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Ex-tow driver, union continue scrap

In rare instance, PERB remands matter to city officials



Courtesy of Ed Seabron

Ed Seabron, a former city tow truck driver, will have another chance to argue that an edited picture posted by an official at DC 37's Local 983 depicting Seabron shaking hands with someone in a Klu Klux Klan robe constituted a prohibited labor practice.

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Ed Seabron became a NYPD traffic enforcement agent in 2000, joining District Council 37's Local 983 and working for more than 20 years as a city tow truck driver.

But in May 2021, Seabron quit the union, citing a dissatisfaction with how he had been represented and frustrated by his attempts to affect change within the local. Together with a colleague from a different union, he began soliciting signatures from other members to decertify Local 983 and recruiting them to join the Independent Law Enforcement Benevolent Association, itself founded just a few months before by Seabron's colleague, David Casey.

Casey started the breakaway union after being ousted as president of CWA Local 1181, a union representing more than 3,000 traffic enforcement officers and supervisors, following a rocky tenure that included allegations that he had misappropriated union funds and a 30-day suspension from the NYPD for using for using an anti-Black slur.

So when Seabron teamed up with Casey to encourage members of both Local 983 and Local 1181 to leave their unions and join the ILEBA, Marvin Robbins, 983's vice president, took to Facebook to express his displeasure.

On June 8, 2021, Robbins posted a video railing against Seabron for trying to decertify 983, calling him a "lying sack of shit" and a "sneaky, conniving son of a bitch."

Alongside the video, Robbins Photoshopped Seabron's face onto a figure shaking hands with a figure wearing traditional Ku Klux Klan robes, onto which he superimposed Casey's face.

In a recent interview, Robbins said he was trying to protect his members from Seabron, who Robbins argued was "misleading union members" and deluding them with promises of pay raises and increased health benefits if they left Local 983 and joined the ILEBA. He said the edited picture was intended to demonstrate a connection between Seabron, who is Black, and Casey who is white and has a history of racially insensitive incidents.

"How do you associate with someone who's racist? Who's anti-union?" Robbins said of Seabron.

A few months later, Seabron, with representation from The Fairness Center, filed a federal lawsuit and an unfair labor practice charge against his former union, alleging that Local 983 continued to deduct dues out of his paycheck even after he left the union, and that the video and photo Robbins posted amounted to a threat and an "improper practice" that violated New York City's Collective Bargaining Law.

"It's hard to think of a worse insult one black man can level at another than to falsely depict him as a KKK collaborator," Seabron, who quit his job last fall, said in a statement. "I'm profoundly disappointed that AFSCME has defended [Robbins] every step of the way.

Casey argued that he founded the ILEBA because the CWA had a "lack of true representation and democracy." Casey denied that he had misappropriated funds, arguing that his executive board approved all funds dispersed to him and that the CWA pushed he and his executive board out because their views differ. Casey also admitted to using the slur, but

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Resident physicians at Queens hospitals set strike date

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Nearly 300 resident physicians at two hospitals in Queens could go on strike May 15 if they don't make significant progress towards reaching a contract, with residents at a third hospital in the borough also voting to authorize a strike.

About 93 percent of residents employed by the MediSys Health Network at Jamaica and Flushing Hospitals who participated in last month's strike vote supported walking out if an agreement isn't reached. The residents, who have been in negotiations with MediSys since October, say they're frustrated by the lack of progress.

Although the workers initially set out to hold a three-day strike, the residents decided to extend the walkout to five days, according to their union, SEIU's Committee of Interns and Residents.

'Reflect the economic reality'

The physicians, whose contract expired Dec. 31, are seeking an agreement that provides significant wage gains. Although residents at the two hospitals start out at $67,000 a year, their typical 80-hour weeks mean they earn about $15 to $17 an hour.

"Residents in Jamaica are one of the lowest paid in New York City," Dr. Uchenna Chinakwe, a first-year internal medicine resident at Jamaica Hospital told The Chief.

The contract, he added, "should reflect the economic reality that residents face," especially given the high cost of living in New York City.

The residents also alleged that they frequently must perform out-of-title work, such as drawing blood. Chinakwe stated that these duties, which should typically be performed by ancillary staff during non-emergencies, can be a distraction to serving patients.

"We're having some challenges arriving at a compromise over working conditions," he said, noting that there was an issue of ancillary workers being understaffed.

Heavy patient loads were also a challenge.

"If you split [the] same amount of time between 20, 30, 40, 50, maybe more than that, patients — you can imagine how fractured that time is," Dr. Neha Ravi, a first-year resident at Jamaica Hospital, told NY1.

Chinakwe added that residents were concerned about some departments not having enough supervision. The workers are also seeking hazard pay in the event of another health emergency.

"We put our patients first, but we refuse to be left behind," he said

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Courtesy of Mettie Ostrowski

Lucas Shapiro, the interim executive director of ALIGN: The Alliance for a Greater New York, at left, and workers, union leaders and advocates, rallied outside of Jeff Bezos' Flatiron penthouse last week in support of state legislation intended to reduce injuries in Amazon warehouses.

Lawmakers want to add protections for Amazon warehouse workers

A year out from S.I. unionization vote, contract talks remain a mirage

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Warehouse workers at the massive JFK-8 Amazon facility on Staten Island voted to unionize in April 2022, but in the year since the landmark vote, not a single bargaining session toward a first contract has taken place.

In lieu of an agreement that would in all likelihood raise wages, institute worker protections and mandate more health and safety protocols, union leaders, advocates and politicians citywide have been taking those issues into their own hands. For instance, state lawmakers passed and Governor Kathy Hochul signed the Warehouse Worker Protection Act last year, which instituted protections from unreasonably demanding work quotas at large warehouses in the state.

Now the same coalition of legislators seeks to build on that momentum, announcing last week that its members are looking to pass a bill sponsored by State Senator Jessica Ramos and Assembly Member Latoya Joyner aimed squarely at preventing worker injuries in Amazon's warehouses. Advocates with ALIGN: the Alliance for Greater New York joined union leaders and workers from Teamsters Local 804, The Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union and the Amazon Labor Union May 4 to introduce the legislation in front of the Flatiron building where Jeff Bezos has his penthouse.

"Amazon is racking up OSHA violations and workers are getting hurt. … These injuries are serious but also preventable," Lucas Shapiro, ALIGN's interim executive director, said at the announcement. "The Warehouse Worker Injury Reduction Act will hold employers accountable for workplace safety and design warehouses to protect workers first."

'Profit-making machines'

The coalition of advocates, politicians and labor unions timed their announcement with the release of a study from the National Employment Law Project that found that Amazon warehouse workers are three times more likely to be injured than the average worker in New York. The study also found that Amazon workers experience serious injuries at a 37-percent higher rate than other warehouse workers in the state, and that 95 percent of injuries Amazon workers sustain in warehouses force employees to cease their normal job duties.

An Amazon spokesperson called the NELP report a "misleading effort by a self-interested group."

"We know there will always be ways to improve, but we're proud of the progress we've made and that's detailed in our safety report, which includes a 23% reduction in recordable injuries across our U.S. operations since 2019," the statement by the spokesperson, Maureen Lynch Vogel, continued. "We've invested more than $1 billion into safety initiatives, projects, and programs in the last four years, and we'll continue investing and inventing in this area because nothing is more important than our employees' safety."

But Claudia Ashterman, an Amazon warehouse worker and ALU organizer, told The Chief that she and her colleagues "are treated like robots" by Amazon while they perform physically demanding tasks. She added that many of her coworkers are afraid to report injuries because they fear losing their jobs, and that Amazon provides insufficient medical care on the job site.

"We made clear with the Warehouse Worker Protection Act that New York State will not allow employers to treat workers as profit-making machines at the expense of their health and safety," Ramos, chair of the state Senate's Labor

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Courtesy of Ed Seabron

Ed Seabron's unfair labor practice charge against his former union will again be heard by the city's Office of Collective Bargaining.

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said it was an isolated incident that was taken out of context.

'A really significant action'

In March 2022, Local 983 settled the lawsuit and refunded that portion of Seabron's dues it had taken after he had resigned. But just a week later, the Office of Collective Bargaining, a city agency that adjudicates unfair labor practice claims against public unions, found that the video and edited photo Robbins posted did not amount to an unfair labor practice, because they didn't rise to the threshold of "interference restraint or coercion" or "an impermissible threat."

Seabron appealed that decision to the New York State Public Employee Relations Board. For just the fourth time since it was founded in 1978, PERB agreed to hear the appeal.

Under the state's Public Employees' Fair Employment Act, known as the Taylor Law, anyone with a case before the BCB can appeal their case to PERB, but the state board rarely consents to hearing these appeals. It's even more unlikely that the PERB remands the case back to the OCB, having now done so in only two cases in its history.

One of those two cases is Seabron's, in which the PERB agreed with the OCB that Robbins' video did not constitute an unfair labor practice. It nonetheless instructed the OCB to further assess if the edited KKK photo could qualify as an unprotected, illegal practice that could inhibit Seabron from exercising his rights.

"This is a really significant action by the state labor board," said Nathan McGrath, the president and general counsel at the Fairness Center, who is representing Seabron in the matter. "It's awful what Mr. Robbins did, and the law stands to protect people like my client from those types of actions."

Robbins and Local 983's president, Joe Puleo, consider the suit and unfair labor practice complaint an overreaction and argue that the Fairness Center's legal action against the union conceals ulterior motives. "They're an anti-union organization and this is all part of a plot to destroy unions," Puleo said.

The Fairness Center describes itself as a nonprofit that tasks itself with "representing those hurt by public sector union officials." It has reportedly received funding from conservative and right-wing donors such as the Koch brothers, Donors Trust and the Scaife Foundation. "Their sole purpose is destroying unions," Robbins said.

McGrath pushed back on those characterizations. "Any inference that [The Fairness Center] is anti-union is wrong," said McGrath, who referenced a case in which the nonprofit represented a union in Connecticut. McGrath said that Local 983 has appealed the PERB's decision, and that it could take many more months to settle the case.

Despite the drawn-out legal issues, Robbins doesn't regret his decision to post the video and edited photo of Seabron and Casey. "I support union democracy and if you want to leave the union you can leave the union," Robbins said. "But I can't allow you to mislead the members and lie to the members."

Demo job: construction executives indicted on corruption, other charges

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Courtesy of the Manhattan District Attorney's Office

Lawrence Wecker, right, handing LaShawn Henry a bribe payment outside the East Harlem office of JM3 Construction, a New Jersey-based drywall installation company owned by Wecker. Wecker and Henry, an executive of a city-based minority and women-owned consulting business, conspired to fraudulently secure a lucrative affordable-housing construction contract for Wecker's firm, prosecutors alleged in a series of indictments.

For years, executives with JM3 Construction, a New Jersey-based non-union firm, employed workers and subcontractors to put up drywall and do related carpentry work on government-subsidized affordable housing projects worth millions in Manhattan, Brooklyn, the Bronx and elsewhere in the tri-state area.

But, prosecutors allege, they scored the work only after falsifying business and payroll records, stealing from subcontractors, rigging bids and bribing construction company officials.

JM3 executives also filed bogus records with government agencies, tried to steal from clients to pay debts, defrauded the state's insurance fund and laundered money.

The wide-ranging scheme, orchestrated by a known mob associate and lasting from 2015 to 2021, involved conspiring with minority and women-owned businesses (M/WBEs) to secure the contracts, according to a series of grand jury indictments released by the office of Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg last week.

The ploy in part involved the creation of false documents and records filed with the city's Department of Housing Preservation and Development and the state's Department of Homes and Community Renewal that gave the impression that JM3 was subcontracting with and buying material from minority and women-owned firms, which are supported by a variety of state and city programs.

JM3, though, used its own workers along with those of subcontractor firms to do the drywall and carpentry work. The workers, many of whom were undocumented, were paid in cash, while JM3 concealed the subcontractors and the workers from clients, general contractors, developers and government entities.

"The common factor in all of these alleged schemes is greed at all costs," Bragg said in a statement announcing the indictments. "When the field is rigged, law-abiding companies and legitimate MWBEs are cheated out of much-needed contracts. And when executives care more about their bottom line than their employees and the law, hard-working New Yorkers suffer."

'A walking ATM'

The indictment lays out dozens of charges, including enterprise corruption, conspiracy, scheme to defraud, grand larceny, falsifying business records, insurance fraud and money laundering.

Among those implicated is Lawrence Wecker, JM3's principal and president, who has long been associated with mob figures involved in the construction trades. Wecker, now 82, was once referred to as "a walking A.T.M. machine" for his ability to launder money, according to The New York Times.

Two other company employees, Joseph Guinta and Marcos Pinheiro, ran two subcontracting companies that conspired with JM3, with Pinheiro responsible for coming up with the cash to fund the firm's sizable payroll, which prosecutors said he did by using numerous shell companies to cash checks that made them look like payments for actual subcontracting work.

Those sham transactions eventually triggered suspicions from authorities and an eventual investigation by the district attorney's Rackets Bureau, which then branched out into investigations into bribery and fraud schemes.

Officials said Pinheiro cashed more than $17 million on behalf of JM3 Construction, and more than $15 million on behalf of one subcontracting company, MGS Construction Corp, and more than $676,000 on behalf of another subcontractor, JACG Construction LLC.

Prosecutors alleged the two subcontractors together defrauded the New York State Insurance Fund of more than $2 million when they canceled their insurance policies.

Among JM3's projects were The Fountains, on Fountain Avenue, in Brooklyn; National Urban League, on West 126th Street, in Manhattan; Story Avenue East, 1520 Story Avenue, in the Bronx; and 14 LeCount Place in New Rochelle.

"These defendants, as charged, enriched themselves at the expense of a program intended to assist minority and women-owned businesses, by deceiving City and State government entities, part of a series of frauds that shortchanged workers and undermined fair competition," Department of Investigation Commissioner Jocelyn E. Strauber said in a statement.

In a separate indictment, two principals of a certified M/WBE, Urban Strategies of New York, were charged with accepting cash payments from JM3 in exchange for steering work to the construction firm.

LaShawn Henry, 60, and Brittany Henry, 27, conspired with Wecker to falsify records to claim that Urban Strategies would provide M/WBE subcontractor carpentry work for JM3. "In fact, Urban Strategies did not have any capacity to perform actual construction work, and JM3 Construction would have performed all the work," Bragg's office said.

Nurses rail against proposed staff cuts at Brooklyn Methodist

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Nurses at NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital rallied outside of the facility last week to protest proposed staffing cuts and to demand a fair contract.

The hospital is also seeking to reduce nurse staffing levels in several units, including labor and delivery and chemotherapy infusion, according to the New York State Nurses Association. The nurses, though, argued that they're already severely understaffed.

"Our new CNO [chief nursing officer], Alan Levin, he wants to cut staff. From where?" Allyson Selby, a longtime nurse at the hospital, said during the rally.

The nurses' contract expired April 30. Although the nurses union and hospital management have met to negotiate several times over the last few weeks, the nurses are frustrated that hospital officials wants to loosen patient safety protections included in their collective-bargaining agreement, they said.

"We've been negotiating for about a month and a half and the first thing that they come with is to attack our [staffing] grid," said Al Crispino, an infection control nurse. "We need a fair contract, we need enough nurses and they told us that they want to staff the hospital with bare minimum staffing and run it efficiently. We do not agree with that."

'We're not boats'

The proposal would allow nurses to be temporarily reassigned, or "floated" to units they have no experience in, the union said.

"We are not boats. We're not going to float. We need nurses stationed on the floor," said Council Member Mercedes Narcisse, a former nurse who chairs the Council's Committee on Hospitals.

Pat Kane, NYSNA's executive director, said that Levin was "failing nursing orientation."

"We have this thing we call 'nursing standards of practice.' And I'm hearing that this individual doesn't understand that, for example, if you need an electrician, you don't call a plumber. The same holds true for nursing," she said at the rally.

Health-care workers from other hospitals came out to the Park Slope hospital to support the nurses.

"We had the same situation going on back in January and guess what? We took it to the streets and we won," said Aretha Morgan, a pediatric emergency room nurse at New York-Presbyterian/Columbia and a member of NYSNA's board.

New York-Presbyterian is among several hospitals to which NYSNA gave a 10-day strike notice in late December. NYSNA nurses held a three-day strike in January at Mount Sinai Hospital and Montefiore Medical Center to press for eventual agreements that included 19-percent raises, plans to hire nurses and enforce safe-staffing ratios.

The Brooklyn nurses were joined by several elected officials, including Assembly Member Jo Anne Simon and Council Members Lincoln Restler and Sandy Nurse. "It seems like hospitals all over this city seem to think that they can continue to shortchange our nurses," Nurse said.

Several advocates noted that Brooklyn Methodist has already closed the hospital's 50-bed psychiatric unit.

Irving Campbell, a psychiatric nurse, stated that the hospital's emergency room is often crowded with mentally unstable patients who sometimes must wait days for care. "There is a huge need for inpatient mental health-care in Brooklyn and throughout New York, but NYP-Brooklyn Methodist refuses to reopen the psych unit they closed during the Covid-19 pandemic," he said.

The nurses emphasized that cutting staffing and units will only hurt patients. "Cutting nurses is shutting down beds. That's what it equates to. We've already seen cuts all over the place," Kane said.

Crispino called on the hospital's management to follow the state's safe-staffing laws, and to "come in good faith and bargain with us."

In a statement, the hospital said that "We respect the right of our employees to participate in this informational picketing activity and continue to bargain in good faith with union leadership to reach a new contract. We remain hopeful that we can achieve a fair agreement that rewards our nurses for the important role they play in our hospital's delivery of exceptional care."



Courtesy of Mettie Ostrowski

Workers, union leaders and advocates, including Claudia Ashterman, an Amazon warehouse worker and union organizer, at left, rallied outside of Jeff Bezos' Flatiron penthouse last week in support of the Warehouse Worker Injury Reduction Act, state legislation designed to reduce injuries in Amazon warehouses across the state. The bill, sponsored by State Senator Jessica Ramos and Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner follows the enactment last year of the Warehouse Worker Protection Act.

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Committee, said in a statement. "Now, I am proud to be continuing that fight with the Warehouse Worker Injury Reduction Act so we can finally rein in the business models that view workers as overhead, instead of full human beings."

Unions, quotas and ergonomics

When the Warehouse Worker Protection Act takes effect in June, it will require that Amazon and other employers give warehouse workers a clear description of their work quotas and standards, such as a desired productivity speed.

Vogel, the Amazon spokesperson, denied that the company uses fixed quotas, and that the company assesses performance based on "safe and achievable expectations."

Ben Kellerman, director of public policy at the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union, argued at last Thursday's announcement that the enforcement of strict quotas and the lack of union protections are two of the three chief causes for worker injuries in warehouses. The third cause, he said, is the absence of government regulations enforcing safer ergonomic standards for workers in Amazon warehouses

"Even when workers have a slower pace of work, if they are lifting and twisting unsafely, they will become injured," Kellerman said. The Warehouse Worker Injury Reduction Act addresses that hazard, he argued, because it "focuses on how [workers are] actually using their bodies."

Ramos' and Joyner's new bill will require employers to work with professional ergonomists to create an "injury reduction program" that considers how workers use their bodies to lift and transport items to ensure they're not carrying out repetitive, harmful movements. Advocates and workers at the announcement said Amazon could reduce injuries by no longer having packages so near the ground, obliging workers to stoop down to lift items.

Kellerman noted that there are no state or federal ergonomic standards for warehouse workers. He said that Ramos' and Joyner's bill could set proper standards because it's not a "one size fits all" approach and would only apply to larger warehouses.

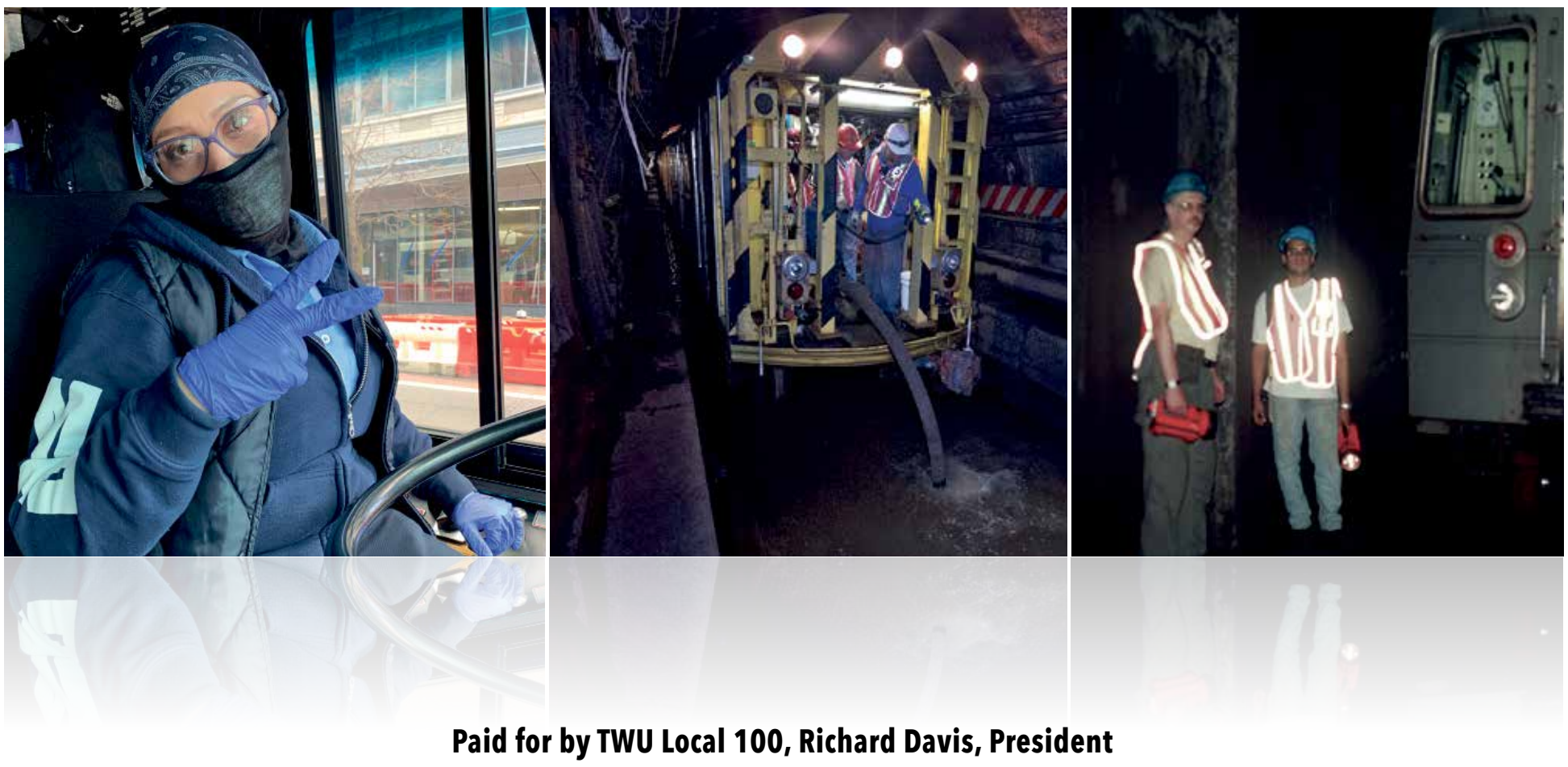
"We have the chance to create nation-leading ergonomics standards in New York," said Shapiro, the ALIGN interim director. "People all over the country are looking at what we're doing here in New York."

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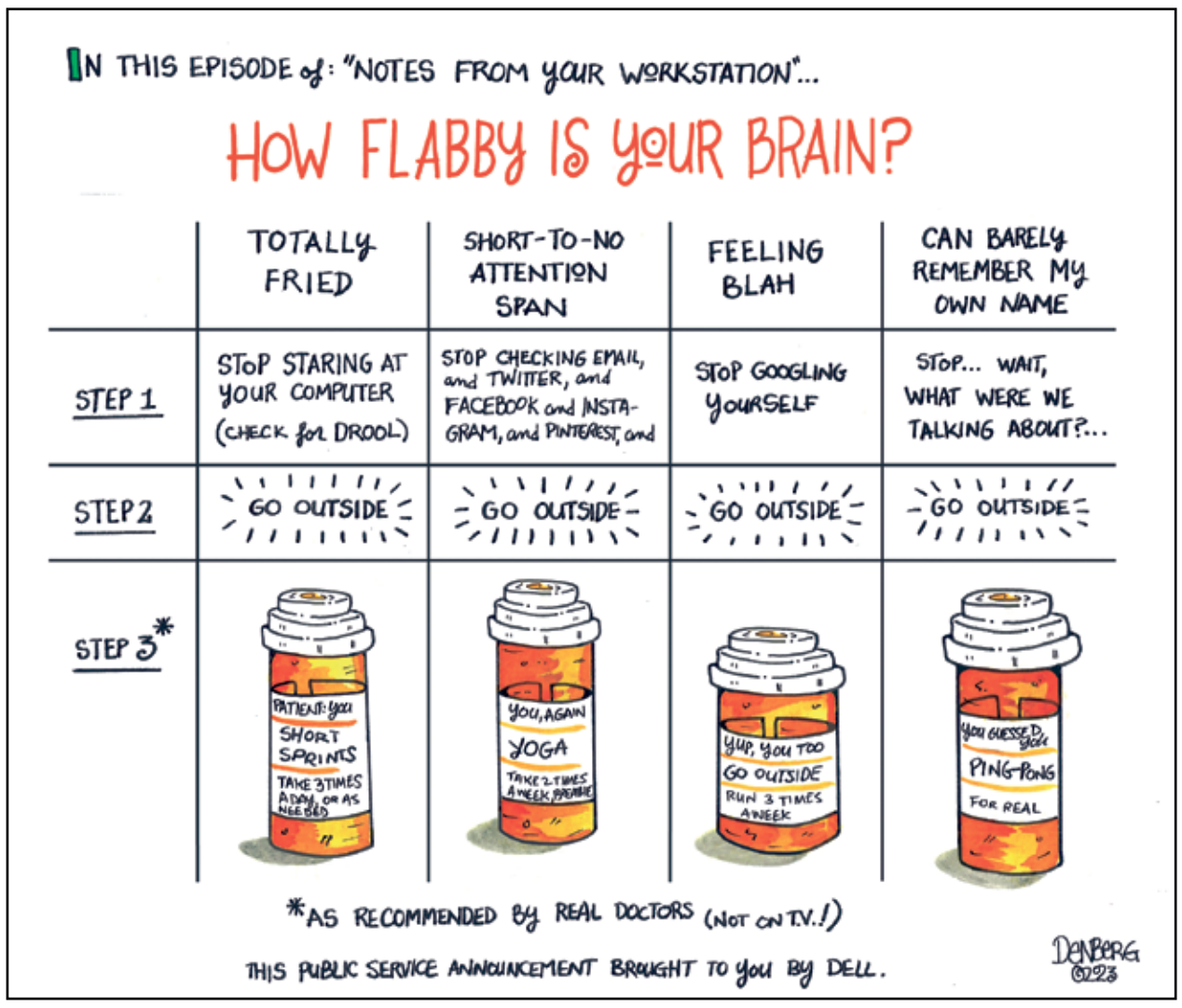
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Doubting Thomas

To the editor:

How many ethical lapses does Clarence Thomas have to make before he is removed from the Supreme Court? We already knew his wife, Ginni, has lobbied for and against matters before the court, that she had direct involvement in the fake 2020 elector scheme as well as the January 6th insurrection and that Justice Thomas was the lone vote to suppress January 6th related documents from the January 6th Select Committee. Now we learn that the Thomases have been taking luxury trips paid for by a large GOP donor – Harlan Crow – and that Crow directly funneled money to Thomas by purchasing properties that he and his family owned in Georgia, while allowing Thomas' mother to continue living on the property. All without disclosing the transactions by law, at least on his tax returns.

In his defense, Thomas said he "was advised that this sort of personal hospitality from close personal friends ... was not reportable." So let's understand this – a Supreme Court Justice, whose job it is to interpret the law, particularly its intent, had to be "advised" on whether or not taking hundreds of thousands of dollars from a political operative had to be reported?

If Thomas isn't removed for graft then he should at least be removed for incompetence. It is long past due that the arbiters of the law be required to follow it; if not, do we really have a legal system?

Joseph Cannisi

Indebted to ideology

To the editor:

The Republican-led House will almost certainly force a default on our national debt primarily because they would rather see our economy collapse, with all the devastating effects on the nation and the American people, than see Joe Biden beat Donald Trump again in 2024.

They mistakenly think this is their only option and strategy to stop the Democrats from winning the presidency, keep the Senate and possibly even win the House. For one thing, House Speaker Kevin McCarthy cannot negotiate in good faith and keep his job. The first reasonable compromise he makes will end his speakership immediately.

"When you get to the intersection of sane and crazy, they (the Trump-controlled Republicans) generally go crazy every time," Democratic strategist James Carville said.

There are two strategies that might have a chance to stop the default, but in one case the Democrats would need a few Republicans to get the "discharge petition" through to force a vote on a debt ceiling increase without McCarthy's permission. The second emergency option, a long-shot, is a constitutional challenge under the theory that not paying the United States' bills would violate the 14th Amendment.

We Americans are at a critical turning point. If we default on the national debt, the damage to our nation and all of our allies will be long term and we will all feel the pain. But House Republicans are willing to make us all pay the price. We are fighting an economic civil war.

Michael J. Gorman

Adams' poor response

To the editor:

When it comes to public safety, Mayor Adams has repeatedly shown why he is one of the most divisive and disingenuous politicians in the United States. Only in office since January 2022, he has cast a dark shadow over our city. There is his toxic fear mongering about crime, attacks on both bail reform and progressive prosecutors, as well as his criminalization of the homeless and mentally ill.

On May 1, Jordan Neely, a homeless man, had a mental health crisis on the F train. Daniel Penny, a former Marine, placed him in a chokehold. A video recorded his death. The city's medical examiner ruled it a homicide.

Adams's response was "any loss of life is tragic. There's a lot we don't know about what happened." A few days later he said, "There are many layers to this…let the process follow its course." He did the exact opposite last July following the knifing death of Austin Simon by Jose Alba.

Contrary to the mayor's claim, we already know disturbing information about what happened. The victim was shouting and acting erratically. Some passengers felt uncomfortable and threatened. Neely, however, did not have a weapon or attack anyone. There was no evidence that he used or was about to use deadly force against any passenger, including Penny.

It was the ex-Marine who approached Neely and after both fell to the floor, two men held him down while Penny applied a chokehold. There is also a video of a rider shouting at Penny to stop the chokehold, that he's going to kill this man and be charged with murder. Penny ignored the warning.

Adams used this terrible incident to promote his flawed public safety program. He focused on the mentally ill person riding the F train and not the passenger who used a deadly chokehold. "We need to be extremely clear," the mayor said. "We cannot have people with severe emotional illness in our subway system."

Eric Adams is shameless, heartless and unfit to be mayor.

Howard Elterman

And justice for all

To the editor:

I really must object to retired NYPD lieutenant and lawyer Michael Gorman's letter on Donald Trump (The Chief, April 28).

As a lawyer Mr. Gorman should understand the concept of due process. Due process applies to anyone in this country accused of malfeasance, including Donald Trump. Mr. Trump is entitled to have the facts heard by a neutral, impartial jury of his peers. The burden of proof is on the one making the accusation.

A long time ago, a coworker was accused of sexual harassment on the job. It took two and a half weeks before management decided they weren't going to file charges against them. This coworker described it as "your life comes to a standstill, waiting for the hammer to drop. Nothing to wish on anyone."

It turned out my coworker was the third in a line of seven individuals who had been similarly accused by the same person. Another individual involved with this situation was accused of covering it up. This individual managed to make the accuser understand that they were not as pure as Ivory soap, and should they go forward plenty of skeletons would come tumbling out of their own closet. The accuser dropped the matter.

Yet another legal principle Mr. Gorman as a lawyer should understand is that while an adverse inference from failure to testify may be drawn, none can be drawn when none exists.

I am not making a statement on Trump's guilt or innocence. I did not vote for Trump either election. Mr. Trump is an odious, toxic individual. But even odious, toxic people are entitled to be judged in a court of law. Not in the letters section of a newspaper.

Nat Weiner

Forget the NLRB – build barricades instead

BY ROBERT OVETZ

The holy grail for private sector unions is the NLRB election. Unionizing campaigns are organized with the narrow objective of acquiring signatures from at least 30 percent of workers to trigger an election. The expectation is that once workers get to vote they will pick the union and collective bargaining will begin. The same strategy is repeated in the public sector as well.

This has been a flawed strategy leading to repeated defeats.

As CUNY professor Frances Fox Piven and Richard Cloward showed in their classic 1977 book "Poor People's Movements," this strategy has rarely worked in our favor even from the earliest days of the national right to unionize and bargain with Section 7a of the 1933 National Recovery Act which preceded the 1935 NLRA.

Rather than make unionization easier, labor law has served to contain and defang it. This happens by turning worker self-organization into a highly regulated and bureaucratic process decided by labor lawyers and federal bureaucrats. This slows down and channels workers' struggles into a legal fight far away from the workplace where we have power. When that happens employers gain the upper hand.

Union busting today is hardly new. While it doesn't involve the armed repression I wrote about in my first book, "When Workers Shot Back," the guns have been replaced by the procedural weapon. As organizing stops to vote and bargain, employers are free to carry out misinformation campaigns to confuse and divide workers, target key organizers, pay off some workers with better pay and benefits, and drag out the election long enough until many workers who asked for a union move on to other jobs.



Ross D. Franklin/AP Photo

Arizona teachers rallied at the state Capitol in Phoenix for higher teacher pay and school funding April 26, 2018, the first day of a statewide teachers strike.

While much of this is illegal, unions typically respond not by striking for representation but by filing unfair labor practice charges with the NLRB, a process that can drag on for years. This too knocks the struggle off track into yet another bureaucratic battle.

It's no surprise that the average length of time it takes to obtain a first contract after winning a representation election increased between 2005 and 2022 by more than a third from 375 to 575 days, according to Bloomberg Law.

The good news is that when the election finally happens, workers vote by an average of 76 percent to unionize, which is 50 percent higher than 25 years ago, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics and Cornell School of Industrial and Labor Relations.

The bad news is that about two-thirds of unions are forced to negotiate for more than three years to achieve their first contract, according to the Economic Policy Institute. Although we are seeing an upsurge in elections, they still amount to nearly one-third the number of 25 years ago.

If we manage to get a contract, the employer often decides which workers are in and which are outside our bargaining unit and frequently force workers to include no-strike and management-rights clauses that divide us and weakens our power to take joint collective action.

These numbers show us that unionizing according to the legal process doesn't work. If we are going to capitalize on the massive support for and interest in unionizing today, we will need to organize around and against labor law.

As I have written about on these pages in recent months, relying on foundation-funded big worker centers, lobbying for labor law reforms like card check and pouring hundreds of millions of dollars and millions of hours of free labor to support so-called allies are all dead ends.

We must learn from the militant organizing of independent unions during the Great Depression in 1933, as recounted by Piven and Cloward. When millions of workers were spurned by the AFL craft unions, they organized and struck anyway. In contrast, the CIO spent all its funds to support worker militancy that repeatedly resulted in workplace occupations and street fighting with company thugs and the National Guard. As a result, the unorganized became organized and powerful.

Labor lawyer Joe Burns showed in his 2014 book, "Strike Back," how public workers formed independent illegal unions and wildcatted, resulting in huge victories in the 1960s and '70s. Many states responded by passing new labor laws that legalized our right to unionize, bargain and even strike although not in New York. The wildcat strikes built the public sector unions we have today.

The growth and power of the workers movements from the 1870s to the 1970s was built by defying the law to organize for power on the shopfloor and throughout society.

When we have the necessary power to disrupt, Piven and Cloward and Burns have shown us, is when the reforms come. Those reforms do not give us power but are designed to stifle it by channeling our struggles back into bureaucratic legalistic routes where we cannot win.

The current strategy of first changing labor law in order to organize, vote and bargain is not about workers organizing for power. It leaves us vulnerable to unreliable politicians who have not delivered anything in generations. We shouldn't ask or expect anything we are not already powerful enough to take ourselves.

The workers movement has been most successful when we organize maximum disruption. In 2018, teacher wildcat strikes won big in right wing dominated states of Arizona, Kentucky, North Carolina, Oklahoma and West Virginia. Only then can we win immediate improvements that also give us the power to transform an unjust system that has pushed all life on earth to the point of ecocide.

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WAKE-UP CALL

What's fine for them is not fine with us

BY RON ISAAC



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A Mercedes sedan on Murray Street in Tribeca wears a boot. City Council legislation would levy parking fines based on offenders' disposable incomes.

The punishment should fit the crime. Does it ever? Maybe in high-profile cases when the myth of equal justice must be perpetuated to dodge the bullet of calls for reform.

The nexus between offense and retribution is traceable when guilty parties lack the clout to have stern judgments against them reversed or fixed by the intervention of strategically-placed co-elitists with whom they have networked.

The scales of justice may be calibrated, but rarely in favor of the meek. When innocence triumphs, it may not be by sheer accident, but neither is it likely to be solely on its merits.

We are told that we are a society of laws. Under those laws we are all equal. But, as the prophet Orwell noted, some are more equal than others.

Can a balance be struck? Can proportions be equalized, so that punishments don't have disparate impact, depending on economic status?

Let's begin with baby steps. Make the rich pay for parking tickets commensurate with their total assets. This should be expanded to a panoply of other civil and eventually an array of criminal laws also.

Don't laugh: common sense can be codified into law. Democratic principles can be translated, albeit uneasily, into public policy.

Justin Brannan and Julie Won, two members of the City Council, have proposed a pilot project that would, in effect, make penalties more equal in impact by making them unequal in literal severity. "Why should the guy who double-parked his 1988 Toyota pay the same as the guy with the 2024 Bentley ... instead of bankrupting working people while winking at the rich by setting the same fines for everyone," asks Brannan, who represents Bay Ridge.

Equal justice demands proportional justice. There should be retroactive indemnifications levied against the historically over-privileged. Let them pay back more than they've stolen. At least symbolically, let's take a bite out of their hides.

If symbolism resonates with the masses, it may graduate into the substance of statute.

Should the same New Yorker who owns New York's leading talk-radio station, major real estate holdings in multiple states, grocery chains, an oil refinery and fuel company that delivers to a couple thousand government and private buildings (including all New York City's public schools,) owns a fleet of an estimated thousand vehicles, a private plane and a baseball team, pay the same as a single parent on SNAP with a handicapped child?

That status quo has got to go!

Labor relations and union activism are predicated upon the pursuit of a "level-playing field." But the rich play on an impeccably manicured lawn with round the clock grounds-keepers, and the rest of us swing our bats over a home-plate on quicksand and slide into bases of volcanic ash.

Some media pundits belittle this perspective as "class envy." Marxism. Globalism. It would make our society a "cesspool," they warn. That "cesspool" already includes countries like Germany, Austria, Switzerland, France, most of Scandinavia and a few U.S. cities.

The technology exists. It is being fine-tuned faster than our elected officials and policy wonks are being sensitized.

You don't need to be a progressive to believe in what in Scandinavia is called "progressive punishment." Incremental penalties are imposed there for speeding and other breaches, based on tax receipts.

Around 20 years ago, a Nokia executive was fined the equivalent of $103,000 for going 15 miles per hour over the limit on his motorcycle. Finland applies the same system to some other violations too, such as security-exchange laws.

An explanation of how the method works appeared in The Atlantic: "It starts with an estimate of the amount of spending money a Finn has for one day, and then divides that by two — the resulting number is considered a reasonable amount of spending money to deprive the offender of. Then, based on the severity of the crime, the system has rules for how many days the offender must go without that money."

This sliding scale arrangement is called Day Fines. This is the type proposed in the City Council.

"Cannot pecuniary penalties be proportionate to fortunes?" asked French philosopher Montesquieu, patron saint of American constitutional scholars, in 1748. The language may be dressed up, but the naked truth is universal, natural, native comprehensible.

And do-able.

The European Citizens' Initiative Forum, or ECIF, observes, "For wealthy corporations and individuals, a fine is not a moral threshold to stop criminal and harmful behavior, but also an obstacle." Some people make up the cost of a speeding ticket in a few seconds while others must labor a month to offset it.

The ECIF (which does not represent the European Commission or Union) points out that the formula fits such cases as Facebook's monumental violations of consumers' privacy and drug companies who make out like bandits (and generally are), by calculating penalties for offenses they deliberately commit, often involving dangerous pharmaceuticals, into the cost of business.

The blog of Cambridge University Press sums it up admirably: "With traditional fines, the rich can simply 'buy the right to commit an offense."

Even the most absolute and transparent truth can be debated by intellectuals skilled in feigning counterpoints. One argument is that equal penalties should pertain to equal damages and therefore should be the same when caused by the well-heeled as by the heel-less.

Former President Clinton said "It depends on what the meaning of the word 'is' is." And it also depends on what the meaning of the word "same" is.

A comment on the ECIF blog warns that government may use "a disproportionately high fine ... to control the masses of citizens who could not afford it, whilst the wealthy had the luxury of freedom of choice whether to consent to the measures or not by paying an affordable fine for themselves. The rest ... had no choice but to conform. This gives governments unethical superpowers to control masses of less affluent people."

In short, comeuppance should be calibrated to paygrade.

Casey Mulligan, a professor of economics at the University of Chicago, seems to believe that based on their productivity, prosperity and material contributions to society, an hour in the life of a rich person is more valuable than that of hoi polloi, and should be taken into account especially when an offender is held in custody.

If the City Council bill is enacted, it will be a promising gesture, but the larger issues of unearned privilege and economic and social elitism in our nation will remain unaddressed on a larger scale. Members of Congress will still be entitled to reap the profits from insider-trading which would put the rest of us behind bars. Legacy admissions programs at Ivy League universities will still allow the applicants who are the children of big donors to jump the queue.

Income-based penalties may be impracticable but they are still enforceable. It will take a massive bureaucracy to track income, in all its guises. The government is aware of the gargantuan off-the books, underground economy and the proliferation of fraudulent personal data and documents, but does nothing about it.

New bureaucracies will need to be created, and if the past is prologue, it will be inept, sleazy and amenable to graft.

Will we be carrying a laminated assets card? Will dividends and market swings of pulled-over motorists be stored on a cloud and downloaded on police cruise screens?

Extending the income-based penalty from civil infractions to criminal sentencing has not been seriously suggested, but should be. Indigent violent criminals should lose their freedom with no mitigation due to their life's hardships. But so should the politically-connected gentility, for the first time, serve the same sentences under the same conditions with no time-off because of their caste and utility to industrial output.

Mayor Eric Adams' approval of the "day-fines" program is essential. So far he has neither embraced nor ruled it out. Councilman Brannan would like Adams to identify in the next month which agencies would be in charge. The goal is for the pilot's implementation to start within a year of the mayor's nod and for it to cover at least 10 local laws.

The City Council proposal was conceived in virtue and hopefully will cross the political placenta and become law. It has perfect pitch. But there will always be tone-deaf killjoys and naysayers.

And they've got connections.

WORK RULES by Barbara Smaller



"What makes something 'Women's Work'? It pays less."

What to do if you get an IRS notice



Tax Strategies

By Barry Lisak

EACH YEAR, THE Internal Revenue Service sends millions of letters and notices to taxpayers for a variety of reasons. Although some people may feel anxious when they receive one, many are easy to resolve. Here are items to know about IRS notices, just in case one shows up in your mailbox.

Don't panic. Many of these letters can be dealt with simply and painlessly. You generally have 30 days to respond to an IRS notice. Always check which tax year the notice relates to. Do not assume it relates to your most-recent tax filing.

There are a number of reasons why the IRS might send you a notice. Notices may request payment of taxes, notify you of changes to your account, or request additional information. The notice you receive normally covers a very specific issue about your tax return.

Each letter or notice offers specific instructions on what you are asked to do to satisfy the inquiry.

If you receive a correction notice, the most common IRS correspondence, you should review and compare it with the information on your return.

If you agree with the correction on your account, then usually no reply is necessary unless payment is due.

If you do not agree with the correction the IRS made, it is important that you respond as requested. You should send a written explanation of why you disagree and include any documents you want the IRS to consider, along with the bottom tear-off portion of their notice.

If you have questions, call the telephone number in the upper right-hand corner of the notice. Have a copy of your tax return and the correspondence available when you call. The important thing is to respond; ignoring notices will get you nowhere and could result in additional tax penalties.

Keep copies of any correspondence with the IRS with your tax records.

IRS notices and letters are only sent by mail. The IRS does not correspond by email about taxpayer accounts or tax returns. Do not respond. Instead forward the email to phishing@irs.gov.

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FDNY chiefs pile on to age-discrimination lawsuit

New allegations against Kavanagh

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Several FDNY officials have joined an age discrimination lawsuit against Commissioner Laura Kavanagh, the latest twist in an ongoing conflict between Kavanagh and top department officials who were demoted by the commissioner or asked for demotions in protest of Kavanagh's decision-making.

The updated suit introduces several new bombshell allegations, including that Kavanagh obstructed the investigation of EMS Lieutenant Alison Russo-Elling's line of duty murder. It also alleges Kavanagh fired the department's top spokesman, Frank Dwyer, because she thought he leaked the recording of a private February meeting between her and the top chiefs.

The original plaintiffs, Joe Jardin, Michael Gala and Michael Massucci, all former FDNY chiefs, filed the lawsuit under the state's human rights laws in March, seeking damages, back pay and the return of job titles they had before Kavanagh demoted them. The updated suit includes three new plaintiffs: former EMS Chief James Booth, Deputy Assistant Chief of Safety Frank Leeb and Carla Murphy, a manager of the EMS dispatch system.



Courtesy FDNY

FDNY Commissioner Laura Kavanagh attended a retirement ceremony for Firefighter Robert Thomas of Engine 205 last month. Kavanagh is being sued by several department higher-ups who accuse her of age discrimination. The suit, filed in Brooklyn Supreme Court, also alleged that she slowed the investigation into the October stabbing death of EMS Lieutenant Alison Russo-Elling.

"To subject these experienced public servants to age discrimination and retaliation is not only morally wrong, it defies the letter and spirit of the laws that guarantee equal treatment in any American workplace regardless of race, gender, religion — or age," Jim Walden, the plaintiff's attorney, said in a statement. "We are hopeful that the Court will recognize the injustice suffered by this group of dedicated public servants, who have put their own lives at risk for a lifetime to ensure the safety of the people of New York."

A central claim of the lawsuit is that Kavanagh demoted certain chiefs simply because of their age. The commissioner has said in interviews that her personnel decisions are not discriminatory but are simply the result of a new administration selecting its own team to get the job done. Mayor Eric Adams, who appointed Kavanagh to her position in the fall, has so far backed the commissioner, who he appointed on a permanent basis in October following her eight-month interim tenure in the post.

'Already rejected'

The age-discrimination lawsuit is the second filed by the maligned chiefs. In February, the chiefs filed a lawsuit alleging that the demotions posed a "grave risk" to public safety and that the city was in danger because of the loss of long-time expertise. That suit, though, was shot down a week later by U.S District Judge Rachel Kovner who concluded that the chiefs' claims of risk and discord were "too speculative." She also noted that some of the vacated positions had already been filled.

"A federal court already rejected plaintiffs' claims that their demotions would put the public at risk. Now plaintiffs are trying to make this about age discrimination with new claims in state court," a spokesperson for the city's Law Department said of the most recent suit. "The City will respond to the suit."

The updated suit included several allegations, including that Kavanagh herself leaked a recording of the Feb. 3 meeting with staff chiefs in which she berated her subordinates. The suit alleges that Kavanagh then framed Dwyer, who didn't attend the meeting, and had him fired.

It also alleges that Kavanagh, retaliating against Leeb, ordered the department's Safety Command to clear out of its Fort Totten, Queens, office while staff in the office were investigating Russo-Elling's murder, a move that Leeb claims delayed the investigation by two to three weeks. The suit also makes several claims about Kavanagh's "coup" against former Chief of Department James Leonard.

"This is another unfortunate attempt to spread baseless rumors to undermine the reputation of the greatest Fire Department in the world," an FDNY spokesperson said in a statement responding to the updated lawsuit. "The Fire Commissioner remains focused on keeping New Yorkers safe and increasing safety for the members of the FDNY."

Comptroller calls on state to build on paid family leave benefit

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Workers throughout New York received $872 million in paid family leave benefits in 2021, the office of state Comptroller's Thomas DiNapoli reported.

Using data from the Department of Financial Services, the comptroller's office analyzed how the paid family leave benefit has been used between 2018, when the program was launched, and 2021, the most recent year with data available. Since the program's start, the state has paid over $2.2 billion in benefits, with insurers approving more than 553,000 claims.

The largest number of claims were paid to workers who made less than $40,000 a year: about 29 percent of the claims came from the state's lowest earners. The majority of workers seeking benefits earned below the state's average salary, which was $75,409 in 2021, according to the Department of Financial Services. Workers who earned between $60,000 and $80,000 a year received $581 million in payments, meaning that they were paid the highest total dollar amount in PFL benefits, according to the analysis.

Women file nearly 2/3 of claims

More than 395,000 of the claims, or 71 percent, were used by parents caring for a newborn. About 27 percent of the claims were made by workers taking leave to care of sick family members, while the remaining claims were to bond with an adopted or foster child, or to assist loved ones whose family members were deployed on active military service. Women filed nearly two-thirds of all claims.

Employees in the service industries — which according to the Department of Financial Services includes jobs in hotels, museums and health, engineering and accounting companies — accounted for 44 percent of all claims. A disproportionately low number of New York City employees took advantage of paid family leave: while workers in the city account for 48 percent of the state's total workforce, they accounted for just 31 percent of all claims.

About 88 percent of private-sector workers throughout the state, or eight million employees, are eligible for the paid family leave program. That's substantially higher than the percentage of workers throughout the country who have access to paid family leave, currently 23 percent.

Not all public employees are eligible for paid family leave, although many unions, including District Council 37, have opted in to the benefit.

During the first year of the program, workers were eligible to receive up to half of their average weekly wage for a maximum of eight weeks. By 2021, workers could receive up to 67 percent of their average weekly wage for up to 12 weeks. Currently, the benefit is capped at $1,688, which is 67 percent of the state's average weekly wage.

DiNapoli called on the state to build on the success of the program, highlighting the benefit's importance to low-income workers.

"The state's paid family leave program has allowed New Yorkers to care for loved ones, whether it's a parent bonding with a newborn or someone looking after a sick family member, without losing their income," he said in a statement. "The state should continue to promote this successful program by ensuring employers are aware of their responsibilities and workers are aware of the benefits and the employment and health insurance protections that come with it. No one should have to choose between caring for a loved one and sacrificing a paycheck."



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Mayor Eric Adams announces plans aimed at improving maternal health outcomes in March 2022. State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli analyzed the use of the state's paid family leave benefit during the program's first four years, and found the benefit, which has paid $2.2 billion to families across the state, was particularly important for low-income workers.

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042723-3 5/5/23-6/9/23

Notice of Qualification of **Highline 22 Owner LLC**. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 4/19/23. Office location: New York County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 4/18/23. 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.
042723-4 5/5/23-6/9/23

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF **Buy It Sell It L.L.C.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/15/2023. Office location: New York County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is United States Corporation Agents Inc., 7014 13th Ave., Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. The principal business address of the LLC is 228 Park Ave. S PMB 333848, New York, NY 10003, USA. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.
042723-6 5/5/23-6/9/23

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION, CARE AND PROTECTION, TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS, DOCKET NUMBER: 23CP0044OL, Trial Court of Massachusetts, Juvenile Court Department, COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Barnstable County Juvenile Court, Route 6A, PO Box 427, Barnstable, MA 02630, (508) 240-5044. TO: Any Unknown/Unnamed Father of Lucy Tropea: A petition has been presented to this court by DCF Hyannis, seeking, as to the following child, Lucy Tropea, that said child be found in need of care and protection and committed to the Department of Children and Families. The court may dispense the rights of the person named herein to receive notice of or to consent to any legal proceeding affecting the adoption, custody, or guardianship or any other disposition of the child named herein, if it finds that the child is in need of care and protection and that the best interests of the child would be served by said disposition. You are hereby ORDERED to appear in this court, at the court address set forth above, on the following date and time: 09/19/2023 at 08:30 AM Status Hearing You may bring an attorney with you. If you have a right to an attorney and if the court determines that you are indigent, the court will appoint an attorney to represent you. If you fail to appear, the court may proceed on that date and any date thereafter to a trial on the merits and adjudication of this matter. For further information call the Office of the Clerk-Magistrate at (508) 240-5044. WITNESS: Hon. James J. Torney, Jr., First Justice, Date Issued: 04/20/2023, J. David Bowie, Clerk-Magistrate
042623-1 5/5/23-5/19/23

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF **STEPHANIE MCCURRY LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/25/2023. 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 25 Claremont Ave., Apt. 9B, New York, NY 10027. The principal business address of the LLC is 25 Claremont Avenue, Apt. 9B, New York, NY 10027. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.
042723-1 5/5/23-6/9/23

KRISTIN RENEE LLC. Arts of Org filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 12/28/2022. Office Location: 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 LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, 228 PARK AVE S #624872, NEW YORK, NY, 10003, USA. R/A: UNITED STATES CORPORATION AGENTS, INC. 7014 13TH AVENUE, SUITE 202, BROOKLYN, NY 11228, USA. Purpose: Any lawful act.
042423-2 5/5/23-6/9/23

Notice is hereby given that a license, serial number 1361521, for beer, liquor and wine has been applied for by the undersigned to serve beer, liquor, and wine at retail in a bottle club establishment under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 383 Madison Avenue, 42nd and 43rd floors, New York, N.Y. 10017 for on premises consumption. /s/ JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association.
042423-1 5/5/23-5/12/23

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF **Dilants, LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/03/2023. 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 P.O. 286923, 1617 3rd Ave., New York, NY 10128. The principal business address of the LLC is P.O. 286923, 1617 3rd Ave., New York, NY 10128. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.
042723-11 5/5/23-6/9/23

ACCOUNTING PROCEEDING FILE NO. 2021-3204/A CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO: Unknown Distributees Attorney General of the State of New York Margaret C. Siler Virginia Cooke Moriarty Donna L. Donohue Park Royal Management to Margaret C. Siler and Donna L. Donohue, whose whereabouts are unknown, if living, and if they died subsequent to the decedent herein, to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown; and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of Milton Siler, a/k/a Milton K. Siler, Jr., a/k/a Milton Kirkpatrick Siler, Jr., the decedent herein, if living and if any of them be dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot, after diligent inquiry, be ascertained by the petitioner herein; being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, distributees, or otherwise in the estate of Milton Siler, a/k/a Milton K. Siler, Jr., a/k/a Milton Kirkpatrick Siler, Jr., deceased, who at the time of his death was a resident of 23 W. 73rd Street, New York, New York 10023; A petition having been duly filed by the Public Administrator of the County of New York, who maintains an office at 31 Chambers Street, Room 311, New York, New York 10007. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the New York County Surrogate's Court at 31 Chambers Street, New York, New York, on June 8th, 2023, at 9:30 A.M., in room 509, why the following relief stated in the account of proceedings, a copy of the summary statement thereof being attached hereto, of the Public Administrator of the County of New York as administrator of the goods, chattels and credits of said deceased, should not be granted: (i) that her account be judicially settled; (ii) that a hearing be held to determine the identity of decedent's distributees at which time proof pursuant to SCPA §2225 may be presented, or in the alternative, that the balance of the funds in this estate be deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York for the benefit of the decedent's unknown distributees; (iii) that the Surrogate approve the reasonable amount of compensation as reported in Schedules C and C-1 of the account of proceedings to the attorney for the petitioner for legal services rendered to the petitioner herein; (iv) that the claim of Park Royal Management for apartment rental expenses for the period covering 2020 through February 2021, in the amount of $8,032.65, be granted and paid; (v) that the persons above mentioned and all necessary and proper persons be cited to show cause why such relief should not be granted; (vi) that an order be granted pursuant to SPCA §307 where required or directed; and (vii) for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper. Hon. HILARY GINGOLD Surrogate Dated, Attested and Sealed. April 25th, 2023 (Seal) Diana Sanabria Chief Clerk Schram Graber & Opell P.C. Counsel to the Public Administrator, New York County 11 Park Place, Suite 1008 New York, New York 10007 (212) 896-3310 Note: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested. You have the right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you and you or your attorney may request a copy of the full account from the petitioner or petitioner's attorney.
042723-12 5/5/23-5/26/23

ACCOUNTING PROCEEDING FILE NO. 2021-858/A CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO: Unknown Distributees Attorney General of the State of New York Cheryl Lynn Ennis Teeling Megan Ennis Adrian Ennis Verizon Wireless and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of Ted Smith, a/k/a M. Ted Smith, a/k/a M.T. Smith, a/k/a Myron Theodore Smith, the decedent herein, if living and if any of them be dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot, after diligent inquiry be ascertained by the petitioner herein; being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, distributees, or otherwise in the estate of Ted Smith, a/k/a M. Ted Smith, a/k/a M.T. Smith, a/k/a Myron Theodore Smith, deceased, who at the time of his death was a resident of 392 Central Park W, New York New York 10025; A petition having been duly filed by the Public Administrator of the County of New York, who maintains at office at 31 Chambers Street, Room 311, New York, New York 10007. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the New York County Surrogate's Court at 31 Chambers Street, New York, New York, on June 8th, 2023, at 9:30 A.M., in room 509, why the following relief stated in the account of proceedings, a copy of the summary statement thereof being attached hereto, of the Public Administrator of the County of New York as administrator of the goods, chattels and credits of said deceased, should not be granted: (i) that her account be judicially settled; (ii) that a hearing be held to determine the identity of the distributees at which time proof pursuant to SCPA § 2225 may be presented, or in the alternative, that the balance of the funds be deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York for the benefit of the decedent's unknown distributees; (iii) that the Surrogate approve the reasonable amount of compensation as reported in Schedules C and C-1 of the account or proceedings to the attorney for the petitioner for legal expenses rendered to the petitioner herein; (iv) that the claim of Verizon Wireless acct ending #0888XXXX, in the amount of $1,328.01, be rejected for failure to file a claim in accordance with the provisions of SCPA 1803(1); (v) that the persons above mentioned and all necessary and proper persons be cited to show cause why such relief should not be granted; (vi) that an order be granted pursuant to SCPA §307 where required or directed; and (vii) for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper. Hon. HILARY GINGOLD Surrogate Dated, Attested and Sealed. April 25th, 2023 (Seal) Diana Sanabria Chief Clerk Schram Graber & Opell P.C. Counsel to the Public Administrator, New York County 11 Park Place, Suite 1008 New York, New York 10007 (212) 896-3310 Note: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested. You have the right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you and you or your attorney may request a copy of the full account from the petitioner or petitioner's attorney.
042723-13 5/5/23-5/26/23

Notice is hereby given that license number [1349726] for [wine and beer] has been applied for by the undersigned to sell [wine and beer] at retail in a [restaurant] under the alcoholic beverage control law at [158-14 Northern Boulevard, Unit LL1 Flushing, NY 11358, Queens County] for on-premises consumption. [Kappo Joon Corp]. [158-14 Northern Boulevard, Unit LL1 Flushing, NY 11358].
050323-1 5/5/23-5/12/23

Notice is hereby given that license number 1358513 for beer and wine has been applied for by United Artists Theatre Circuit Inc to sell beer and wine at retail in a tavern ("movie theatre") under the alcoholic beverage control law at 2474 Forest Ave, Staten Island, NY 10303 for on-premises consumption.
050323-2 5/12/23-5/19/23

Notice is hereby given that license number 3172582 for beer and wine has been applied for by Regal Cinemas Inc to sell beer and wine at retail in a tavern ("movie theatre") under the alcoholic beverage control law at 40 Catherwood Road, Ithaca, NY 14850 for on-premises consumption.
050323-3 5/12/23-5/19/23

Notice is hereby given that license number 2235332 for beer and wine has been applied for by Hoyts Cinemas Corporation to sell beer and wine at retail in a tavern ("movie theatre") under the alcoholic beverage control law at 1 Crossgates Mall Road, Store #33, Albany, NY 12203 for on-premises consumption.
050323-4 5/12/23-5/19/23

Notice is hereby given that license number 2235379 for beer and wine has been applied for by Hoyts Cinemas Corporation to sell beer and wine at retail in a tavern ("movie theatre") under the alcoholic beverage control law at 900 Front St, Binghamton, NY 13905 for on-premises consumption.
050323-5 5/12/23-5/19/23

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF **Whupto LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/29/2023 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 330 W. 56th Street, Apartment 21M, New York, NY 10019. The principal business address of the LLC is c/o Omar Deacon, 330 W. 56th Street, Apartment 21M, New York, NY 10019. Purpose: Social networking startup.
050423-1 5/12/23-6/16/23

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF **Root Catalyst LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/8/23. Office location: New York County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. The principal business address of the LLC is 130 E. 94th Street, New York, NY 10128. Purpose: Nurturing the growth of equitable, resilient, and radically inclusive communities.
050423-7 5/12/23-6/16/23

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The persons whose names and last known addresses are set forth below appear from the records of the above-named life insurance company to be entitled to abandoned property in amounts of fifty dollars or more.

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C/O The Omni Group
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Royal Alliance Ins Agcy
Of Ohio Inc
C/O Royal Alliance Associates
One World Financial Center
New York, NY

David Goord
PO Box 217
Mountain Dale, NY

Susan Schussler
11 Riverside Dr, Apt 10te
New York, NY

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4 East 88th Street, 4b
New York, NY

Mary Mcallister
742 Spruce Ave
Niagra Falls, NY

Eric N Watkins
130 Barrow St Apt 413
New York, NY

Aclu Foundation
125 Broad Street - 18th Floor
New York, NY

First Republic Bank
10 Columbus Circle
New York, NY

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2126 Muliner Ave
Bronx, NY

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Brooklyn, NY

Henry Skiba
154-30 17th Road
Whitestone, NY

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New York, NY

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New York, NY

J.P. Morgan Securities Llc
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7th Fl West
Brooklyn, NY

A report of unclaimed property has been made to Thomas P. DiNapoli, the Comptroller of the State of New York, pursuant to Section 701 of the Abandoned Property Law of the State of New York. A list of names contained in this notice is on file and open to public inspection at the principal office of the Company, Mass Mutual Ascdend Life Insurance Company, located at 191 Rosa Parks Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, (513) 361-9000, where such abandoned property is payable.
Such abandoned property will be paid on or before August 10th next to persons establishing to this company's satisfaction their rights to receive it.
In the succeeding month of September, and on or before September 10th, such property remaining unclaimed will be paid to Thomas P. DiNapoli, the Comptroller of the State of New York. Upon such payment, this Company shall no longer be liable for the property.

THE MASS MUTUAL ASCEND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

STORAGE LIEN SALE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF
PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell to satisfy the lien of owner at public sale by competitive bidding on Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 10AM at the Oz Moving & Storage facility located at: 498 Nepperhan Avenue, Yonkers, NY, the personal property stored therein including but not limited to the following:

Robert Sher #5888 - Boxes
Angela & Peter Matthews #6182 – Boxes, Sofa, Mattress
Evan Finkelstein – #6301 – Chairs, TV stand, Table
King & Co. – #8578 – Armchairs, Loveseat, Armoire
Beat Lieb/Polari Pro - #17444 – Boxes
Lauren Botsworth - #25098 - Boxes, Armchairs
Eurydice Kelly - #28080 – Boxes, Bins, Bikes
Kel Geddes – #32069 – Trunk, Tables,
Mohammad Akhtar - #32776 – Wardrobe Boxes, Boxes
Emma Klein - #34515 – Armoire, Marble Top
James Coppola – #38387 – Desk
James Vincent Orlando - #41229 – Boxes, Coffee Table
Turki Alrashed - #41333 – Chair, Boxes

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RESIDENTS: 300 doctors ready to strike next week

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during a phone interview. "We're hoping we can make progress before the strike date."

More than a dozen members of the City Council, including Lynn Schulman, who chairs the Committee on Health, and Carmen De La Rosa, who chairs the Labor Committee, backed the residents' intent to strike.

"We support the residents and fellows and the dedication of these doctors and the sacrifices they continually make to care for our communities must be acknowledged with a fair contract," the Council members wrote in a May 3 letter to the president of MediSys.

MediSys did not return a request for comment.

Want to end wage disparity

Another 170 residents working at Elmhurst Hospital, who are employed by the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, also have authorized a strike. About 92 percent of those who voted supported a strike; the vote was conducted May 3, about a week after the strike votes at Flushing and Jamaica Hospitals. A strike date has not yet been set, according to the union.

They are seeking a contract that will close the wage gap between unionized and non-unionized residents employed by Mount Sinai. Currently, physicians represented by CIR earn about $7,000 less than their non-unionized counterparts, a gap that will grow to $11,000 once raises for residents at Mount Sinai's Upper East Side facility take effect in July, news outlet The City reported.

"Mount Sinai residents perform the same job across our hospitals," said Dr. Tanathun Kajornsakchai, a fourth-year psychiatry resident. "Yet Mount Sinai is paying its union doctors who work in crucial safety net hospitals less. Striking is the last thing that we want to do but we feel we will have no choice if Mount Sinai does not address our demands."

Mount Sinai did not return a request for comment.

The union has been bargaining with Mount Sinai since the residents' contract expired in July. So far, CIR has filed two unfair labor practice charges with the National Labor Relations Board on behalf of the physicians, alleging that Mount Sinai has refused to "bargain in good faith."

Earlier this year, 3,625 nurses at Mount Sinai Hospital held a three-day strike. The walkout led to a contract agreement that included 19-percent raises and plans to hire nurses and enforce safe-staffing ratios.

If the residents do go on strike, it will be the first doctors' strike in the city since the nine-day strike held at Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center in 1990.



Ed Reed/Mayoral Photography Office

Mount Sinai medical staff outside of Elmhurst Hospital during the height of the pandemic in April 2020. Residents at Elmhurst, who are employed by the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, overwhelmingly authorized a strike last week. The workers are seeking a contract that will close the pay disparity between unionized residents and non-unionized residents, who earn $7,000 more.

LEGAL NOTICES

File No.: 2015-1834/B. CITATION. THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT To: Elizabeth Iby Marcusan, Resort Nursing Home, Attorney General of the State of New York. The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of Piroska Kostil, deceased, or their estates, if any there be, whose names, places of residence and post office addresses are unknown to the petitioner and cannot with due diligence be ascertained James LaBella and Anna LaBella, 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 cannot be ascertained after due diligence. A copy of this citation and the accounting, as well as all amendments to it, if any, shall be served on the Guardian Ad Litem, Raymond Chin, Esq. Being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of Piroska Kostil, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 87-21 87th Street, Woodhaven, NY 11421, in the County of Queens, State of New York. SEND GREETING: Upon the petition of LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, Public Administrator of Queens County, who maintains her office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens County, New York 11435, as Administrator of the Estate of Piroska Kostil, deceased, you and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate at the Surrogate's Court of the County of Queens, to be held at the Queens General Courthouse, 6th Floor, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, City and State of New York, on the 29th day of June, 2023 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of $7,830.09 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(3); and why the claim of Resort Nursing Home in the amount of $100,500.36 should not be paid; and why each of you claiming to be a distributee of the decedent should not establish proof of your kinship; and why the balance of said funds should not be paid to said alleged distributees upon proof of kinship, or deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York should said alleged distributees default herein, or fail to establish proof of kinship, Dated, Attested and Sealed 27th day of April, 2023 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, Queens County. Janet Edwards Tucker, Chief Clerk. GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ. (718) 459-9000 1981 Marcus Avenue, Suite 200 Lake Success, New York 11042. NOTICE: THIS CITATION IS SERVED UPON YOU AS REQUIRED BY LAW. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO APPEAR; HOWEVER, 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, AND YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MAY REQUEST A COPY OF THE FULL ACCOUNT FROM THE PETITIONER OR PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY. Accounting Citation.
050423-4 5/12/23-6/2/23

FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF KINGS. FILE 293897. SUMMONS. Docket No. B-12456-22. In the Matter of NO GIVEN NAME UBILES A/K/A EASTERN UBILES, A dependent child, under the age of 14 years, to the custody of Graham Windham, alleged to be a permanently neglected and abandoned child, pursuant to Section 384-b of the Social Services Law. In the Name of the People of the State of New York TO: CLARA UBILES. A verified Petition having been filed in the Court alleging that the above-named child in the care of Graham Windham, the petitioner, is a permanently neglected and abandoned child 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 St, Brooklyn, New York, Part 20 , on the 18th day of July, 2023, before the Hon. Erik Pitchal at 9:30 in the forenoon of said day, or virtually via the following link: https://notify.nycourts.gov/meet/0kw090 or by phone at: 347-378-4143, conference ID: 410783587# to show cause why the Court should not enter an Order depriving you of all the rights of custody of NO GIVEN NAME UBILES A/K/A EASTERN UBILES, awarding the custody of said child to the petitioning authorized agency as a permanently neglected and abandoned child as provided by law. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that if said child is adjudged to a permanently neglected and abandoned child, and, if custody is awarded to said authorized agency, said child 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 child. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that your failure to appear shall constitute a denial of interest in the child, which denial may result in the transfer or commitment of the child's care, custody, guardianship or adoption of the child, all without further notice to the parents of the child. 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: July 12, 2022. By Order of the Court, Ryan L. Darshan, Clerk, Family Court, Kings County.
050423-8 5/12/23

Notice is hereby given that license number 2237578 for beer and wine has been applied for by Regal Cinemas Inc to sell beer and wine at retail in a tavern ("movie theatre") under the alcoholic beverage control law at 131 Colonie Center (aka 15 Wolf Road), Albany, NY 11205 for on-premises consumption.
050423-2 5/12/23-5/19/23

Notice of formation of **NEW GROUND GROUP LLC**. Art. of Org. filed with the Sec of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/26/2023. Office location, County of New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process served to: c/o The Limited Liability Company - 277 Broadway Ste 1007, New York, NY, 10007. Purpose: any lawful act.
050423-6 5/12/23-6/16/23

Notice of formation of **BAUBLITZ CONSULTING LLC**. Art. of Org. filed with the Sec of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/31/2023. Office location, County of New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process served to: c/o The Limited Liability Company - 153 E 26th St., Apt 8A, New York, NY, 10010. Purpose: any lawful act.
050423-5 5/12/23-6/16/23

Notice is hereby given that an on-premises liquor license, Serial #1350407, has been applied for by 111 Reade Street Group Inc. dba Winston's Bar to sell beer, wine, cider and liquor at retail in an on-premises Tavern. For on premise consumption under the ABC Law at 111 Reade Street, New York, New York 10013.
050523-1 5/12/23-5/19/23

Notice is hereby given that license number 1349714 for cider/ wine/ beer has been applied for by the undersigned to sell cider/ wine/ beer at retail in a Tavern under the alcoholic beverage control law at 49 Monroe St New York NY 10002 for on-premises consumption. DARKHORSE CONCEPTS LLC 49 MONROE ST NEW YORK NY 10002.
050523-2 5/12/23-5/19/23

Notice is hereby given that license number 1350447 for cider/ wine/ beer has been applied for by the undersigned to sell cider/ wine/ beer at retail in a Restaurant under the alcoholic beverage control law at 85 Chrystie St New York NY 10002 for on-premises consumption. KITCHEN CO UT INC 85 CHRYSTIE ST NEW YORK NY 10002.
050523-3 5/12/23-5/19/23

Notice is hereby given that an on-premises liquor license, Serial #1348865, has been applied for by FLAT TOP MIDTOWN LLC d/b/a BURGEROLOGY MIDTOWN to sell beer, wine, cider and liquor at retail in an on-premises Restaurant. For on premise consumption under the ABC Law at 320 West 36th Street New York NY 10018.
050523-4 5/12/23-5/19/23

936 RESTAURANT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/02/2023. Office loc: NY County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 936 Eighth Ave, NY, NY 10019. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.
050823-1 5/12/23-6/16/23

HEARING NOTICE
The New York City Board of Standards and Appeals has scheduled a virtual or hybrid public hearing on the following application on May 22nd or May 23rd, 2023: BSA Cal. No. 2021-60-BZ Premises: 112-116 West 28th Street, Manhattan - Block 803, Lot 49 Project: Variance (§72-21) to permit the enlargement of an existing hotel contrary to ZR §42-111. M1-6 zoning district. Applicant: Terminus Group, LLC An agenda listing the specific session (including the final date and time) with call-in details will be posted as an announcement on the front page of the Board's website (www.nyc.gov/bsa) the Friday before. The public hearing will be livestreamed on the Board's website and on YouTube. Interested persons or associations may watch online and call in to present testimony during the public hearing. Please see the Board's Virtual Hearing Guides located at https://www1.nyc.gov/site/bsa/public-hearings/public-hearings.page However, the Board may determine that it must conduct the public hearing as a "hybrid," during which the Commissioners will meet in person at the Board's office in Manhattan and also appear virtually on live-streamed YouTube and on an interactive Zoom Webinar. In the event of a "hybrid" hearing, applicants and the public may attend in person or participate remotely by calling into the Zoom Webinar and watching the YouTube livestream. The in-person portion of the hearing will take place at 22 Reade Street, 1st Floor, Spector Hall, New York, NY 10007. Anyone wishing to attend the hearing in person must present identification and go through a security checkpoint upon arrival into the building. Details for the hearing and whether it will be conducted as a hybrid will be posted on the Board's website the Friday before the hearing. If the hearing is announced as a hybrid, in the interest of accommodating social distancing with limited seating capacity and to address ongoing health concerns, members of the public are strongly encouraged to participate in the hearing remotely. You may submit a written statement by using the "Public Comment form" on the Board's website located at https://www1.nyc.gov/site/bsa/contact-bsa/public-comments.page For any communication, please include or refer to BSA Calendar No. 2021-60-BZ and the property address: 112-116 West 28th Street, Manhattan - Block 803, Lot 49. To coordinate review of the application materials, inquire about continued hearing dates and/or assistance, please contact the Board office at (212) 386-0009.
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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF **IYKYK Labs LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/6/2023. Office location: New York County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is c/o Jessica Khuat, 77 W. 24th St., Apt. 6C, New York, NY 10010. The principal business address of the LLC is 77 W. 24th St., Apt. 6C, New York, NY 10010. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.
033123-4 4/7/23-5/12/23

Notice of Qualification of **AEA Middle Market Debt V GP LP**. The fictitious name is AEA Middle Market Debt V GP L.P. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 3/14/23. Office location: New York County. LP formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/11/23. SSNY is designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. DE address of LP: 1209 Orange St, Wilmington, DE 19801. List of names and addresses of all general partners available from SSNY. Cert. of Limited Partnership filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St, Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
033023-5 4/7/23-5/12/23

Notice of Qualification of **AEA Middle Market Debt Fund V LP**. The fictitious name is AEA Middle Market Debt Fund V L.P. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 3/17/23. Office location: New York County. LP formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/11/23. SSNY is designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. DE address of LP: 1209 Orange St, Wilmington, DE 19801. List of names and addresses of all general partners available from SSNY. Cert. of Limited Partnership filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St, Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
033023-4 4/7/23-5/12/23

Notice of Qualification of **AEA Middle Market Debt Management V GP LLC**. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 3/17/23. Office location: New York County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/11/23. 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.
033023-3 4/7/23-5/12/23

Notice of Formation of **ABS Property Acquisitions LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 3/21/23. Office location: NY County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Lawrence B. Simon, Esq., c/o Morrison Cohen LLP, 909 3rd Ave., 27th Fl., NY, NY 10022. Purpose: all lawful purposes.
040523-2 4/14/23-5/19/23

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF **C-SPEN LOGISTICS LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/15/2023. Office location: Bronx 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 330-340 Baychester Avenue, #1107, Bronx, New York 10475. The principal business address of the LLC is 330-340 Baychester Ave., #1107, Bronx, NY 10469. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.
033023-2 4/7/23-5/12/23

Notice of Qualification of **TARR METAL WORKS, LLC**. Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/23/23. Office location: NY County. LLC formed in Pennsylvania (PA) on 09/17/12. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 317 Salina Rd., Sewell, NJ 08080. PA addr. of LLC: 117 Deer Creek Crossing, Kennett Sq., PA 19348. Cert. of Form. filed with Acting Secy. of the Commonwealth, 302 N. Office Bldg., 401 North St., Harrisburg, PA 17120. Purpose: Any lawful activity.
032723-2 4/7/23-5/12/23

Notice of Qualification of **HIRE UP TALENT SERVICES LLC**. Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/23/23. Office location: NY County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 03/21/23. Princ. office of LLC: 601 W. 26th St., Ste. 900, NY, NY 10001. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Wheels Up Partners LLC, Attn: Legal at the princ. office of the LLC. DE addr. of LLC: c/o Corporation Service Co., 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with c/o Secy. of State: Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St., John G. Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.
032723-3 4/7/23-5/12/23

Notice of Qualification of **PI MANAGER LLC**. Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/21/23. Office location: NY County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 03/14/23. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 500 Washington St., Ste. 400, San Francisco, CA 94111. DE addr. of LLC: 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, DE, John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.
032723-4 4/7/23-5/12/23

Notice of Qualification of **PI1 HOLDINGS LLC**. Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/21/23. Office location: NY County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 03/14/23. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 500 Washington St., Ste. 400, San Francisco, CA 94111. DE addr. of LLC: 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, DE, John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.
032723-5 4/7/23-5/12/23

Notice of Qualification of **EOS HOSPITALITY LLC**. Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/17/23. Office location: NY County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 01/13/17. Princ. office of LLC: 444 Madison Ave., Fl. 14, NY, NY 10022. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, PO Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: Hospitality.
032723-6 4/7/23-5/12/23

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF **Tourizee LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/18/2023. 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 108 E. 96 St., Apt. 5F, New York, NY 10128. The principal business address of the LLC is 108 E. 96 St., Apt. 5F, New York, NY 10128. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
040323-1 4/7/23-5/12/23

Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Name: **NW BRONX PARTNERS LLC**. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York ("SSNY") on 03/30/2023. N.Y. office location: New York County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to 909 Third Avenue, 21 Floor, New York, NY 10022. Name/address of each member available from SSNY. Purpose: any lawful activity.
033123-1 4/14/23-5/19/23

Marquee Consultant LLC. Art of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/19/2021. Office. Richmond County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, LEGALCORP SOLUTIONS, 11 BROADWAY, SUITE 615, NEW YORK, NY 10004 Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
041323-2 4/21/23-5/26/23

ASK MBUYA LLC has filed Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State on February 2, 2023. Its office is located in New York County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served and a copy of any process will be mailed to 733 W 183rd Street, Apt. 1H, New York, NY, 10033, USA. The purpose of the LLC is any lawful activity.
041323-4 4/21/23-5/26/23

Notice of Formation of **NLS AS TREMONT LLC**. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 3/30/23. 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: 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is C T Corporation System, 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. Purpose: any lawful activity.
041323-9 4/21/23-5/26/23

Notice of Qualification of **Nitro Lift Technologies, L.L.C.** Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 4/6/23. Office location: New York County. LLC formed in Louisiana (LA) on 4/25/05. 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. LA address of LLC: 8550 United Plaza Building II, Ste 305, Baton Rouge, LA 70809. Cert. of Formation filed with LA Secy of State, 8585 Archives Ave, Baton Rouge, LA 70809. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is C T Corporation System, 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. Purpose: any lawful activity.
041323-8 4/21/23-5/26/23

Notice of Formation of **MTM Employee Holdings, LLC**. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 2/16/23. 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: 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is C T Corporation System, 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. Purpose: any lawful activity.
041323-7 4/21/23-5/26/23

Notice of Qualification of **Leo Berwick, LP**. The fictitious name is Leo Berwick, L.P. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 4/7/23. Office location: New York County. LP formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/13/19. SSNY is designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. DE address of LP: 1209 Orange St, Wilmington, DE 19801. List of names and addresses of all general partners available from SSNY. Cert. of Limited Partnership filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St, Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
041323-6 4/21/23-5/26/23

Notice of Qualification of **Italic Development Manager LLC**. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 4/4/23. Office location: New York County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 3/30/23. 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.
041323-5 4/21/23-5/26/23

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF **212 Salsa LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/21/2017. 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 65 Nassau Street, Apartment 5A, New York, NY 10038. The principal business address of the LLC is 65 Nassau Street, Apartment 5A, New York, NY 10038. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.
041123-4 4/21/23-5/26/23

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF **Lade Productions LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/13/2022. Office location: New York County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy of process against LLC to 287 Park Avenue South, 2nd Fl, New York, NY 10010. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.
031623-4 4/21/23-5/26/23

Notice of Formation of **Axel Arigato LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 5/26/15. Office location: New York County. NY Sec. of State designated agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served, and shall mail process to The LLC, c/o MSPC Certified Accountants, 546 5th Ave, 6th Fl, New York, NY 10036. Purpose: any lawful activity.
041323-3 4/21/23-5/26/23

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF **Aoki Studios LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/13/2023. 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 Jackie Chak Kiu Chan, 1547 Fulton St., Apt. 2A, Brooklyn, NY 11216. The principal business address of the LLC is 1547 Fulton St., Apt. 2A, Brooklyn, NY 11216. Purpose: Content and Media Production.
041023-1 4/21/23-5/26/23

ACCOUNTING PROCEEDING. FILE NO. 2019-2879/A. CITATION. THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, TO: Unknown Distributees; Attorney General of the State of New York; Susan Cleary Mead; Karen Cleary; Rachel Yarzinski; Robin Elizabethann Yarzinski Hitch; James Bell; Arlene Donowa-Gardaya; JPMorgan Chase Bank; Human Resources Administration/DSS Northwell Health; and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of Richard Yarzinski, a/k/a Richard A. Yarzinski, the decedent herein, if living and if any of them be dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot, after diligent inquiry, be ascertained by the petitioner herein; being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, distributees, or otherwise in the estate of Richard Yarzinski a/k/a Richard A. Yarzinski, deceased, who at the time of his death was a resident of 15 W. 108th Street, New York, New York 10025; A petition having been duly filed by the Public Administrator of the County of New York, who maintains an office at 31 Chambers Street, Room 311, New York, New York 10007. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the New York County Surrogate's Court at 31 Chambers Street, New York, New York on June 8th, 2023, at 9:30 A.M., in room 503, why the following relief stated in the account of proceedings, a copy of the summary statement thereof being attached hereto, of the Public Administrator of the County of New York as administrator of the goods, chattels and credits of said deceased, should not be granted: (i) that her account be judicially settled; (ii) that a hearing be held to determine the identity of the distributees at which time proof pursuant to SCPA § 2225 may be presented, or in the alternative, that the balance of the funds be deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York for the benefit of the decedent's unknown distributees, (iii) that the Surrogate approve the reasonable amount of compensation as reported in Schedules C and C-1 of the account of proceedings to the attorney for the petitioner for legal expenses rendered to the petitioner herein; (iv) Arlene Donowa-Garaya and JPMorgan Chase Bank show cause as to why they should not be held jointly and severally liable for the turnover of decedent's JPMorgan Chase Bank checking acct ending #4771 and savings account ending #5515, with balances totaling $13,135.36, to the Public Administrator plus statutory interest thereon; (v) that the claim of Human Resources Administration/DSS for public assistance rendered in the form of Medicaid for the period covering April 1, 2014 through February 1, 2018 in the amount of $21,794.51, be allowed and paid; (vi) that the claim for Northwell Health in the amount of $82.60 be rejected for failure to file the claim in accordance with the provisions of SCPA §1803(1); (vii) that the persons above mentioned and all necessary and proper persons be cited to show cause why such relief should not be granted; (viii) that an order be granted pursuant to SCPA §307 where required or directed; and (ix) for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper. Hon. RITA MELLA, Surrogate. Dated, Attested and Sealed April 10th, 2023. Diana Sanabria, Chief Clerk. Schram Graber & Opell P.C. Counsel to the Public Administrator, New York County 11 Park Place, Suite 1008, New York, New York 10007. (212) 896-3310. Note: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested. You have the right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you and you or your attorney may request a copy of the full account from the petitioner or petitioner's attorney.
041123-5 4/21/23-5/12/23

File No.: 2021-546/A. CITATION. THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT, To: Aron Goldman, Zvi Goldman, Linda Goldman, Estate of Marilyn Schwartz, Arthur Kugelmass, Harold Kugelmass, Estate of Carol Johnson-Zasuly, Michael Zasuly, Carol Saragossi, Eleanor Stockton, Leonard S. Saragossi, Attorney General of the State of New York. The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of Lloyd A. Goldman, deceased, or their estates, if any there be, whose names, places of residence and post office addresses are unknown to the petitioner and cannot with due diligence be ascertained. A copy of this citation and the accounting, as well as all amendments to it, if any, shall be served on the Guardian Ad Litem, Stephanie Goldstone, Esq. Being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of Lloyd A. Goldman, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 245-10 Grand Central Parkway, #6F, Bellerose, NY 11426, in the County of Queens, State of New York. SEND GREETING: Upon the petition of LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, Public Administrator of Queens County, who maintains her office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens County, New York 11435, as Administrator of the Estate of Lloyd A. Goldman, deceased, you and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate at the Surrogate's Court of the County of Queens, to be held at the Queens General Courthouse, 6th Floor, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, City and State of New York, on the 8th day of June, 2023 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of $23,575.22 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(3); and why each of you claiming to be a distributee of the decedent should not establish proof of your kinship; and why the balance of said funds should not be paid to said alleged distributees upon proof of kinship, or deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York should said alleged distributees default herein, or fail to establish proof of kinship, Dated, Attested and Sealed 10th day of April, 2023. HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, Queens County. Janet Edwards Tucker, Chief Clerk. GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ. (718) 459-9000, 1981 Marcus Avenue, Suite 200, Lake Success, New York 11042. NOTICE: THIS CITATION IS SERVED UPON YOU AS REQUIRED BY LAW. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO APPEAR; HOWEVER, 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, AND YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MAY REQUEST A COPY OF THE FULL ACCOUNT FROM THE PETITIONER OR PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY. Accounting Citation.
041123-2 4/21/23-5/12/23

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF **The Law Office of Conor McNamara PLLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/11/2023. 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 520 East 72nd Street, 11H, New York, NY 10021. The principal business address of the PLLC is 520 East 72nd Street, 11H, New York, NY 10021. Purpose: Law Firm.
041721-1 4/21/23-5/26/23

CHARLESCALVAREZ LLC. Arts of Org filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 12/06/2022. Office Location: 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: LEGALINC CORPORATE SERVICES INC, 1967 WEHRLE DRIVE, SUITE 1-086, BUFFALO, NY, 14221, USA. R/A: LEGALINC CORPORATE SERVICES INC, 1967 WEHRLE DRIVE, SUITE 1-086, BUFFALO, NY, 14221, USA. Purpose: Any lawful act.
041923-1 4/28/23-6/2/23

Notice of Formation of **RDN James LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 2/9/23. Office location: NY County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o The Community Preservation Corp., 220 E. 42nd St., 16th Fl., NY, NY 10017, principal business address. Purpose: any lawful activity.
042023-6 4/28/23-6/2/23

FLURY STUDIO, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/18/2023. Office loc: NY County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Jaclyn Flury, 25 Clinton Street, Apt. 203, New York, NY 10002. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.
050123-1 5/5/23-6/9/23

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF **VAN ARCHITECTURE PLLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/29/2023. 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 236 West 26th Street, 603, New York NY, 10001. The principal business address of the PLLC is 236 West 26th Street, 603, New York NY, 10001. Purpose: Architecture and Design
042723-14 5/5/23-6/9/23

Notice of Formation of **Too Young To Be Old, LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 4/25/23. Office location: NY County. Princ. bus. addr.: 1255 5th Ave., PH8C, NY, NY 10029. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, c/o Tarter Krinsky & Drogin LLP, 1350 Broadway, 11th Fl., NY, NY 10018, Attn: Richard Williamson, Esq. Purpose: all lawful purposes.
042723-15 5/5/23-6/9/23

PROBATE CITATION File No. 2021-1806 SURROGATE'S COURT - NEW YORK COUNTY CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO Karen Feinberg, Laura Feinberg, Barbara Feinberg, Linda Lewis and Joyce Kinzer, 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 Walter Mankoff, the decedent herein, whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot, after diligent inquiry, be ascertained. Rita Block, Calvin Fischl, Henry Pollock, Marilyn Getz, Edward Mankoff, Joseph Feinberg, Arlene Klein, Joseph Bierman, Ira Bierman, Iris Kunofsky, Michael Kinzer and New York County Public Administrator A petition having been duly filed by Brian A. Raphan and Brendan Keany, who is domiciled at 164 Everett Road, Lincroft, NJ 07738 and 15 West 72nd Street, New York, NY 10023 respectively YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, NEW YORK County, at 31 Chambers Street, New York on June 5th, 2023, at 9:30 o'clock in the FORE-noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Walter Mankoff lately domiciled at 350 W. 24th Street, Apt. 13J, New York, NY 10011 admitting to probate a Will dated April 24, 2018, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Walter Mankoff deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to: Brian A. Raphan and Brendan Keany * 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 HON. Hilary Gingold Surrogate Diana Sanabria Chief Clerk Dated, Attested and Sealed April 17th, 2023 Brian A. Raphan Attorney for Petitioner 212 268-8200 Telephone Number 7 Penn Plaza, Suite 810, New York, NY 10001 Address of Attorney braphan@raphanlaw.com E-mail Address of Attorney [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.]
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; in-person 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.
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PROBATE CITATION. File No. 2022-525/A. SURROGATE'S COURT – NEWYORK COUNTY. CITATION. THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent, TO Lena DeGirolamo; Margarite DeMarco Schiavone; Rosalie DeMarco; Maria Tancredi; Joanne Guidice; Anthony DeMarco; Gary, Elias Esq., Guardian Ad Litem for Alexa DeMarco; and to Alexia, a/k/a Alexa DeMarco, whose whereabouts are unknown if living and if dead, to her heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if she died subsequent to the decedent herein, to her heirs at law, 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 Mary DeMarco, the decedent herein, whose name and places of residence are unknown and cannot, after diligent inquiry, be ascertained. A petition having been duly filed by Gina DeMarco, who is domiciled at 423 East 118th Street, New York, NY 10035. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, NEW YORK County, at 31 Chambers Street, New York, on June 5th, 2023, at 9:30 o'clock In the FORE noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of MARY DEMARCO lately domiciled at 423 East 118th Street, New York, N.Y. admitting to probate a Will dated February 1, 2008, (Codicil(s) dated March 20, 2008), copy of which is attached, as the Will of MARY DEMARCO deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary Issue to: Gina DeMarco; Letters of Trusteeship Issue to: Gina DeMarco. *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 April 21st, 2023. HON. Hilary Gingold, Surrogate. Diana Sanabria, Chief Clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: Ronald V. Zezima. Telephone Number: (914) 633-5600. Address of Attorney: 271 North Avenue, Suite 908, New Rochelle, NY 10801. Email Address of Attorney: rvesq@aol.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.]
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PROBATE CITATION File No. 2021-2590 SURROGATE'S COURT - NEW YORK COUNTY CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO Public Administrator Of New York County, the Attorney General of New York State; To the issue of William McFarland, issue of Francis Label Zullo, issue of John Zullo, issue of Michael Zullo, Harry Abplanalp, Jr., Diane Fritz Shapiro, Elizabeth Zullo, Phyllis Zullo 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 Evelyn Zullo, the decedent herein, whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot, after diligent inquiry, be ascertained. A petition having been duly filed by Brian A. Raphan, who is domiciled at 164 Everett Road, Lincroft, NJ 07738 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, NEW YORK County, at 31 Chambers Street, room 50_, New York on June 5th 2023, at 9:30 o'clock in the FOREnoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Evelyn Zullo lately domiciled at 280 9th Avenue, Apt. 4F, New York, NY 10001 admitting to probate a Will dated April 27, 2015, (Codicil(s) dated NONE), a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Evelyn Zullo deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to: Brian A. Raphan * 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 HON. Hilary Gingold Surrogate Diana Sanabria Chief Clerk Dated, Attested and Sealed April 17th, 2023 Matthew S. Raphan, Esq. Attorney for Petitioner 212 268-8200 Telephone Number 7 Penn Plaza, Suite 810, New York 10001 Address of Attorney mraphan@raphanlaw.com E-mail Address of Attorney [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.]
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JOB HIGHLIGHT

Car inspector jobs with NYC Transit start at $35.33/hr

The MTA is accepting applications for car inspectors for exams Aug. 5 and 6. The current minimum salary for car inspectors is $35.33 per hour for a 40-hour work week, increasing to $41.57 per hour in the sixth year of service.

The eligible list resulting from this examination may also be used to appoint road car inspectors. The current salary for that job is $42.64 per hour.

Benefits for both jobs include night and weekend salary differentials, paid holidays, vacation and sick leave, a comprehensive medical plan and a pension.

The application fee is $85. The deadline to apply is June 15.

THE JOB

Car inspectors maintain, inspect, test, examine, lubricate, troubleshoot and make repairs and adjustments on any part of New York City Transit's multiple-unit subway cars and subway-service cars in the car shops, terminals, yards and on the road.

They also maintain and repair subway-car washers and shop equipment; operate and maintain lifting and carrying equipment associated with the placement and removal of subway cars and subway-car parts; keep records and prepare reports; and perform related work.

Road car inspectors detect trouble on any part of NYC Transit's multiple-unit subway cars and subway-service cars on the road and in terminals, including subway car body and truck equipment, subway car body and truck brake rigging, electrical and pneumatic brake equipment, and electrical and electronic control and motor equipment. They make necessary repairs to keep subway cars in service or enable them to be moved to sidings or terminals; operate a motor vehicle; keep records and prepare reports.

Some of the physical activities performed by car and road car inspectors and the environmental conditions they experience are: working outdoors in all weather conditions, crouching under subway cars along trackways, reaching into dark spaces and making tactile inspections, making visual inspections of equipment, distinguishing colors, reading gauges and prints, using ladders to climb up to trackways, working on elevated structures, operating heavy machinery and equipment, using hand tools, communicating verbally with crew and passengers regarding train troubles experienced on the road, and carrying heavy tools and equipment.

QUALIFICATIONS

By June 15, applicants must have either: 1) Three years of full-time satisfactory experience as a journey-level mechanic (i.e., a fully trained, knowledgeable, experienced, proficient and competent mechanic) working from drawings, performing either (a) the troubleshooting, repair and maintenance of large heavy duty electromechanical, electric or electronic equipment and/or machinery; or (b) the inspection, maintenance, troubleshooting and repair of multiple-unit electrical railroad cars or diesel electric locomotives.

Or 2) Two years of full-time satisfactory experience at the journey level as described in paragraph "1" above, plus completion of one of the following listed below before obtaining your journey-level experience: A) Two years of full-time experience as a mechanic's helper, apprentice or trainee performing or assisting in the work described above; or B) Graduation from a recognized trade school or technical school with a major course of study in electromechanical, electrical or electronic technology, or a closely related field totaling at least 600 hours; or C) Graduation from a vocational high school with a major course of study in electromechanical, electrical or electronic technology, or a closely related field; or D) An associate's in applied science degree, or a higher degree in electromechanical, electrical or electronic technology or a closely related field.

Road car inspectors, at the time of appointment, must have a valid driver's license valid with no disqualifying restrictions.

City residency is not required.

THE TESTS

Applicants will be given a qualifying multiple-choice test and a competitive practical skills test. A score of at least 70 percent is required to pass the qualifying multiple-choice test and a score of at least 65 percent is required to pass the competitive practical skills test. Only those who meet the qualifying education and experience requirements and pass the qualifying multiple-choice test will be scheduled to take the competitive practical skills test.

Scores on the competitive practical skills test will be used to determine places on the eligible list. The multiple-choice & practical skills tests may measure knowledge, skills and abilities in the following and other related areas:

• Electrical equipment: Knowledge of electrical devices and principles; ability to install, maintain, troubleshoot/test with standard testing equipment and repair electrical devices utilizing safe work practices.

• Electronic equipment: Knowledge of electronic devices and principles; ability to install, maintain, troubleshoot/test with standard testing equipment and repair electronic devices utilizing safe work practices.

• Mechanical equipment: Knowledge of mechanical devices and principles; ability to install, maintain, troubleshoot/test with standard testing equipment and repair mechanical devices utilizing safe work practices.

• Pneumatic equipment: Knowledge of pneumatic devices and principles; ability to install, maintain, troubleshoot/test with standard testing equipment and repair pneumatic devices utilizing safe work practices.

• Schematics: Ability to read and comprehend electrical, electronic, mechanical and pneumatic manuals; skill to utilize procedural manuals, wiring diagrams, schematics and drawings when performing tasks.

Detailed information on the positions, including on how to apply is available online at https://new.mta.info/careers/exam-schedule.

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

➤ CLOSE MAY 23
3107 Administrative Procurement Analyst
3109 Assistant Mechanical Engineer $60,554
3110 Associate Project Manager $71,884
3317 Correction Officer $47,857
3319 Police Communications Technician $39,329

➤ CLOSE MAY 24
3114 Procurement Analyst $41,395
3116 Staff Analyst $53,797

➤ CLOSES MAY 31
3332 Police Officer $42,500

➤ CLOSES JUNE 28
3320 School Safety Agent $34,834

CUNY EXAMS

➤ OPEN CONTINUOUSLY
2059 Campus Security Assistant $31,320
2060 Campus Peace Officer $33,825

MTA EXAMS

➤ CLOSE MAY 15
3614 Car Maintainer – Group B (Machinist)
3616 Electronic Equipment Maintainer
3618 Heating and Air Conditioning Maintainer

➤ CLOSE JUNE 15
3613 Car Inspector (Subway Car Mechanic)
3626 Ventilation and Drainage Maintainer

NASSAU COUNTY EXAMS

➤ CLOSE MAY 15
60-594 Probation Officer Trainee $32,855-$74,978
60-719 Probation Officer Trainee, Bilingual (Spanish Speaking) $32,855-$74,978
60-804 Probation Assistant $28,628
60-805 Probation Assistant, Bilingual (Spanish Speaking) $28,628
61-021 Correction Officer $37,000-$98,375

➤ 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 (Obstetrics/Gynecology) $59,507-$108,383
5009 CR Nurse Practitioner I (Oncology) $59,507-$108,383
5010 CR Nurse Practitioner I (Palliative Care) $59,507-$108,383
5011 CR Nurse Practitioner I (Pediatrics) $59,507-$108,383
5012 CR Nurse Practitioner I (Perinatology) $59,507-$108,383
5013 CR Nurse Practitioner I (Psychiatry) $59,507-$108,383
5014 CR Nurse Practitioner I (Women's Health) $59,507-$108,383
3138 CR(D) Occupational Therapist Assistant $31,963-$74,207

SUFFOLK COUNTY EXAMS

➤ CLOSE MAY 17
2203 Laboratory Technician $39,620
2204 Laboratory Technician (Public Works) $39,620

➤ CLOSE MAY 24
2041 Clinical Nurse Practitioner $70,914
2321 Physical Therapist $69,293

➤ CLOSE JUNE 7
0240 Budget Technician $40,403
0746 Records Management Assistant $54,413

➤ CLOSE JUNE 14
0205 Account Clerk $43,828
0211 Account Clerk (Spanish Speaking) $43,828

➤ CLOSES JUNE 28
0530 Technical Support Aide $33,120–$54,528

➤ 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

WESTCHESTER EXAMS

➤ CLOSES MAY 30
61-518 Tenant Relations Assistant

➤ 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

STATE EXAMS

➤ CLOSE MAY 31
28-461 Training Specialist 1 (Instructional Design) $61,270
28-462 Training Specialist 2 (Instructional Design) $79,325
28-463 Associate Director Training 1 (Instructional Design) $85,712
28-464 Associate Director Training 2 (Instructional Design) $95,056

➤ OPEN CONTINUOUSLY
20-101 Actuary Trainee (Dept. of Financial Services) $40,507-$51,830
20-102 Actuary Trainee (State Insurance Fund) $40,507-$51,830
20-103 Actuary Trainee (Teachers' Retirement System) $41,042-$53,549
20-690 Addictions Counselor 1 $50,722-$64,557
20-691 Addictions Counselor 1 (Spanish Language) $50,722-$64,557
20-692 Addictions Counselor 2 $56,604-$71,980
20-104 Assistant Actuary (Department of Financial Services) $42,883-$54,678
20-106 Assistant Actuary (Office of the State Comptroller) $42,883-$54,678
20-105 Assistant Actuary (State Insurance Fund) $42,883-$54,678
20-107 Assistant Actuary (Teachers' Retirement System) $46,344-$57,877
20-952 Assistant Clinical Physician $105,854-$118,468
20-951 Assistant Clinical Physician (Spanish Language) $105,854-$118,468
20-959 Assistant Psychiatrist $113,843-$126,712
20-113 Associate Actuary (Casualty) (Dept. of Financial Services) $72,735-$91,821
20-114 Associate Actuary (Casualty) (State Insurance Fund) $72,735-$91,821
20-115 Associate Actuary (Life) (Dept. of Financial Services) $72,735-$91,821
20-116 Associate Actuary (Life) (Office of the State Comptroller) $72,735-$91,821
20-117 Associate Actuary (Life) (Teachers' Retirement System) $79,426-$99,192
20-254 Associate Psychologist $67,703
20-256 Associate Psychologist (Spanish Language) $67,703
20-872 Associate Psychologist (Forensic Mental Health) $67,703
20-873 Associate Psychologist (Sex Offender Assessment and Treatment) $67,703
20-517 Bank Examiner $59,839
20-077 Child Protective Services Specialist 1 $50,722
20-078 Child Protective Services Specialist 1 (Spanish Language) $50,722
20-075 Child Protective Services Specialist Trainee $42,986
20-076 Child Protective Services Specialist Trainee (Spanish Language) $42,986
20-953 Clinical Physician 1 $117,556-$141,585
20-954 Clinical Physician 1 (Spanish Language) $117,556-$141,585
20-955 Clinical Physician 2 $129,866-$155,452

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

ACCOUNTANT–53 eligibles between Nos. 319 and 574 on List 8050 to replace 1 provisional in Department of Sanitation.

ADMINISTRATIVE ARCHITECT–10 eligibles between Nos. 1 and 121 on List 177 to replace 1 provisional at Administration for Children's Services.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT SPECIALIST–116 eligibles between Nos. 1 and 256 on List 8041 to replace 2 provisionals at Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority.

ASSOCIATE RETIREMENT BENEFITS EXAMINER–171 eligibles between Nos. 16 and 456 on List 1179 to replace 14 provisionals at Teachers' Retirement System.

CARPENTER–220 eligibles between Nos. 1 and 219 on List 2078 to replace 5 provisionals in Police Department.

CHILD WELFARE SPECIALIST–356 eligibles between Nos. 41 and 432 on List 151 to replace 21 provisionals at ACS.

ECONOMIST–122 eligibles (Nos. 1-122) on List 3044 to replace 1 provisional in Department of Transportation.

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING INTERN–17 eligibles between Nos. 3 and 71 on List 9037 to replace 2 provisionals in DOT.

ELECTRICIAN–75 eligibles between Nos. 1 and 71 on List 2074 to replace 1 provisional in DSNY.

EVIDENCE AND PROPERTY CONTROL SPECIALIST–229 eligibles between Nos. 94 and 744 on List 9030 to replace 3 provisionals in Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

INVESTMENT ANALYST–259 eligibles between Nos. 5 and 345 on List 158 to replace 5 provisionals at Comptroller's office.

PUBLIC HEALTH ASSISTANT–124 eligibles between Nos. 32 and 154 on List 9086 to replace 2 provisionals in NYPD.

PUBLIC RECORDS AIDE–547 eligibles (Nos. 1-547) on List 2019 to replace 16 provisionals in Fire Department.

RADIO REPAIR MECHANIC–13 eligibles between Nos. 29 and 54 on List 119 to replace 5 provisionals in NYPD.

SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE MANAGER–114 eligibles (Nos. 1-114) on List 3038 to replace 96 provisionals in Department of Education.

STATIONARY ENGINEER–6 eligibles between Nos. 78 and 198 on List 108 to replace 2 provisionals in Department of Parks and Recreation.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATE (DATA)–90 eligibles between Nos. 37 and 319 on List 135 to replace 3 provisionals in DSNY.

PROMOTION

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF ANALYST–2 eligibles (Nos. 1 and 2) on List 9536 to replace 1 provisional at Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings.

ASSISTANT RESIDENT BUILDINGS SUPERINTENDENT–4 eligibles (Nos. 6, 58, 69 and 85) on List 517 to replace any of 104 provisionals at Housing Authority.

SUPERVISOR OF MECHANICS–48 eligibles between Nos. 11 and 62 on List 2546 to replace 11 provisionals in DOE.

SUPERVISOR I (SOCIAL SERVICES)–450 eligibles between Nos. 33 and 641 on List 521 to replace 68 provisionals in Human Resources Administration/Department of Social Services.

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Federal workers sue Yellen over debt limit

The National Association of Government Employees, which represents more than 75,000 employees working for the federal government, is suing Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen in the hopes of getting rid of the debt ceiling, an artificial cap on the amount the federal government can borrow to pay for congressionally approved spending.

If the U.S reaches its debt limit, which Yellen has said could happen in June, the country could default on its public debts, which some say could lead to catastrophic consequences for government employees and the rest of the country.

"This litigation is both an effort to protect our members from illegal furloughs and to correct an unconstitutional statute that frequently creates uncertainty and anxiety for millions of Americans," David Holway, NAGE's president, told CBS on Monday. "The debt ceiling has become a political football for certain members of Congress. If Congress will not raise the debt limit as it has nearly 80 times before without condition, it leaves no constitutional choice for the president."

Republicans in the House of Representatives, led by Speaker Kevin McCarthy, insist that they will not pass a bill to raise the debt limit unless it's paired with legislation that would significantly reduce government spending. McCarthy plans to reduce spending by increasing work requirements on some welfare benefits, cutting the IRS' funding, eliminating tax incentives for renewable energy, cutting $400 million in student debt relief and several other cost-saving measures, according to Reuters.

NAGE's lawsuit hinges on the 14th Amendment, which says the validity of the nation's debt, "shall not be questioned," to argue that it's the president's duty to ensure the country does not default on its debts. The lawsuit also argues that the law establishing the debt limit is unconstitutional.

The lawsuit says that if the debt limit is breached, "members will suffer irreparable injury from layoffs, furloughs, and loss of employment that are taken without any legitimate authority by the President."

— D.F.

NEW JERSEY

New law protects health-care staff

Governor Phil Murphy on Monday signed a law instituting more severe penalties for individuals who assault or threaten to attack healthcare workers.

The Health Care Heroes Violence Prevention Act provides that those who threaten violence against nurses, doctors and other medical staff will automatically be charged with a disorderly persons offense, with conviction bringing a $1,000 maximum fine, a prison sentence of up to six months or both.

Individuals convicted of attacking a health-care worker must also take anger management courses for up to a year and complete up to 30 days of community service on top of any prison sentence or fine.

The law was passed after health-care workers across the state experienced an increase in attacks during the Covid pandemic. Between 2019 and 2021, the New Jersey Hospitals Association found that there was a 14.6 percent increase in physical and verbal attacks against hospital workers, NorthJersey.com reported.

"Growing threats and attacks against these courageous heroes are unacceptable," Murphy said in a statement. "This law will provide greater protections for health care workers in our state to help deter both physical and verbal acts of violence against these professionals."

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics found that health-care staff were five times more likely to experience an injury from workplace violence than those in other industries.

"It's time to treat workplace violence in health care settings with the seriousness this crisis warrants," said Debbie White, president of the healthcare union Health Professionals & Allied Employees.

— C.L.

FLORIDA

DeSantis signs anti-union bill

The Florida Teachers Association is considering filing a lawsuit to head off legislation that bans automatic dues deductions from public employees' paychecks.

Governor Ron DeSantis on Tuesday signed the anti-union bill, which also gives public employees the right to leave their unions. It also calls for unions to seek recertification if dues-paying members drop below 60 percent of eligible members.

"If you want to join, you can, but you write a check and you hand it over. That is gonna lead to more take-home pay for teachers," said DeSantis, who is seeking the Republican nomination for president.

Unions representing police, correctional officers and firefighters, who typically support

Republicans at the ballot box, are not bound by the bill's provisions, which also call for unions to divulge salaries of top officials.

Although DeSantis said the legislation gives teachers more freedom to decide whether or not to join unions, the Florida Education Association pushed back on that contention, saying the governor's actions were a form of payback to political opponents.

"The governor may have let his desire to crush perceived opponents get the best of him," the FEA's president, Andrew Spar, said in a statement. "This new law grossly oversteps in trying to silence teachers, staff, professors and most other public employees. We will not go quietly — our students and our professions are simply too important."

He said the new law, and DeSantis' stance toward teachers, was similar to how he has sought to corral Disney World for that company's pushback on legislation banning certain discussion of sexual preferences and gender identity.

— R.K.



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William Penn School District Superintendent Eric Becoats spoke with prospective applicants during a teachers job fair at the high school's cafeteria in Lansdowne, Pa., Wednesday, May 3, 2023. As schools across the country struggle to find teachers to hire, more governors are pushing for pay increases and bonuses for the beleaguered profession.

Teachers earn $67K on average. Is push for raises too late?

BY MARC LEVY

As schools across the country struggle to find teachers to hire, more governors are pushing for pay increases, bonuses and other perks for the beleaguered profession — with some vowing to beat out other states competing for educators.

Already in 2023, governors in Georgia and Arkansas have pushed through teacher pay increases. Ahead of Monday's start of national Teacher Appreciation Week, others — both Republican and Democratic — have proposed doing the same to attract and retain educators.

More than half of the states' governors over the past year — 26 so far — have proposed boosting teacher compensation, according to groups that track it. The nonprofit Teacher Salary Project said it is the most it has seen in nearly two decades of tracking.

"Today we have governors left and right from every political party and then some who are addressing this issue because they have to," said founder and CEO Ninivé Caligari. "We've never seen what we are seeing right now. Never."

Too little, too late?

In Pennsylvania, the William Penn School District is offering signing bonuses for long-term subs and holding its first-ever teachers job fair.

Superintendent Eric Becoats said a teacher told him they can move to neighboring districts and make $10,000 more — something the relatively small and poor district cannot compete with right now.

Some teachers also tell him they will retire or leave the profession if they can.

It's not clear how far pay raises will go toward relieving the shortages, though, and some teachers say it is too little, too late to fix problems that are years in the making.

Blame for teacher shortages has fallen on underfunding after the Great Recession, tight labor markets, lackluster enrollments in colleges and programs that train teachers and teacher burnout inflamed by the travails of the COVID-19 pandemic.

There has been no mass exodus, but data from some states that track teacher turnover has shown rising numbers of teachers leaving the profession over the past couple years.

Shortages are most extreme in certain areas, including the poorest or most rural districts, researchers say. Districts also report particular difficulties in hiring for in-demand subjects like special education, math and science.

Meanwhile, teacher salaries have fallen further and further behind those of their college-educated peers in other fields, as teachers report growing workloads, shrinking autonomy and increasingly hostile school environments.

Magan Daniel, who at 33 just left her central Alabama school district, was not persuaded to stay by pay raises as Alabama's governor vows to make teacher salaries the highest in the Southeast. It would take big increases to match neighboring Georgia, where the average teacher salary is $62,200, according to the National Education Association.

Fixing teachers' deteriorating work culture and growing workloads would be a more powerful incentive than a pay raise, she said.

She recalled, for instance, her principal asking her to make copies and lesson plans last fall while she was on unpaid maternity leave. Difficulty getting substitutes puts pressure on teachers who need time off for emergencies, she said, and spending nights and weekends on paperwork siphoned the joy out of teaching.

"I would not go back just for a higher salary," Daniel said.

In Oklahoma, Joshua Morgan, 46, left his rural district a year ago because after 18 years he was still earning under $47,000. Oklahoma's governor is talking about awarding performance bonuses, but Morgan said he would only go back to teaching for substantially more money — like $65,000 a year.

The national average public school teacher salary in 2021-22 increased 2 percent from the previous year to $66,745, according to the NEA, the nation's largest teachers union. Inflation peaked around 9 percent at the time.

For new recruits, the math of paying for a college education is grim: The national average beginning teacher salary was $42,845 in 2021-22, according to the NEA. Teachers do often qualify for public service loan forgiveness, which forgives their student debt after they've made 10 years of monthly payments.

Besides fewer teachers getting certified, the "teacher pay penalty" — the gap between teacher salaries and their college-educated peers in other professions — is growing.

It reached a record 23.5 percent in 2021, with teachers earning an average 76.5 cents for every dollar earned by other college-educated professionals, according to the Economic Policy Institute, a nonpartisan think tank.

It has been widening for decades, researchers say. For men, it is 35 percent and for women it is 17 percent — reflecting the gender pay gap seen across the U.S. economy.

Sylvia Allegretto, a senior economist who studies teacher compensation for the Center for Economic and Policy Research, called salary promises by governors one-time "Band-Aids" that barely keep up with inflation.

"You're kind of chipping away at the margins," Allegretto said. "You're not fixing the problem, generally."

Feds fine McDonald's franchisees with workers as young as 10

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Two 10-year-olds are among 300 children who worked at McDonald's restaurants illegally, a Labor Department investigation of franchisees in Kentucky found.

Agency investigators found the 10-year-olds received little or no pay at a McDonald's in Louisville, the Labor Department said. The franchisee for the Louisville store was among three McDonald's franchisees fined $212,000 in total by the department.

Louisville's Bauer Food LLC, which operates 10 McDonald's locations, employed 24 minors under the age of 16 to work more hours than legally permitted, the agency said. Among those were two 10-year-old children. The agency said the children sometimes worked as late as 2 a.m., but were not paid.

"Below the minimum age for employment, they prepared and distributed food orders, cleaned the store, worked at the drive-thru window and operated a register," the Labor Department said Tuesday, adding that one child also was allowed to operate a deep fryer, which is a prohibited task for workers under 16.

'Fail to follow laws'

Franchise owner-operator Sean Bauer said the two 10-year-olds cited in the Labor Department's statement were visiting their parent, a night manager, and weren't employees.

"Any 'work' was done at the direction of — and in the presence of — the parent without authorization by franchisee organization management or leadership," Bauer said last week in a prepared statement, adding that they've since reiterated the child visitation policy to employees.

Federal child labor regulations put strict limits on the types of jobs children can perform and the hours they can work.

The Kentucky investigations are part of an ongoing effort by the Labor Department's Wage and Hour Division to stop child labor abuses in the Southeast.

"Too often, employers fail to follow the child labor laws that protect young workers," said division Director Karen Garnett-Civils. "Under no circumstances should there ever be a 10-year-old child working in a fast-food kitchen around hot grills, ovens and deep fryers."

In addition, Walton-based Archways Richwood LLC and Louisville-based Bell Restaurant Group I LLC allowed minors ages 14 and 15 to work beyond allowable hours, the department said. Archway Richwood didn't immediately return a call seeking comment and Brdancat Management Inc., which Bell Restaurant Group is part of, declined comment.

"These reports are unacceptable, deeply troubling and run afoul of the high expectations we have for the entire McDonald's brand," McDonald's USA spokeswoman Tiffanie Boyd said. "We are committed to ensuring our franchisees have the resources they need to foster safe workplaces for all employees and maintain compliance with all labor laws."