hours; or 2) 30 college semester credit hours and two years of active United States military service with an honorable discharge or under conditions in the New York State Resto-

ration of Honor Act; or 3) 30 college semester credit hours and successful completion of a New York State Municipal Police Training Council approved pre-employment training program and eligibility to complete the second phase of such training program that has not lapsed; or 4) two years of experience as a police officer in New York State with municipal police training course certification (or equivalent course approved by the NYS Municipal Police Training Council).

This exam is being held pursuant to Civil Service Law, which provides that a municipal commission, in the absence of an eligible list of its own, may request the state civil service department to furnish it with the names of persons on an appropriate eligible list established by the department.

Appointments to positions in municipal police departments and sheriff's offices will be made from this eligible list if certified to a municipal civil service agency at their request, in the absence of a mandatory local eligible list.

For complete information of the posts, including its salaries, additional requirements and exam subjects, go to www.cs.ny.gov/examannouncements/announcements/pdf/21-050010.pdf

UPCOMING 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.

DCAS Computer-based Testing and Application Centers (CTACs) have re-opened to the public. However, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, walk-ins are no longer accepted and appointments must be scheduled online through OASys for eligible list or examination related inquiries.

All examination and eligible list related notifications will be sent by email only, you will no longer receive notifications via the US mail.

All new hires must be vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus, unless they have been granted a reasonable accommodation for religion or disability. If you are offered city employment, this requirement must be met by your date of hire, unless a reasonable accommodation for exemption is received and approved by the hiring agency.

For further information about where to apply to civil service exams and jobs, visit the thechief.org/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.

CITY EXAMS

- CLOSES AUGUST 9
4044 Firefighter \$54,122
- CLOSES AUGUST 27
5027 Call Center Representative \$39,486
- CLOSES AUGUST 30
4322 Environmental Police Officer \$49,210
- CLOSES SEPTEMBER 25
5309 Police Officer \$53,790

CUNY EXAMS

- OPEN CONTINUOUSLY
2059 Campus Security Assistant \$31,320

2060 Campus Peace Officer \$33,825

MTA EXAMS

- CLOSE JULY 31
5100/5300 Bus Operator (MaBSTOA and MTA Bus) \$26.98 per hour
- 5120/5320 Bus Mechanic's Helper (C/ Maintainer's Helper) (MaBSTOA & MTA Bus) 19.60 per hour

NASSAU COUNTY EXAMS

- CLOSE AUGUST 7
40122024 CT Technologist \$79,212-\$91,619
- 40142024 Mammography Technologist \$77,608-\$91,619

- 40182024 Clinical Pharmacist \$120,349-\$138,858
- 40192024 Medical Social Worker I \$59,748-\$84,507
- 40202024 Medical Social Worker I, Bilingual (Spanish Speaking) \$59,748-\$84,507
- 40252024 Public Health Nurse I \$53,581-\$111,654
- 40272024 Custodian \$54,068-\$71,179
- 40292024 Custodial Worker II \$33,001-\$66,806; Nassau Community College \$32,618-\$68,759
- 40322024 Public Health Nurse I, Bilingual (Spanish Speaking) \$53,581-\$111,654

- OPEN CONTINUOUSLY
7078 CR(D) Cytotechnologist I \$43,863-\$91,243
- 7094 CR(D) Cytotechnologist II \$52,099-\$108,383
- 7095 CR(D) Cytotechnologist III \$66,357-\$132,168
- 61-639 CR Librarian I \$43,000-\$61,333
- 60-180 CR Librarian I, Bilingual (Spanish Speaking)
- 5263 CR(D) Medical Technologist I \$31,963-\$74,978
- 5002 CR Nurse Practitioner I (Acute Care) \$59,507-\$108,383
- 5003 CR Nurse Practitioner I (Adult Health) \$59,507-\$108,383
- 5004 CR Nurse Practitioner I (Community Health) \$59,507-\$108,383
- 5005 CR Nurse Practitioner I (Family Health) \$59,507-\$108,383
- 5006 CR Nurse Practitioner I (Gerontology) \$59,507-\$108,383
- 5007 CR Nurse Practitioner I (Neonatology) \$59,507-\$108,383
- 5008 CR Nurse Practitioner I

sionals at Housing Authority.

PROCUREMENT ANALYST—42 eligibles between Nos. 5 and 432.5 on List 1194 for 2 jobs in Human Resources Administration/Department of Social Services.

PUBLIC HEALTH ASSISTANT—104 eligibles between Nos. 44 and 154 on List 9086 to replace 1 provisional in NYPD.

RADIO REPAIR MECHANIC—22 eligibles between Nos. 10 and 68 on List 2054 to replace 1 provisional in Fire Department.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT—337 eligibles between Nos. 37 and 606 on List 8040 to replace 1 provisional in NYPD.

SENIOR CONSULTANT (PUBLIC HEALTH SOCIAL WORK)—165 eligibles (Nos. 1-165) on List 4116 to replace 5 provisionals in DOHMH.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATE (DATA)—85 eligibles between Nos. 13 and 319 on List 135 for 2 jobs in HRA/DSS.

PROMOTION

CAPTAIN (CORRECTION)—194 eligibles between Nos. 56 and 254 on List 8518 for 30 jobs in Department of Correction.

DEPUTY CHIEF (FIRE)—85 eligibles (Nos. 1-85) on List 3590 for any of 100 jobs in Fire Department.

PARK SUPERVISOR—115 eligibles between Nos. 58 and 282 on List 2555 for 10 jobs in Department of Parks and Recreation.

SUPERVISOR PLUMBER—15 eligibles (Nos. 1-15) on List 3552 to replace 2 provisionals at HA.

WIPER (UNIFORMED)—41 eligibles between Nos. 1 and 40 on List 3593 for any of 100 jobs in FDNY.

SUFFOLK COUNTY EXAMS

- CLOSES AUGUST 7
6141 Law Clerk \$60,000
- CLOSE AUGUST 14
0205 Account Clerk \$38,305-\$48,825
- 0211 Account Clerk (Spanish Speaking) \$38,305-\$48,825
- 2041 Clinical Nurse Practitioner \$74,124
- 2847 Medical Forensic Investigator \$109,072
- 2405 Medical Program Administrator \$109,229
- CLOSE SEPTEMBER 11
5501 Correction Officer I \$49,721
- 0177 Public Safety Dispatcher I \$47,450
- OPEN CONTINUOUSLY
2020 Public Health Nurse I \$59,404
- 2511 Psychiatric Social Worker \$52,017
- 2641 Medical Services Specialist \$76,708
- 2670 Emergency Medical Technician (Basic) \$37,000-\$60,000
- 2673 Emergency Medical Technician (Critical Care) \$37,000-\$60,000
- 2674 Emergency Medical Technician (Paramedic) \$37,000-\$60,000
- 2701 Drug Counselor \$47,502

WESTCHESTER EXAMS

- CLOSE AUGUST 12
85-873010 School Districts Funding Coordinator
- 86-337010 Reimbursement Specialist (Community Mental Health) \$94,500-\$124,810

86-729010 Control Operations Supervisor - Office Management

88-614010 Risk Management Analyst \$85,495-\$113,970

► OPEN CONTINUOUSLY

- 06-100 Emergency Medical Technician (Basic)
- 02-108 Sanitarian Trainee \$53,760-\$67,010
- 02-600 Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator/Trainee \$45,460-\$55,390
- 02-601 Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator/Trainee
- 91-136 Paramedic (Local)
- 01-155 Cardiothoracic Surgical Physician Assistant
- 02-032 Clinical Pharmacy Specialist
- 02-900 Health Services Coordinator \$75,406-\$125,410
- 86-102 Hospital Pharmacist
- 93-133 Occupational Therapist (School Districts)
- 86-113 Occupational Therapist (WCMC)
- 94-138 Occupational Therapy Assistant
- 93-134 Physical Therapist (School Districts)
- 86-115 Physical Therapist (WCMC)
- 03-100 Physical Therapy Assistant (School Districts)
- 94-137 Physical Therapy Assistant
- 87-116 Physician's Assistant
- 86-117 Public Health Nurse \$72,635-\$125,175
- 09-002 Radiology Information Systems Analyst
- 90-118 Staff Occupational Therapist
- 90-120 Staff Physical Therapist
- 87-124 Supervising Hospital Pharmacist
- 99-101 Supervising Public Health Nurse \$81,595-\$135,715
- 97-363 Supervisor of Medical Social Work
- 99-102 Surgical Physician Assistant - Specialty Services \$96,540-\$140,776
- 11-531 Coordinator of Computer Services
- 14-723 Database Specialist
- 20-532 Network Engineer II (BOCES #2)

STATE EXAMS

- CLOSE AUGUST 14
21-050010 Park Police Officer Trainee
- 21-051010 Park Police Officer Trainee (Spanish Language)
- 21-052010 Forest Ranger 1
- 21-061010 Environmental Conservation Police Officer Trainee 1
- 21-062010 Environmental Conservation Police Officer Trainee 1 (Spanish Language)
- 21-063010 Environmental Conservation Police Officer Trainee 1 (Chinese Language)
- 21-064010 University Police Officer 1
- 21-065010 University Police Officer 1 (Spanish Language)
- 21-066010 Municipal Police Officer/Deputy Sheriff

WILL FILL JOBS: CITY CERTIFICATIONS

The Department of Citywide 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 COMPETITION

ASSISTANT ARCHITECT—2 eligibles (Nos. 65.5 and 179) on List 121 for 1 job in Department of Buildings.

CERTIFIED IT ADMINISTRATOR (LAN/WAN)—225 eligibles between Nos. 19 and 411.5 on List 1111 for 1 job in Department of Investigation.

COMPUTER SPECIALIST (SOFTWARE)—18 eligibles between Nos. 27 and 1327 on List 1139 for 1 job at Administration for Children's Services.

INVESTMENT ANALYST—223 eligibles between Nos. 29 and 345 on List 158 to replace 4 provisionals at Comptroller's Office.

LABOR RELATIONS ANALYST—70 eligibles between Nos. 6 and 203 on List 159 to replace 1 provisional in Department of Finance.

LABORATORY MICROBIOLOGIST—74 eligibles between Nos. 1 and 72 on List 4061 to replace 12 provisionals in Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

MACHINIST—11 eligibles (Nos. 1-11) on List 3079 to replace 5 provisionals in Department of Transportation.

MAINTENANCE WORKER—10 eligibles between Nos. 99 and 318 on List 2015 to replace any of 42 provisionals in Police Department.

PAINTER—86 eligibles between Nos. 52 and 281 on List 2084 to replace 5 provi-

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LABOR AROUND THE WORLD

Harris tells teachers union she's ready to fight

BY JOSH BOAK
Associated Press

Vice President Kamala Harris told Republicans to “bring it on” in what she described as a “fight for our most fundamental freedoms” as she spoke to the American Federation of Teachers.

It was her latest stop in her whirlwind debut as the Democrats’ likely presidential nominee after President Joe Biden abruptly dropped his bid for a second term at the beginning of the week.

Harris praised unions as the foundation of the middle class, and she criticized Republicans for their views on gun control and public education.

“They have the nerve to tell teachers to strap on a gun in the classroom while they refuse to pass commonsense gun safety laws,” she told attendees at the AFT’s convention in Houston.

Harris added that “we want to ban assault weapons, and they want to ban books.”

The American Federation of Teachers was the first labor union to formally endorse Harris, and its president, Randi Weingarten, said she “has electrified this race.”

Harris intends to travel aggressively to spread her message and rally voters. The outreach occurs as the retooled Biden campaign, now under Harris’ control, figures out its strategy for generating turnout and maximizing her time in a 100-plus day sprint to the November election against Republican Donald Trump.

Waiting on UAW endorsement

The 1.8 million-member AFT has backed Harris and her pro-union agenda on the premise that a second Trump term could result in restrictions on organized labor and a potential loss of funding for education.

The AFL-CIO, which represents 60 labor unions including the AFT, has backed Harris. But the vice president has yet to get the endorsement of the United Auto Workers, whose president, Shawn Fain, told CNBC that the union’s executive board will make that decision.

Fain also spoke at the AFT conference and was blistering in his criticism of Trump.

The former president has relied on blue-collar voters to compete politically nationwide, but he failed to win a majority of union households in 2020 when he lost to Biden, according to AP VoteCast.



Haleluya Hadero/AP Photo

Connor Spence, third from left, was elected leader of the Amazon Labor Union in voting that ended this week. The election marked the first major change for the labor group since it established an alliance with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters last month.

New union leader for S.I. Amazon warehouse workers

Election followed internal strife, Teamsters affiliation

BY HALELUYA HADERO
Associated Press

Workers at Amazon’s JFK8 Fulfillment Center on Staten Island, the only one of the e-commerce giant’s U.S. warehouses that is unionized, elected new union leaders, according to a vote count completed Tuesday, marking the first major change for the labor group since it established an alliance with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

A slate of candidates headed up by a former Amazon worker named Connor Spence received the most votes cast by employees from the warehouse located in the New York City borough of Staten Island. Although turnout was very low, Spence received enough support to lead the Amazon Labor Union as it aims to secure a contract with a company that has resisted those efforts for years.

Spence, a prominent organizer

with the union, more recently led a dissident group that sued the union last year to force new leadership election amid internal strife. He was fired by Amazon last year for violating a company policy that forbids workers from accessing company buildings or outdoor work areas when they’re off the clock, a policy critics say is designed to hinder organizing.

Only 5 percent of the 5,312 workers employed in the warehouse voted by mail-in ballot, said Arthur Schwartz, an attorney who represents the dissident group. Spence received 137 out of 247 votes cast, Schwartz said, defeating a current ALU officer named Claudia Ashterman and another prominent organizer named Michelle Valentin.

‘Autonomous’ local

“After more than two years of fighting to reform our union to make it more democratic, transparent, and militant, we are relieved to finally be able to turn our attention toward bringing Amazon to the table and winning an incredible con-

tract,” Spence said in a statement.

Workers at the same warehouse voted overwhelmingly last month to affiliate with the Teamsters union, which agreed to provide the Amazon Labor Union, or ALU, with funding and other types of support until it negotiates a contract with Amazon and begins collecting member dues.

The affiliation agreement, a copy of which was reviewed by The Associated Press, says the ALU will be chartered as an “autonomous” local Teamsters union with the right to organize Amazon warehouse workers across New York City. The union branch, known as ALU-International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 1, also is expected to help with organizing Amazon warehouse workers elsewhere and to participate in strategy sessions.

“The question is whether the outcome of the election, plus the Teamster affiliation, can create that kind of momentum needed among the rank-and-file,” said Ruth Milkman, a sociologist of labor and labor movements at the City University of New York. “But even if it does,

Amazon is going to fight it tooth-and-nail.”

Spence will take over the leadership role from Chris Smalls, a former Amazon worker. He spearheaded the first successful U.S. union organizing effort in the retail giant’s history in 2022, when workers at the Staten Island warehouse voted in favor of ALU representation.

However, organizers inside the union began questioning Smalls’ strategy after the group suffered two subsequent election losses in New York and withdrew a petition for a union vote in California. Some left quietly, while others joined the dissident group headed up by Spence.

Smalls did not seek reelection. Instead, he backed a slate of candidates headed up by Ashterman.

Since mail-in ballots were sent to workers in early July, candidates vying for leadership spots had engaged in a fierce campaign during shift breaks and in public areas near the warehouse, formally known as the JFK8 Fulfillment Center. Morning and evening campaigning also took place in front of a bus stop near the facility.

Traffic controllers will get more rest between shifts

The Federal Aviation Administration said it will increase minimum rest time between shifts for air traffic controllers after highly publicized close calls between planes that were following orders from controllers.

The FAA and the National Air Traffic Controllers Association, the union representing the workers, agreed to a number of changes that will apply as schedules are negotiated for next year.

“The science is clear that controller fatigue is a public safety issue, and it must be addressed,” FAA Administrator Mike Whitaker said. He promised more measures to address tired controllers.

Rich Santa, president of the controllers’ union, said the group has been raising concern about fatigue for years. He said the agreement “will begin to provide relief to this understaffed workforce.”

A report by experts to the FAA recommended 10 to 12 hours of rest before all shifts as one way to reduce the risk that tired controllers might make mistakes. The panel also said additional time off might be needed before midnight shifts, which don’t allow workers to follow normal sleep patterns.

The agreement between the FAA and the union will give controllers 10 hours off between shifts and 12 hours off before and after a midnight shift. They also agreed to limit



Ron Medvescek/Arizona Daily Star via AP

Air traffic controllers watched for traffic from the control tower at the Tucson International Airport in Tucson, Ariz. The Federal Aviation Administration said it reached an agreement the union that allow air traffic controllers to get more rest between shifts.

consecutive overtime assignments.

The FAA has limited the number of flights in New York and Florida because of a shortage of air traffic controllers. Whitaker said the FAA will hire 1,800 controllers this year and is expanding its ability to hire and train controllers.

Controllers have been in the center of some close calls. The National Transportation Safety Board said in January that a controller made faulty assumptions that led him

to clear a FedEx plane to land in Austin, Texas, while a Southwest Airlines jet was taking off from the same runway. Fatigue was not cited as a factor.

In other cases, controllers have stepped in to stop runway conflicts that could have been disastrous, including when an American Airlines jet mistakenly crossed an active runway at JFK Airport in New York.

— Associated Press

White House OKs board to mediate NJT labor dispute

New Jersey Transit and the union representing its rail engineers will have more time to try work out a labor dispute under an executive order signed by President Joe Biden.

The White House said in a statement last week that the president authorized the creation of a Presidential Emergency Board aimed at helping the state’s transit agency and Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen resolve disputes over a labor agreement.

New Jersey Transit operates buses and rail in the state.

The contract covering nearly 500 engineers expired in December 2019. Their union, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen, has since sought significant salary increases to bring their pay on par with that of their Metro-North Railroad and the Long Island Rail Road colleagues.

The union says the engineers are the nation’s lowest paid in commuter service.

“This labor dispute has dragged on for far too long, but we will respect the process established by the Railway Labor Act,” BLET’s national president, Eddie Hall, said in a statement follow-

ing Biden’s executive order. “NJT has nearly a half-billion dollars for lavish new office space, they recently raised fares by 15 percent. Meanwhile, they haven’t offered their engineers competitive wages with other passenger railroads. It’s time for NJT to make a fair offer and settle this dispute voluntarily. Otherwise, our members will be walking picket lines rather than operating trains.”

In an emailed statement, NJ Transit said it would be March 2025 before any strike could occur after the White House’s action.

The president’s action was required under law because one of the parties requested it, according to the White House. The announcement heads off the potential for a strike for now.

Within two months, the board will get settlement dispute offers from both sides and then write to the president selecting an offer deemed to be most reasonable, according to the White House. The report isn’t binding, but the party whose offer is not selected would be prohibited by law from receiving certain benefits if there’s a strike, the White House said.

— Associated Press and Richard Khavkine