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A COUPLE IN QUEENS GOT PRETTY lucky while magnet fishing in Flushing Meadows Corona Park, NY1 reported. The couple, James Kane and Barbie Agostini, recently pulled up a safe containing \$100,000 in cash in the Queens park – although most of the bills were physically destroyed. “I guess the finders keepers rule has worked for us,” Kane told NY1. The couple chronicles their magnet fishing adventures on YouTube. The find in Queens was their biggest yet. “I said ‘Babe, this is not possible’...and we pulled it out and it was like two stacks of freaking hundreds,” Kane told NY1. “Big stacks.”

RARE BEARS IN QUEENS? DON'T WORRY, they are at the zoo. Gothamist reported this week that three new Andean bears left their den at the Queens Zoo after being born on Jan. 3 of this year. The two male bears and one female bear mark a rare occurrence for the South American bear species. “Normally, Andean bears have one or two cubs at a time,” said Mike Allen, director of the Queens Zoo. “We had three which is very rare so that's especially exciting.” The three bears have not yet been named as of yet, and once they reach adulthood they will be given to other zoos in the states. Andean bear males can reach six feet in height and weigh up to 340 pounds, according to Allen. “The first day we let them out, one of them climbed all the way to the top point and started calling,” Allen said. “Mom had to come over and climb up the tree and help them.”

QUEENS ASSEMBLYMEMBER STACEY Pheffer Amato is inviting students from Ozone Park, Howard Beach, Broad Channel and across the Rockaway peninsula to participate in her annual Summer Reading Challenge, held in partnership with New York State Libraries. The theme for this year's challenge is “Adventure Begins at Your Library,” which celebrates the journeys books can take readers on – whether transporting us to a different world or delving into history. Those who complete the challenge will be awarded a State Assembly Excellence in Reading Certificate to celebrate their achievement. “Despite living in an increasingly audiovisual world reading remains, and will always be, an incredibly vital skill to navigate the modern world and find enrichment in life,” said Pheffer Amato. “Reading during summer break is especially beneficial for children to ensure they don't fall behind in the next school year. Reading expands and improves vocabulary, comprehension and writing ability, along with being a fun activity you can do almost anywhere.” The Summer Reading Challenge asks children to read for at least 15 minutes a day for a minimum of 40 days during July and August.

Judges rail against bill meant to increase their ranks



Several judicial groups, including the Queens Supreme Court Justices' Association, recently voiced their opposition to a bill that they say would disenfranchise voters and threaten the powers of New York's judicial branch.

Eagle file photo by Walter Karling

By Jacob Kaye
Queens Daily Eagle

With less than a week to go in Albany's legislative session, over half a dozen judicial organizations are calling on lawmakers and the governor to reject a bill that they claim will disenfranchise voters and threaten the powers of New York's judicial branch.

In a letter to Governor Kathy Hochul and leadership of both the State Senate and State Assembly, eight judicial organizations, including the Queens Supreme Court Justices' Association, called on Albany to allow the so-called No Cap bill to expire with the end of the legislative session, which is currently scheduled to come to a close at the end of the week.

The bill, which is sponsored by Senate Judiciary Committee Chair Brad Hoylman-Sigal and Assemblymember Alex Bores, would remove the state's constitutionally-mandated cap on the amount of Supreme Court justices each of the state's judicial districts can have on their respective bench.

While the lawmakers say that the outdated population-based formula used to determine how many Supreme Court justices each county gets has been a primary driver of the courts' backlogs, the judges dealing with those backlogs say otherwise.

Though they don't deny that more Supreme Court justices are needed in a number of counties throughout the city and state, they say that

the lawmakers' method for increasing that number would do more harm than good.

In their letter to legislative leadership, the Association of Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, the Supreme Court Justices Association of the City of New York, the Judicial Friends Association, the Latino Judges Association, the Board of Justices of the 12th Judicial District, the Queens Supreme Court Justices' Association, the Brooklyn Board of Supreme Court Justices and the Justices Association of Richmond County ticked off a number of reasons they oppose the bill, including claims that the bill would only make it so the busiest courts get more judges, depleting other

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Mayor and speaker restore schools funding as tense budget negotiations continue



Mayor Eric Adams and City Council Speaker Adrienne Adams announced the restoration of \$127 million in cuts to city schools as the budget deadline looms and tensions rise between the Council and the administration.

Photo by John McCarten/NYC Council Media Unit

By Ryan Schwach
Queens Daily Eagle

Mayor Eric Adams and Speaker Adrienne Adams on Tuesday said that they'd agreed to restore some funding to the city's schools as their reportedly tense city budget negotiations reach their final weeks.

The two Adams stood side-by-side to make the announcement as power clashes between the mayor and legislative body have become more and more common in recent months. Though, in announcing the restoration of the \$127 million in cuts to the city's schools, the mayor denied multiple times that his relationship with lawmakers was strained in any way.

From Manhattan on Tuesday, the mayor and speaker pledged \$32 million to protect programming that was previously funded with temporary stimulus dollars given to the city from the federal government during the pandemic, \$20 million to extend the hours city's popular summer school program dubbed Summer Rising and another \$75 million that will go to schools with declining enrollment – which make up 15 percent of schools that would have

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\$127 million restored for city schools as budget deadline approaches

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otherwise seen budget reductions. Those schools will now have the same level of funding that was allocated to them in the mid-year school budget adjustment for the 2023-2024 school year.

“We know that if you invest in children at the front end, you are not using unnecessary dollars on the back end and that’s what today is about,” Mayor Adams said. “We know that schools struggled during COVID and coming out of COVID, we want to make sure that we hold them as harmless as possible.”

“We’re giving back to our young people and to their working parents,” the mayor added.

The \$32 million the city will now put up to cover the costs of the expiring COVID relief funds will go to fund teacher recruitment, restorative justice programming, increased digital learning and computer science programs, more civics programming, tutoring and literacy support.

“We know that our kids and families dealt with learning loss and trauma during the pandemic,” the mayor said. “We’ve made great strides but we know we have so far to go.”

The Summer Rising program – which extends school programming for elementary and middle school into the summer – will get \$20 million to cover the cost to bring back Friday sessions and extend the school day from 4 to 6 p.m. for middle school students.

“For many middle class and working families access to enrichment programs like this is what makes it possible to raise children in our city,” Speaker Adams said. “Families are relying on the city to provide programming like extended school days and Summer Rising that keeps students engaged year round and supports working parents and caregivers”

The speaker praised the funding commitment and stressed the need for school funding to remain.



The mayor and Council speaker announced that they had reached an agreement to reverse a number of cuts made to the Department of Education on Tuesday.

Eagle file photo by Liz Rosenberg

“Education...is the great equalizer, and it is our responsibility as a government to provide all students with access to a high quality education and ensure we are preparing them for the future,” she said.

“Today, our students are still struggling to recover from historic levels of learning loss and mental health challenges caused by the pandemic,” the speaker added. “Disruptions in learning have set our students back and have disproportionately affected those who live in low income communities and in temporary housing, require special education services and our English language learners. They need our full support to recover.”

The shoulder-to-shoulder announcement comes as tensions have escalated between the two branches of government both related and unrelated to the ongoing budget negotiations. In recent weeks, both branches have made attempts to wrestle power away from the other. The Council proposed a bill that would require a number of agency nominations made by the mayor first get approved by the legislature before taking office. In response, the mayor quickly formed a charter revision commission that has been tasked with reassessing the city’s governing document, though he has denied the commission is at all related to the Council’s bill.

On Tuesday at both the education announcement and during his weekly media availability, Mayor Adams asserted that there is no fire where the media has seen smoke.

Although Adams admitted there are disagreements between the “two kids from Bayside High School” as he described himself and the Queens-raised speaker, they haven’t affected the pair’s relationship.

“We’re not insecure in our relationships that we can’t disagree,” the mayor said. “If you want to focus on the five things we disagree on, more power to you. I want to focus on how these two kids from Bayside High School...are running the most complicated city on the globe. And if you have a city this complex and you don’t think there’s going to be times when there’s a disagreement, then you’re being idealistic and not realistic.”

Schools Chancellor David Banks, a longtime ally of the mayor, said on Tuesday that the restoration to cuts first proposed by the mayor would allow families and schools to take a sigh of relief.

“I think the most important thing is that schools know as they are now planning to open up schools in September, they can walk with a certain level of authority that they will be able to have a full budget,” Banks said.

However, there are still budget negotiations to be had and other cuts remaining in the proposed budget, including a \$170 million cut in funding to 3-K and pre-K programs.

But Banks said a solution may be on the horizon.

“I’m certain that Adams and Admas are going to continue to work together,” Banks said. “Make sure folks are held all the way through the year.”

NYC Bar Association warns of threats to rule of law following Trump’s felony conviction

By Robert Abruzzese
Queens Daily Eagle

The New York City Bar Association this week raised alarms over the recent backlash following the conviction of former President Donald J. Trump, who has not only cast doubt on the criminal legal process himself but who has been joined by a number of his supporters and Republican lawmakers.

The NYCBA said that it was concerned about the threats to the rule of law and the undermining of the justice system as a result of the inflammatory rhetoric from the public and certain congressional members regarding the guilty verdict reached by a jury last week in Trump’s criminal hush money case.

“These actions pose a very real threat to the rule of law and undermine our system of justice and institutions,” said the association in the statement.

According to the association, the criminal proceedings in New York County against Trump were conducted appropriately. A grand jury indicted Trump based on sufficient evidence, and the trial, presided over by Justice Juan Merchan, included testimony from multiple witnesses. The verdict was reached by a jury of his peers. Trump has indicated plans to appeal, a standard right in the judicial process.

Despite this, there has been a surge in threats against those involved in the trial. Some Trump supporters on social media have called for doxing jurors and violence against Merchan. Trump has not publicly condemned the threats and has himself cast doubts on Merchan’s ability to preside over a fair trial.

Further complicating the situation are comments from members of Congress. Rep. Jim Jordan summoned Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg to testify about the alleged “weaponization of the federal government.” Other



The New York City Bar Association warned this week against threats made to the criminal justice system made by former President Donald Trump, his supporters and Republicans in Congress.

File photo by Michael M. Santiago/Pool Photo

lawmakers have echoed Trump’s criticisms, questioning the fairness of the judicial process and the legitimacy of the verdict. Speaker Mike Johnson has suggested that the Supreme Court intervene to overturn the conviction.

The New York City Bar Association said that such rhetoric can jeopardize the judicial process, which requires prosecutors and judges to operate without intimidation or interference. The association highlighted the necessity of holding prosecutors accountable while maintaining that threats and undue criticism under-

mine the rule of law.

“Such statements risk interfering with and compromising a legitimate judicial process,” the association warned.

“The former president is being afforded all the benefits of due process that any person accused, and convicted, of a crime is entitled to,” the association added. “Each step that led to the former president’s guilty verdict embodies the highest ideals of the American justice system: no person — not even a former president — is above the law.”

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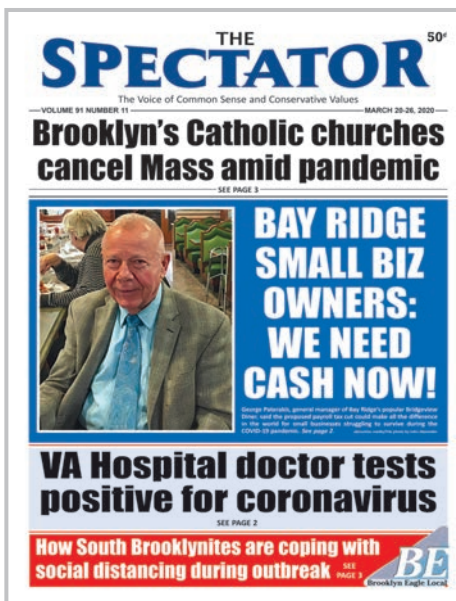
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Grieving Families Act supporters hope third time's the charm for beleaguered bill

By **Reven Blau**
THE CITY

Backers of a bill to update New York state's wrongful death laws to allow victims' families to sue for damages and emotional pain hope a new version will finally convince the governor to sign the measure — if they can get it passed before Albany's summer break.

The long-pursued Grieving Families Act was amended this legislative session to change the list of eligible people who can file wrongful death lawsuits on behalf of their loved one — following two vetoes by Gov. Kathy Hochul.

The list now just includes spouses, domestic partners and parents and legal guardians of minors. If the deceased is an adult and doesn't have a spouse or child, a parent or grandparent could also sue, according to the proposed legislation.

The previously rejected versions of the bill had stated any "close family" member could sue but left the term undefined, meaning it could possibly include aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces and cousins.

Hochul has cited that lack of definition — as well as the measure's likely effects on the health care system — as a reason for her vetoes.

Supporters contend the Grieving Families Act is needed to update the more than 170-year-old wrongful death statute and enable family members to pursue monetary damages for grief and anguish caused by a person's death.

Currently, the law only covers financial loss as a result of the deceased relative no longer providing an income.

The proposed bill is expected to pass both state legislative houses by the end of the session on June 6, according to legislative insiders. The last two versions overwhelmingly passed in previous terms. It is one of many measures lawmakers are seeking to push through before they break for summer.

Lasting Ripples of Grief

Proponents of the Grieving Families Act say that the most likely people to benefit would be marginalized populations and people of color.

"Who is most likely to be impacted by wrongful death are marginalized populations, people of color, my daughter was a woman of color," said Shawnee Benton-Gibson, whose daughter Shamony Makeba Gibson, a 30-year-old Brooklyn woman died in October 2019 after giving birth to her son two weeks earlier.

The family's legal suit was complicated by the pandemic and was never properly filed, according to her mother.

"When you lose a mother the ripple lasts for years to come," Benton-Gibson said.

"The Grieving Families Act allows us to deal with some of those ripples, which are financial," she continued, noting that "money can never com-



Shawnee Benton-Gibson's daughter Shamony Makeba Gibson died two weeks after giving birth in October 2019.
Credit: Courtesy of Shawnee Benton-Gibson

pensate with just the grief and anguish that comes with this type of devastating loss but at least we'd have support to cover children fully."

But Hochul has ultimate say.

While the governor cited in her veto remarks what she called an overly broad definition of close family members eligible to sue, she has also voiced concerns over the measure's retroactive nature and possible impact on insurance premiums.

Hochul spokesperson Avi Small said Monday that the governor "will review the legislation if it passes both houses of the Legislature."

The legislation has also previously been opposed by major hospitals and insurance firms — which would likely be on the hook for larger payouts.

That list includes NYU Langone Health, New York Central Mutual Fire Insurance Insurance, the United Services Automobile Association, the Medical Society of the State of New York and AIG.

They contend that expanding what people can sue for will unfairly cost them millions and create an insurmountable financial burden.

Before she issued her second veto last December, Hochul suggested that she would support a watered down "compromise" version of the bill that would exempt medical malpractice claims. Backers of the legislation balked, arguing that would unfairly limit what types of cases would be eligible.

"New York is out of step with almost every other state in the nation when it comes to wrongful death laws," said State Sen. Brad Hoylman-Sigal (D-Manhattan), the bill's lead sponsor in that chamber.

"We've denied countless family members the proper consideration for their loved ones because our current statute considers only economic loss," he added. "Courts are forced to discount the value of lives in wrongful death actions for those who aren't breadwinners for their families, resulting in a disproportionate negative impact on people of

color, women, children, seniors and New Yorkers with disabilities."

The governor also argued that lawmakers passed the bill without consulting with her beforehand.

"Let's actually have collaboration during the process instead of you pass in this house, you pass this house, and you put it on the governor's desk without engagement," she told reporters in January.

What Is a Life Worth?

Assemblymember Helene Weinstein (D-Brooklyn) has spent the past 30 years pushing for some version of the bill.

"The legislation establishes a value on the love, the loss, and the pain a family experiences when a loved one's death is caused by another," she wrote in a November 2023 Daily News editorial. "The state would no longer equate the value of a person's life to the size of their paycheck, and will expand the law's current definition of family."

In March, Weinstein, who has spent more than 40 years in office, announced she will not be seeking re-election.

Supporters of the bill hope it finally moves past the finish line in her last year in office.

That includes Leszek Wiszowaty, whose 18-year-old son, Matthew, drowned in the turbulent waters of Queens' Rockaway Beach in August 2021.

He's suing the City of New York and its Department of Parks and Recreation for, among other things, allegedly failing to staff lifeguards in the "dangerous" area.

He's hopeful that state lawmakers and the governor have discussed the new version of the bill.

"It would be a waste of time and resources to continue passing laws that the governor would veto again," he told THE CITY.

"New York families deserve better than what's offered to them now," he added. "Insurance companies and other interest groups cite costs associated with the changes and they do everything possible to block this law in New York."

Gibson's family is also pushing for the latest version of the bill.

"She left two kids behind, a baby that was 14 days old," her mother said. "And my grandson will be five this year. He has no recall of his mother, of course, because he was much too young."

"And, like many deaths, it was definitely preventable," added Benton-Gibson. "It is sad that the folks who were charged to serve her and support her, didn't listen to her and didn't provide her with the care that was needed that could have saved her life."

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Gov. Kathy Hochul has said that the state legislature did not work with her on the crafting of the Grieving Families Act.
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Leszek Wiszowaty, here pictured in May 2022, is suing the City of New York in connection with his son's 2021 drowning.
Credit: Ben Fractenberg/THE CITY

To Recuse or Refuse? A Look at Supreme Court Justices' Decisions

By Mark Sherman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — In declining to step aside from two high-profile Supreme Court cases, Justice Samuel Alito last Wednesday provided a rare window on the opaque process by which justices decide to step aside from cases.

Alito faced calls from Democrats to recuse from two cases involving former President Donald Trump and Jan. 6 defendants because of the controversy over flags that flew over his homes.

Both flags were like those carried by rioters who violently stormed the Capitol in January 2021 while echoing Trump's false

claims of election fraud.

Revelations about the flags came as the court is considering cases related to the Jan. 6 riot, including charges faced by the rioters and whether Trump has immunity from prosecution on election interference charges.

In letters to members of Congress, Alito said he had no involvement in flying an upside-down flag over his home in 2021 and an "Appeal to Heaven" flag at his New Jersey beach house last year. He said his wife, Martha-Ann, was responsible for both flags. His impartiality, he said, could not reasonably be questioned.

The explanation is unlikely to satisfy



Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito Jr., left, and his wife Martha-Ann Alito, pay their respects at the casket of Reverend Billy Graham at the Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, Feb. 28, 2018. Alito rejects calls to step aside from Supreme Court cases on Trump and Jan. 6.
AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais, File



Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh, seen here, recently recused himself from a case involving lawyer Michael Avenatti. Avenatti had once represented a woman who had earlier accused Kavanaugh of sexual misconduct.
AP file photo by Dennis Cook



Supreme Court Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson recently recused herself from a case involving a Guantanamo detainee, because she had already heard his case when she was a judge on a lower-level federal appeals case.
AP file photo by Kevin Lamarque

Democratic critics, but they have little recourse.

A look at the Supreme Court's recusal process:

THERE OUGHT TO BE A LAW

There is, as well as a recently adopted Supreme Court ethics code to guide the justices, though there's really no means of enforcing either.

A law that applies to Supreme Court justices, and all other federal judges, lays out several criteria that require recusal.

The language most relevant in Alito's case reads, "Any justice, judge or magistrate judge of the United States shall disqualify himself in any proceeding in which his impartiality might reasonably be questioned."

The court's code of conduct says a justice ordinarily has a duty to take part in cases since justices, unlike lower-court judges, can't be replaced when there's a conflict. The code differs from the federal law by saying a justice "should," rather than "shall," disqualify himself or herself. It also says that only an impartial and reasonable person who is "aware of all relevant circumstances" can validly call for recusal.

WHO DECIDES?

Supreme Court justices decide for themselves whether and when to recuse from a case. On rare occasions, a party to a case will ask a justice to recuse.

In one notable example, the Sierra Club asked Justice Antonin Scalia to recuse from a 2004 case about an energy task force convened by then-Vice President Dick Cheney after reports that Scalia and Cheney, old friends, went duck-hunting together.

Scalia spent 21 pages explaining his decision not to recuse, acknowledging that he accepted an invitation to fly to a Louisiana hunting camp on Cheney's government plane, but denying that they actually hunted or spent any significant time together.

"If it is reasonable to think that a Supreme Court justice can be bought so cheap, the nation is in deeper trouble than I had imagined," Scalia wrote.

"Since I do not believe my impartiality can reasonably be questioned, I do not think it would be proper for me to recuse," he wrote.

Ultimately, the only consequence for a justice's refusal to recuse is also a highly unlikely one: impeachment by the House of Representatives and removal from office by the Senate. That's never happened.

ALITO'S EXPLANATION

Alito pointed to the Supreme Court's ethics code to explain that justices have an obligation to take part in a case unless their impartiality might reasonably be questioned. In this instance, he said, anyone "not motivated by political or ideological considerations or a desire to affect the outcome of Supreme Court cases" would see that recusal is not required.

The justice wrote that in both instances, the flags were flown by his wife and were not hoisted to identify with Capitol rioters or the "Stop the Steal Movement." Alito said he was unaware of the "Appeal to Heaven" flag's association with the effort to undo the 2020 election results. In 2021, he said he urged his wife to take down the inverted U.S. flag, but she refused for several days.

Alito defended his wife's right to express herself and also detailed some of the sacrifices she has made because of his Supreme Court service, "including the insult of having to endure numerous, loud, obscene, and personally insulting protests in front of our home that continue to this day and now threaten to escalate."

DO JUSTICES EVER RECUSE?

Yes, it happens all the time. Most recently, Justice Brett Kavanaugh noted his recusal from the court's rejection Tuesday of lawyer Michael Avenatti's appeal of his criminal conviction for attempting to extort up to \$25 million from Nike. Although Kavanaugh didn't say why, it seems likely that he sat out the case because Avenatti represented one of the women who accused Kavanaugh, during his Supreme Court confirmation hearings, of sexual misconduct. Kavanaugh has denied any impropriety.

Other examples are when justices, including Alito, hold even a tiny investment in a company with a case before the court. Last year, Alito didn't take part in an appeal involving Phillips 66. He didn't explain his decision, but his financial disclosure showed he owns between \$15,000 and \$50,000 in company stock.

One other common reason for recusal is when justices have dealt with cases in previous jobs, either in the executive branch or as lower-court judges. Last week, Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson and Kavanaugh recused from a case involving former Guantanamo detainee Omar Khadr, whose case had previously been before the federal appeals court in Washington on which Jackson and Kavanaugh both served. Jackson noted the reason for her recusal, but Kavanaugh didn't.

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Liberty Hit The Road After Perfect Homestand

New York rides three-game winning streak into Chicago

By John Torenli, Sports Editor
Brooklyn Daily Eagle

The New York Liberty will take their “Superteam” on the road after completing a perfect three-game homestand at Downtown’s Barclays Center this past weekend.

“Now, off to Chicago. It’s another opportunity to go in there and play well,” Liberty coach Sandy Brondello said after Sunday’s 104-68 rout of rookie phenom Caitlin Clark and the Indiana Fever in front of a sellout crowd of 17,401 paying customers on the corner of Atlantic and Flatbush.

New York (7-2) will open its trip against the Sky (3-4) at Wintrust Arena Tuesday night, kicking off a stretch of three games in five days that also includes a visit to At-



Jonquel Jones posted her fourth double-double of the year Sunday vs. the Fever, helping New York to its third straight win. Photo by Brandon Todd/New York Liberty



Betnijah Laney-Hamilton had her best game of the season Sunday, leading the Liberty to a blowout win over Indiana in Downtown Brooklyn. Photo by Brandon Todd/New York Liberty

lanta Thursday and Connecticut Saturday before returning to Brooklyn to host Washington on Sunday.

“You want to win as much as you can. It was good (to rest some players),” Brondello said after Sunday’s blowout victory afforded her the opportunity to give her starters a breather in the fourth quarter.

“Really happy for the win,” Brondello added.

So was forward Betnijah Laney-Hamilton, who had her best game of the season on both ends of the floor Sunday as New York officially began defense of its Commissioner’s Cup title from 2023.

She scored a season-high 20 points on 7-of-9 shooting, including her 2,000th career point, while draining all five of her free throws and handed out five assists while picking up a pair of steals.

“Extremely proud of her every day,” Brondello said of the 6-foot Rutgers alum. “She plays hard and always has to guard the best player on the other team every single game.”

Laney-Hamilton did her best work against Clark, who suffered through a putrid 1-of-10 shooting performance and committed a team high-tying three turnovers with New York’s top defender in her face.

“B just made big play after big play. ... I keep saying she should be defensive player of the year for what she does for this team.”

“I look at it as more of a chess match,” Laney-Hamilton added of her stifling of Clark, who is averaging 15.6 points per game as a first-year pro.

While beating Indiana (2-9) for the third time in as many weeks, the Liberty showed off their firepower.

Laney-Hamilton led five New York scorers in double figures in scoring, including an 18-point, 13-rebound effort from double-double machine Jonquel Jones.

The 2021 WNBA Most Valuable Player went 8-of-11 from the floor, blocked a shot, had two steals and even piled up four assists, giving her 2.6 helpers per contest through nine games.

That’s her highest average since she was in Connecticut during her MVP campaign.

“People are coming hard and making themselves available,” Jones said of her passing ability.

All-Star Sabrina Ionescu poured in 16 points, reigning MVP Breanna Stewart added 13 and free-agent acquisition Kennedy Burke broke through with a season-high 10 points off the bench for New York, which will try to match its longest winning streak of the year in Chicago.



Sabrina Ionescu needs one 3-pointer Tuesday in Chicago to match the Liberty record for consecutive games with at least one make from beyond the arc. Photo by Brandon Todd/New York Liberty

“We’ve got attack from multiple spots here. ... The offense is fine,” noted Brondello. “We’re just trying to work out the clinks.”

So are the Sky, who have lost three of their last four games, including Saturday’s 71-70 defeat to the Fever.

Marina Mabrey scored 15 points and rookie Angel Reese had eight points and 13 rebounds for Chicago in her much-anticipated showdown with Clark.

The Liberty were sunk by the Sky in Brooklyn on May 23 as Mabrey put up 21 points and handed out seven assists and Reese added 13 points and nine boards.

Former Liberty legend Teresa Weatherspoon, Chicago’s first-year head coach, enjoyed the atmosphere at Barclays that night.

“I’m going to show my love for them and show my appreciation to everyone in New York City,” she said. “I hope you see this and know I love you all very much from the bottom of my heart, me and my family.”

Tip-off for the rematch in the Windy City is scheduled for 8 p.m. ET.

“We’ll keep getting better. New challenges come every day,” said Brondello. “Let’s be consistent. That was our theme for the week.”

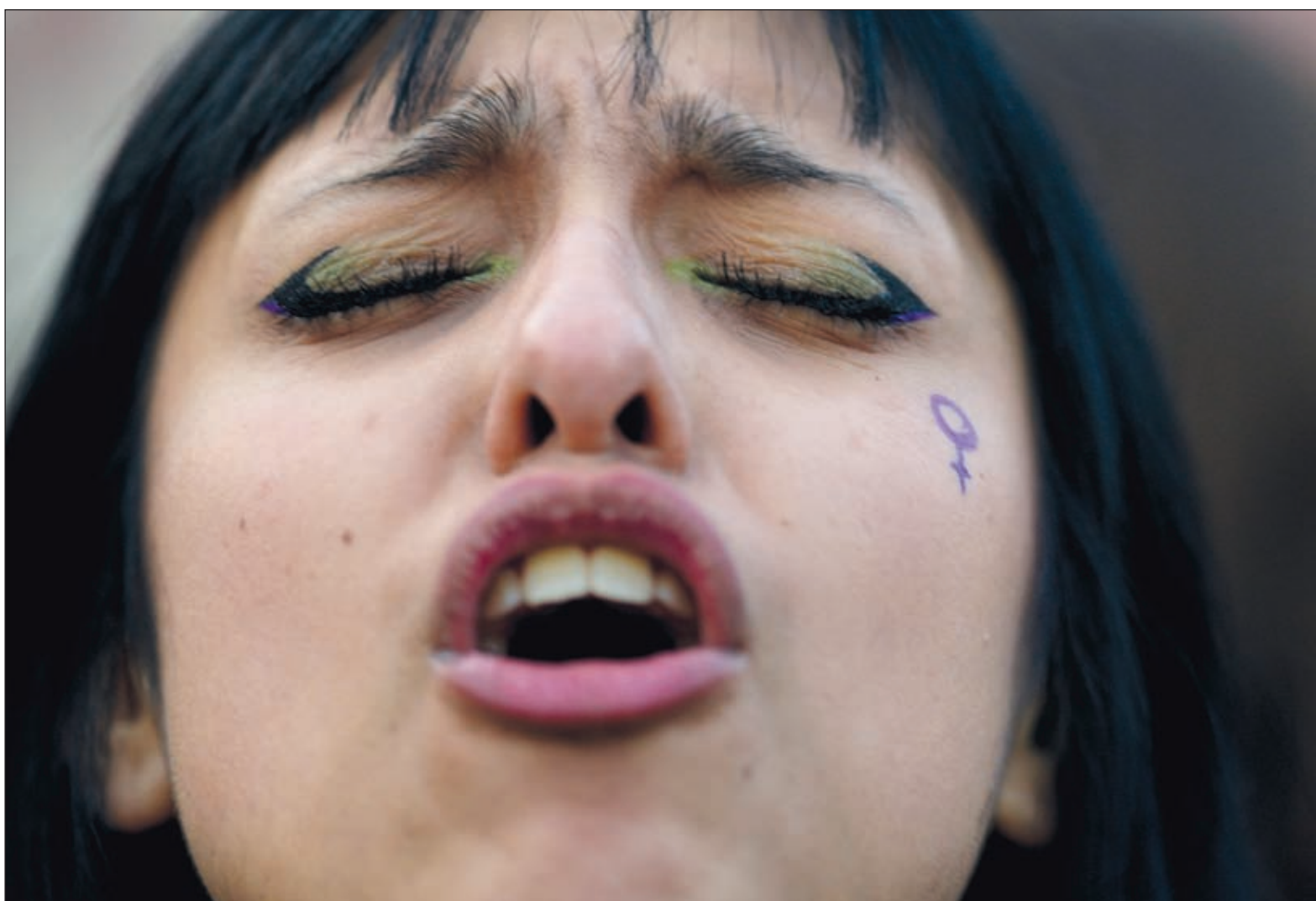
GIVE ME LIBERTY: Ionescu has hit at least one 3-pointer in 34 consecutive games, the longest current streak in the WNBA. If she hits one Tuesday night in Chicago, she will tie Shameka Christon for the longest streak in franchise history. ... New York won four in a row to begin this much-anticipated “Run it Back in 2024” campaign. ... New York announced Monday that it was launching Liberty Live, its first direct-to-consumer streaming platform. The Liberty are increasing their broadcast reach, allowing fans to stream the team’s locally televised games through Liberty Live this season beginning with Tuesday’s game in Chicago, according to a team-issued release. “Liberty Live’ is the culmination of our business focus to expand distribution rights, while also leveraging technology to enhance the overall fan experience,” said New York CEO Keia Clarke. “Liberty Live’ furthers our commitment to increasing accessibility, and we are proud to be one of the first teams in the league to develop a direct-to-consumer streaming platform, ensuring our fans have ample availability to watch Liberty games this season.” Liberty Live will be available to fans for \$4.99 a month. To learn more and register for Liberty Live please visit watchlibertylive.com.



Our World In Pictures

BUENOS AIRES — Lone voice among many — “not one less”: A woman participates in a march marking the ninth anniversary of the “Ni Una Menos,” or Not One Less, women’s movement in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Monday, June 3, 2024.

Photo: Natacha Pisarenko/AP



KOLKATA — Bright-colored powder takes huge roles in both politics and religion: Faces of Trinamool Congress Party supporters smeared with green color celebrate the election results in Kolkata, India, Tuesday, June 4, 2024. Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s Hindu nationalist party showed a comfortable lead Tuesday, according to early figures reported by India’s Election Commission, but was facing a stronger challenge from the opposition than had been expected.

Photo: Bikas Das/AP



GRINDAVIK — Volcanic activity stirs up: Panoramic view of the Svartsengi area with the active craters and lava flows in the foreground, near Grindavik, Iceland, Monday, June 3, 2024. The white steam in the top right is produced by the Powerplant and the Blue Lagoon area.

Photo: Marco di Marco/AP



PARIS — Yes, it might be the best time for a prayer: Serbia’s Novak Djokovic slipped and fell during his fourth-round match of the French Open tennis tournament against Argentina’s Francisco Cerundolo at the Roland Garros Stadium in Paris, Monday, June 3, 2024.

Photo: Christophe Ena/AP



Our World In Pictures



ESTONIA — A rare glimpse at basic family life, carrying on: A coot swims with her chicks on the surface of a lake during a sunny day in Tallinn, Estonia, Monday, June 3, 2024.

Photo: Sergei Grits/AP



NORMANDY — Remembering D-Day on 80th anniversary: An American soldier touches the sand on Omaha Beach, Tuesday, June 4, 2024, in Normandy. World War II veterans from across the United States as well as Britain and Canada are in Normandy this week to mark 80 years since the D-Day landings that helped lead to Hitler's defeat.

AP Photo/Jeremias Gonzalez



NEW DELHI — Reactions to a popular PM: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is greeted by supporters as he arrives at Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) headquarters in New Delhi, India, Tuesday, June 4, 2024.

Photo: Manish Swarup/AP



PARIS — Gauff carries the U.S. flag into semi-finals: Coco Gauff of the U.S. plays a shot against Tunisia's Ons Jabeur during their quarterfinal match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Tuesday, June 4, 2024.

Photo: Thibault Camus/AP

Once a beauty contest, Miss Subways is now a campy, voicy extravaganza

By Haidee Chu
THE CITY

As the theater lights dimmed and attention turned to the stage, a pigeon, a mouse and a few trains strutted into the spotlight one by one, each taking turns to answer questions about a New York City subway line.

At Coney Island's Sideshow by Seashore Theater, the long-standing freak show space located just across the street from a transit terminal still bearing on its facade the letters "BMT LINES", eight contestants in elaborate costumes on Friday night vied for the title of Miss Subways 2024 — a pageant that owes its provenance to a scheme by the New York Subways Advertising Company in 1941 to boost ad revenue a year after the previously private Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit and another competing system became part of a unified public subway system.

Much like the way popular pin-up girls captivated World War II soldiers at the time, the alluring, girl-next-car images of Miss Subways were meant to make riders look up at advertising flanking the beauty queens. For almost every month until the 1960s, a new winner would be hand-picked by an influential modeling agent named John Robert Powers. And until the contest died off in 1976, a poster bearing a short blurb of each woman's aspirations and her portrait was plastered inside countless subway cars.

"This was probably one of those things where the winner had to kiss the MTA president's cheeks and stuff like that for a photo," said Derrick Holmes, a digital strategist at the transit advocacy organization Riders Alliance and one of five judges this year for the latest version of the pageant.

Today's Miss Subways pageant — resurrected by the City Reliquary museum in 2017 — challenges the male gaze altogether. While Miss Subways of yore pushed conventions of the time as the first racially integrated beauty contest in the country, now it questions traditional definitions of femininity and opens itself to people of all genders and body types.

Participants in the competition's new age have included burlesque dancers, drag performers and strippers, as well as comedians, singers and cosplayers expressing their passions for and complaints about the subway. Contestants in the pageant's new iteration also represent a subway line of their choice.

"Today's version of it, it's more democratic," said City Reliquary founder and president Dave Herman, noting that the pageant is not officially affiliated with the MTA. "Some people can interpret it as campiness, and sometimes we get contestants up there that are so completely sincere that you drop your guard completely."

Meanwhile, replacing the subway posters of the bygone era as the pageant's prize is a hand-made 'transit tiara,' which this year is decorated with logos of the subway lines and a glittery rat dragging a slice of margherita pizza.

"We want to encourage the individual voice, and how they choose to present themselves," Herman said. "And we think that gives the most honest presentation of the ridership."

Subway Shenanigans

As the sun set on Coney Island, Christine Stoddard took the stage with a rat-calling act, attempting to summon a man in a rat costume first with chirping sounds, then with a song and a pizza. Sally Ann Hall, a cabaret singer dressed up as a newly impoverished marquee-turned-M train rider, took the stage next, belting a song with lyrics reflecting her real-life experiences on the train, including a time when a man had complimented her "beautiful eyes" before asking whether he could have one of them.

A puppetry act, a stand-up set, and a pigeon dance followed before Tiffany Martinez, 29, stepped onto the stage, turning her back against the audience in a shimmering silver dress as she counted down to her big moment.

It was the 29-year-old's first public performance as a singer in seven years, after her lifelong dream to become an opera singer was cut short by throat cancer at 22 years old. She struggled to speak for two years after that, and only started to

regain her singing voice about a year and a half ago.

"Not only was it a feeling of like, my body betrayed me, I also felt like I lost a big chunk of myself," Martinez said, speaking to THE CITY two days before the pageant. "I think that's why I'm getting so much enjoyment from doing Miss Subways. I'm just like, 'Oh my god, I get to do this again?'"

The native of Woodside, Queens turned to the audience as the backtrack of a Marc Anthony song commenced. Riffing off the lyrics of "You Sang To Me," Martinez performed "You Transport Me" — which paid tribute to the R train that took her from home to school daily as a child. She joked about how the smells are "awful and make me insane," while also taking jabs at the OMNY payment system and the lack of bathrooms in subway stations.

The backtrack soon transitioned to a tape of Donald Trump's voice. Next, Martinez, cosplaying as the R Train, pulled out a plastic rat dressed as the former President from underneath her skirt, and tossed it onto the ground before kicking it vigorously. The punchline was clear: The R train has hit Donald Trump.

"I want to keep the camp going, and I kind of want it to turn into something that's in your face," Martinez said, describing her vision for the act two days before the show. "In a way it's kind of like left, funky Americana."

Speaking to THE CITY the day before the pageant, Holmes said he would be looking for a winner in someone who dares to challenge the subway system to be better.

"I'm really looking for someone who loves and appreciates the subway, but is also able to give it some tough love," Holmes said.

Tough Love

The pageant is now a far cry from the original contest, whose participants didn't get to convey much about themselves directly to the public — let alone their thoughts on subway culture and politics.

For the most part, the 20th Century version of the contest took place behind closed doors without any public pageantry. Whatever the public knew about the women came from the posters, with that information selected for the pageant's first two decades by Powers, whose signature and description of the winners completed every Miss Subways poster up until 1960.

Miss Subways had nonetheless been successful in catapulting many women and their career accomplishments into the spotlight, said 82-year-old Ellen Hart, who held the title from March to April 1959. But, she added, the contest had not been the same kind of political platform it has morphed into today.

"People didn't express themselves the way they do today, and some have the right to do that — they do have legitimate complaints," Hart, now the owner of Ellen's Stardust Diner, told THE CITY. "I feel that back in the day, you didn't have the concerns you might have today... In a way, you wish life was a little simpler."

These days, between news about fare hikes, National Guard soldiers in stations, and the polic-



The contestants for Miss Subway get ready backstage at The Coney Island Museum, May 31, 2024. Credit: Alex Krales/THE CITY

ing of fare evaders, homeless riders and migrant vendors, criticism of the subway system has found its way into the pageant.

"Nowadays, a big part of our processes involve their own opinions of the subway themselves," Herman said, referring to the contestants. "If they're gonna represent the subway, then they want to be able to speak their part. We're not going to ask someone to get up and say, like, 'I'm a representative of the New York City subways,' but you gotta keep your mouth shut and say exactly what the subway system wants."

For example, Julia Schemmer, a 27-year-old Broadway production assistant and contestant representing the J train, said she worried about how her father, who has Parkinson's Disease, would navigate the city if he were to ever visit from California given the lack of accessible amenities in stations.

Hall, the 34-year-old cabaret singer representing the M train, said she was once ticketed for jumping the turnstile, and lamented that police officers often seem more concerned with entrapping fare-beaters than discouraging more consequential crimes.

"Do you believe solving fare evasion should be treated primarily as a criminal issue or as a transit affordability issue?" Holmes asked the singer during the interview round.

"I think the subway should be free," Hall responded to roaring applause from the crowd.

Passing a pack of five uniformed police officers inside the Borough Hall subway station in Downtown Brooklyn two days prior to the pageant, burlesque dancer Queerly Femmetastic also criticized the increased police presence she's seen in the system.

"This many cops is abnormal and unnecessary and, frankly, ridiculous. It's a stupid waste of money," Femmetastic said. "Most of what I see the cops doing at any given point in time isn't helping. It's harassing houseless people, it's giving someone a ticket for having their foot on a chair next to them and sleeping on the way home from work."

"But the subway is supposed to be a great equalizer," she added.

Part of her pageant act and philosophy as a burlesque dancer, she said, mirrors her belief in what Miss Subways should stand for: Reclaiming public spaces for people including those who may

not fall into conventional definitions of social acceptability.

Hart, for her part, said she is glad to hear that people are embracing their identities in the new pageant. Though, she said she is not much interested in attending one of the shows.

"I think it's a totally different contest, and I don't think that we want to connect the old version of it to a newer version," Hart said. "I think we have to keep our history the way it was. This ended in 1976 and it had its era."

Full-Circle Moment

As the clock was about to strike 9 p.m. in Coney Island Friday night, Femmetastic sashayed her way to the center of the stage as the last act of the talent portion, dressed in a gown in the royal-blue shade of the A train logo.

Femmetastic sang a rendition of Duke Ellington and Ella Fitzgerald's "Take the A Train" — which in its original lyrics nodded to those from Brooklyn who "must take the A train to go to Sugar Hill way up in Harlem." As service commenced in 1932, the 35-year-old explained, the A train connected Caribbean immigrants who had started settling in Bed-Stuy during the Great Depression to the African American community up in Harlem.

Her own great-grandmother had bought a brownstone located off of Brooklyn's Utica Avenue A train station in the 1950s, she added, after immigrating from Barbados a decade earlier. Three generations of her family lived in that house before they sold it a few years ago.

Femmetastic's updated "Take the A Train" lyrics pointed to how gentrification has reversed the flow: "You must take the A train to get out of Harlem and come to Brooklyn because that's where all the parties are now," Femmetastic sang, joking between scatting and whistle notes that "you must take the A train before it stops running express, damn it, after 11 p.m."

Sarah Vaughan's slower, more sultry version of the song played next, as the burlesque dancer began stripping off her clothes and accessories. First she tossed away her rainbow boa, then her headband, which had a small replica of the A train glued on. Then she slipped out of her blue gown and white gloves, revealing her royal blue bedazzled bra before that, too, was removed to show off pasties in the shape of the A train logo.

Thunderous cheers followed as each item came off — foreshadowing that the crowd favorite would go on to win this year's title at the end of the night.

As the burlesque dancer was crowned with the transit tiara and the contestants retreated back into the dressing room, Femmetastic spoke of her late grandmother, a train aficionado who sewed subway tokens into Femmetastic's school uniform and first told her about Miss Subways as she inquired about beauty pageants as a 10-year-old.

"Listen, we're gonna go pour one out for my grandma, actually," said Femmetastic, who was now packing her costume into a suitcase to take home on the Q train then the 4. "Although she would've been like, 'stripping?' she would have been excited about the crown — the winning part."

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Miss Subway.

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Biden rolls out migration order that aims to shut down asylum requests, after months of anticipation

By *Seung Min Kim, Colleen Long and Elliot Spagat*
Associated Press

President Joe Biden on Tuesday unveiled plans to enact immediate significant restrictions on migrants seeking asylum at the U.S.-Mexico border as the White House tries to neutralize immigration as a political liability ahead of the November elections.

The White House detailed the long-anticipated presidential proclamation signed by Biden, which would bar migrants from being granted asylum when U.S. officials deem that the southern border is overwhelmed. The Democratic president has contemplated unilateral action for months, especially after the collapse of a bipartisan border security deal in Congress that most Republican lawmakers rejected at the behest of Donald Trump, the presumptive GOP presidential nominee.

The order will go into effect when the number of border encounters between ports of entry hits 2,500 per day, according to senior administration officials. That means Biden's order should go into effect immediately, because that figure is higher than the daily averages now. The restrictions would be in effect until two weeks after the daily encounter numbers are at or below 1,500 per day between ports of entry, under a seven-day average. Those figures were first reported by The Associated Press on Monday.

Once this order is in effect, migrants who arrive at the border but do not express fear of returning to their home countries will be subject to immediate removal from the United States, within a matter of days or even hours. Those migrants would face punishments that could include a five-year bar from reentering the U.S., as well as potential criminal prosecution.

Meanwhile, anyone who expresses that fear or intention to seek asylum will be screened by a U.S. asylum officer but at a higher standard than what is currently used. If they pass the screening, they can pursue more limited forms of humanitarian protection, including the U.N. Convention Against Torture.

Biden's order was detailed by four senior administration officials who insisted on anonymity to describe the effort to reporters. The directive is coming when the number of migrants encountered at the border have been on a consistent decline since December, but senior administration

officials nonetheless justified the order by arguing that the numbers are still too high and that the figures could spike in better weather, when the encounter numbers traditionally increase.

Yet many questions and complications remain about how Biden's new directive would be implemented.

For instance, the Biden administration already has an agreement with Mexico in which Mexico agrees to accept up to 30,000 citizens a month from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua and Venezuela once they are denied entry from the U.S., and senior administration officials say that will continue under this order. But it is unclear what happens to nationals of other countries who are denied under Biden's directive.

Senior officials also acknowledged that the administration's goal of deporting migrants quickly is complicated by insufficient funding from Congress to do so. The administration also faces certain legal constraints when it comes to detaining migrant families, although the administration said it would continue to abide by those obligations.

The legal authority being invoked by Biden comes under Section 212(f) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, which allows a president to limit entries for certain migrants if it's deemed "detrimental" to the national interest. Senior officials expressed confidence that they would be able to implement Biden's order, despite threats from prominent legal groups to sue the administration over the directive.

"We intend to sue," said Lee Gelernt, an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union who successfully argued similar legal challenges under Trump. "A ban on asylum is illegal just as it was when Trump unsuccessfully tried it."

The senior administration officials insisted that Biden's proposal differs dramatically from that of Trump, who leaned on the same provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act that Biden is using, including his 2017 directive to bar citizens of Muslim-majority nations and his efforts in 2018 to clamp down on asylum.

For instance, Biden's order outlines several groups of migrants who would be exempted due to humanitarian reasons, including victims of human trafficking, unaccompanied minors and those with severe medical emergencies.

Trump on Tuesday said on his social media



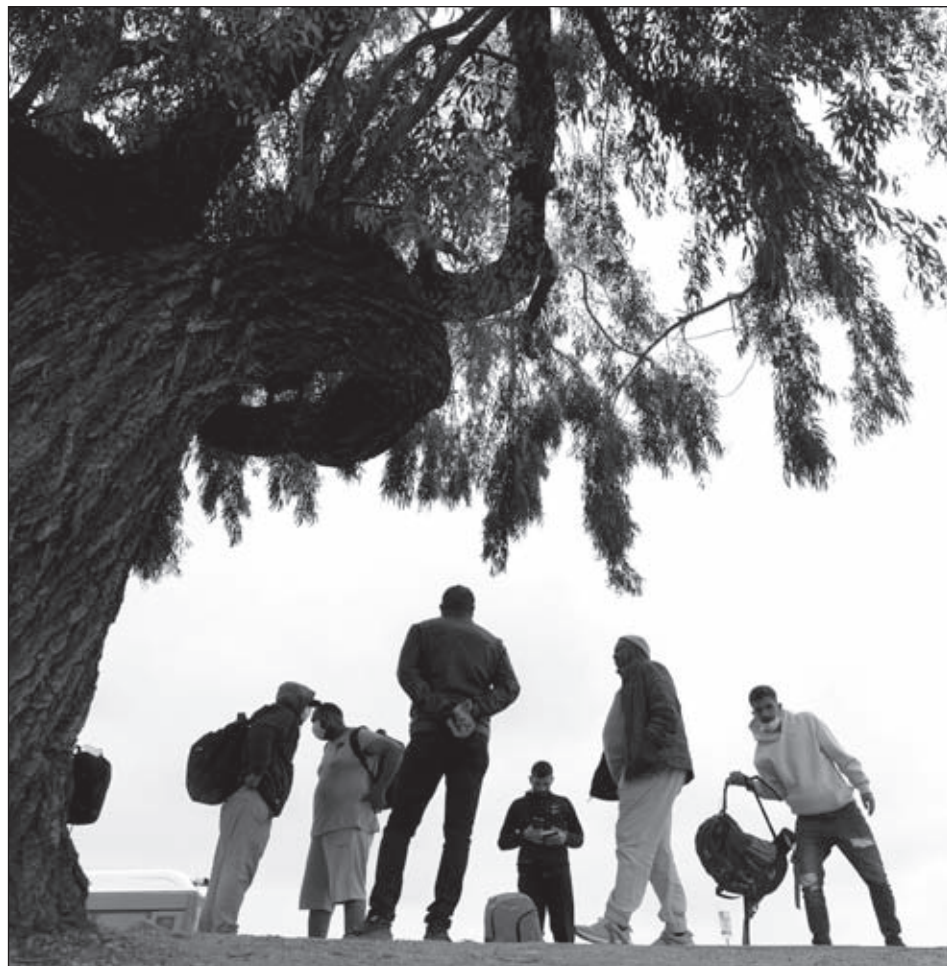
President Joe Biden speaks about an executive order in the East Room at the White House in Washington, Tuesday, June 4, 2024. Biden unveiled plans to enact immediate significant restrictions on migrants seeking asylum at the U.S.-Mexico border as the White House tries to neutralize immigration as a political liability ahead of the November elections.

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A construction worker drive along the border walls separating Tijuana, Mexico, from the United States, Tuesday, June 4, 2024, in San Diego. President Joe Biden has unveiled plans to enact immediate significant restrictions on migrants seeking asylum at the U.S.-Mexico border as the White House tries to neutralize immigration as a political liability ahead of the November elections.

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A group of migrants seeking asylum look for transportation options after being processed and released, Tuesday, June 4, 2024, in San Diego. President Joe Biden has unveiled plans to enact immediate significant restrictions on migrants seeking asylum at the U.S.-Mexico border as the White House tries to neutralize immigration as a political liability ahead of the November elections.

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account that Biden has "totally surrendered our Southern Border" and that the order was "all for show" ahead of their June 27 presidential debate.

The directive would also exempt migrants who arrive in what senior officials called an orderly fashion, which includes people who make appointments with border officials at ports of entry using the U.S. Customs and Border Protection's CBP One app. About 1,450 appointments are made a day using the app, which launched last year.

Immigration advocates worried that Biden's plan would only increase an already months-long backlog of migrants waiting for an appointment through the app, especially when immigration authorities do not have an accompanying surge of funding.

It could also be difficult for border officials to implement the plan to quickly remove migrants when many agents are already tasked with helping in shelters and other humanitarian tasks, said Jennie Murray, the president of the National Immigration Forum.

"Customs and Border Protection cannot keep up with apprehensions as it is right now because they don't have enough personnel so it would cause more disorder," she said.

Average daily arrests for illegal crossings from Mexico were last below 2,500 in January 2021, the month that Biden took office. The last time the border encounters dipped to 1,500 a day was in July 2020, at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Congressional Republicans dismissed Biden's order as nothing more than a "political stunt" meant to show toughened immigration enforcement ahead of the election.

"He tried to convince us all for all this time that there was no way he could possibly fix the mess," GOP House Speaker Mike Johnson said at a news conference. "Remember that he engineered it."

Biden said in January that he has "done all I can do" to control the border through his executive authority, but White House officials nonetheless telegraphed for months that the president would contemplate unilateral action. Democrats note that Biden waited for months in hopes of legislation rather than acting on his own, which can easily be reversed by his successor.

Democratic Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer said that legislation would have been more effective, but "Republican intransigence has forced the president's hand."

2ND DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC LEGAL NOTICES

2ND SUPPLEMENTAL CITATION

FILE NO. 2021-1135/A THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD FREE AND INDEPENDENT, TO: AUDREY COBURN BEING THE PERSONS INTERESTED AS CREDITORS, LEGATEES, DISTRIBUTORS OR OTHERWISE IN THE ESTATE OF CLYDE COBURN JR., DECEASED WHO AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH WAS A RESIDENT OF CORONA IN THE COUNTY OF QUEENS, STATE OF NEW YORK, SEND GREETING: UPON THE PETITION OF AYANA C. COBURN RESIDING AT 137-20 45TH AVENUE, APT 55, FLUSHING, NEW YORK 11355, 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 QUEENS GENERAL COURT HOUSE, 6TH FLOOR, 88-11 SUTPHIN BOULEVARD, JAMAICA, CITY OF NEW YORK, ON THE JULY 18, 2024, AT 9:30 A.M. WHY THE ACCOUNT OF PROCEEDINGS OF AYANA C. COBURN, AS ADMINISTRATOR OF SAID DECEASED, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED SHOULD NOT BE JUDICIALLY SETTLED. (SET FORTH FULLY ALL RELIEF PRAYED FOR IN WHEREFORE CLAUSE) WHEREFORE THE PETITIONER PRAYS THAT THE ACCOUNT OF PROCEEDINGS BE JUDICIALLY SETTLED, THAT THE REIMBURSEMENTS PAID TO AYANA COBURN FOR THE FUNERAL EXPENSE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,437.00 BE APPROVED; THAT THE REIMBURSEMENTS PAID TO AYANA COBURN FOR THE LEGAL FEES AND COURT FILING FEE PAID TO BE APPOINTED AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,316.90 BE APPROVED; THAT THE INITIAL LEGAL FEES PAID TO SALEM, SHOR & SAPERSTEIN, LLP FOR REPRESENTATION IN CONNECTION WITH THIS PROCEEDING IN THE SUM OF \$7,500.00 BE APPROVED; THAT THE COURT APPROVE PAYMENT TO AYANA COBURN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,267.04 AS HER COMMISSION AS SET FORTH ON SCHEDULE I OF THE ACCOUNTING; DIRECTING PETITIONER TO HOLD THE SUM OF \$65,000.00 FOR ESTIMATED LEGAL FEES AND DISBURSEMENTS INCURRED BY THE LAW FIRM OF SALEM, SHOR & SAPERSTEIN, LLP TO DATE OF DECREE; THAT THE COURT RELEASE THE BOND ON AYANA COBURN HELD BY MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY IN CONNECTION WITH THE ESTATE; THAT AUDREY COBURN, THE ALLEGED SPOUSE OF THE DECEDENT, SHOULD PRESENT TO THE COURT EVIDENCE THAT SHE IS THE SPOUSE OF THE DECEDENT AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH, AND IF SHE FAILS TO DO SO, THAT THE COURT EXCLUDE AUDREY COBURN AS A DISTRIBUTEE OF THE DECEDENT AND THAT THE ESTATE SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED AS SUCH; THAT IN THE EVENT AUDREY COBURN PRESENTS EVIDENCE THAT SHE WAS THE SPOUSE OF THE DECEDENT AT THE TIME OF HIS PASSING, THAT SHE SATISFACTORILY PROVE THAT SHE DID NOT ABANDON THE DECEDENT, AND IF SHE FAILS TO DO SO, THAT HER RIGHTS AS A SURVIVING SPOUSE BE DENIED PURSUANT TO EPTL 5-1.2(A) AND THAT THE ESTATE SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED AS SUCH; AND THAT THE NET ESTATE BE DISTRIBUTED PURSUANT TO THE LAW OF INTESTACY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SUBJECT TO THE DETERMINATION OF THE STANDING OF AUDREY COBURN, AND THAT PROCESS BE ISSUED TO ALL NECESSARY PARTIES WHO HAVE NOT APPEARED TO SHOW CAUSE WHY THE RELIEF REQUESTED SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED; AND THAT AN ORDER BE GRANTED DIRECTING THE SERVICE OF PROCESS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SCPA ARTICLE 3 UPON SUCH PERSONS NAMED IN PARAGRAPH (6) WHOSE NAMES OR WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN AND CANNOT BE ASCERTAINED OR WHO MAY BE PERSONS ON WHOM SERVICE BY PERSONAL DELIVERY CANNOT BE MADE. DATED, ATTESTED AND SEALED, 31ST DAY OF MAY, 2024 HON. PETER J. KELLY ACTING SURROGATE, QUEENS COUNTY JANET EDWARDS TUCKER CLERK OF THE SURROGATE'S COURT ATTORNEY ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER: DAVID S. SHOR, ESQ. 3000 MARCUS AVENUE, SUITE 1W6, LAKE SUCCESS, NEW YORK 11042 (516) 472-7030 DAVIDSSHOR@GMAIL.COM

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AMENDED CITATION

FILE NO. 2021-2639/D AMENDED CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT TO: MONTE SCOTT, KATHLEEN SCOTT, ROSA SCOTT AS NATURAL GUARDIAN OF FAITH SCOTT, ROSA SCOTT AS NATURAL GUARDIAN OF HOPE SCOTT, ROSA SCOTT, WILLIAM A. KENNEDY, EDISON SCOTT, THE FINK LAW FIRM, JOHN JARBATH, D.P.M., HIGHLAND CARE CENTER, MEDPRO GROUP, IRONSHORE, PEYMAN YOUNESI, M.D., SOUTH NASSAU COMMUNITIES HOSPITAL, ROGER BOYKIN, M.D., SHARONE STERN, D.P.M., DIABETIC FOOT CARE SERVICES, P.C., ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, THE UNKNOWN DISTRIBUTORS, LEGATEES, DEVISEES, HEIRS AT LAW AND ASSIGNEES OF FLORENCE GRANT, 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, IDA COMO ESQ. BEING THE PERSONS INTERESTED AS CREDITORS, LEGATEES, DISTRIBUTORS OR OTHERWISE IN THE ESTATE OF FLORENCE GRANT, DECEASED, WHO AT THE TIME OF DEATH WAS A RESIDENT OF 12024 178TH PLACE, JAMAICA, NY 11434. SEND GREETING: UPON THE PETITION OF THE 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 FLORENCE GRANT, 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 20TH DAY OF JUNE, 2024 AT 9:30 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON, WHY THE ACCOUNT OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR OF QUEENS COUNTY, AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID DECEASED, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED, SHOULD NOT BE JUDICIALLY SETTLED, AND WHEREFORE, THE PETITIONER PRAYS THAT THE ACCOUNT OF PROCEEDINGS BE JUDICIALLY SETTLED; AND WHY, THE RECOVERY OF \$425,000.00 SHOULD NOT BE ALLOCATED TO THE CAUSE OF ACTION FOR PERSONAL INJURY; AND WHY, THE ACTIONS AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS, SOUTH NASSAU COMMUNITIES HOSPITAL, ROGER BOYKIN, M.D., PEYMAN YOUNESI, M.D., SHARONE STERN D.P.M., HIGHLAND CARE CENTER, INC., DIABETIC FOOT CARE SERVICES, P.C. AND JOHN JARBATH, D.P.M. SHOULD NOT BE DISCONTINUED; AND WHY, THE FILING OF A BOND SHOULD NOT BE DISPENSED WITH; AND WHY, LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR OF QUEENS COUNTY AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF FLORENCE GRANT SHOULD NOT PAY TO THE FINK LAW FIRM, THE SUM OF \$92,418.02 FOR SERVICES RENDERED, ALONG WITH DISBURSEMENTS OF \$13,243.84, TOTALING \$105,661.86 OUT OF THE \$425,000.00 SETTLEMENT; AND WHY, LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR OF QUEENS COUNTY AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF FLORENCE GRANT SHOULD NOT PAY TO THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR, THE SUM OF \$12,271.33 FROM THE \$425,000.00 SETTLEMENT,

FOR STATUTORY COMMISSIONS DUE ON THE NET PROCEEDS FROM THE SETTLEMENT, AFTER DEDUCTIONS FOR DISBURSEMENTS AND ATTORNEYS' FEES AND FUNERAL EXPENSES; AND \$309.24 FOR STATUTORY COMMISSIONS DUE ON THE OTHER ESTATE ASSETS; AND WHY, THE SURROGATE SHOULD NOT FIX AND ALLOW AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO ONE PERCENT WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS REPORTED IN SCHEDULES A, A-1 AND A-2, 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. SEC. 1106(4) TOTALING \$2,953.74 (\$2,891.89 FROM THE SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS AND \$61.85 FROM THE ESTATE ASSETS) UPON FILING OF THIS ACCOUNT, AND ONE PERCENT OF ADDITIONAL MONIES RECEIVED SUBSEQUENT TO THE DATE OF FILING OF THIS ACCOUNT, WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS REPORTED IN SCHEDULE A, A-1 AND A-2 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. SEC. 1106 (4); AND WHY, THE COURT SHOULD NOT FIX THE FAIR AND REASONABLE ADDITIONAL FEE SERVICES TO BE RENDERED BY GERARD J. SWEENEY HEREAFTER IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROCEEDINGS OF KINSHIP, CLAIMS, DISBURSEMENTS, ETC., PRIOR TO ENTRY OF A FINAL DECREE ON THIS ACCOUNTING; AND WHY, \$7,087.00 SHOULD NOT BE PAID TO MONTE SCOTT FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF THE DECEDENT'S FUNERAL; AND WHY, THE DECEDENT'S PROPERTY SHOULD NOT BE DISTRIBUTED AND VESTED PURSUANT TO SCPA 4-1.1; OR SHOULD THE DISTRIBUTORS FAIL TO ESTABLISH KINSHIP, THE FUNDS DEPOSITED WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, DATED, ATTESTED AND SEALED 6TH DAY OF MAY, 2024 HON. PETER J. KELLY ACTING 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

#217577

CITATION

FILE NO.: 2022-512/A CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT TO: PAULA HAMILTON WARREN, PAMELA PARKER, NYC HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION, ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK THE UNKNOWN DISTRIBUTORS, LEGATEES, DEVISEES, HEIRS AT LAW AND ASSIGNEES OF THELMA BOWERS, 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 LAURA GAYNOR COX AND WILLIAM OTIS HAMILTON, IF LIVING AND IF DEAD, TO THEIR HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN AND DISTRIBUTORS 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 WITH DUE DILIGENCE 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, DENNIS CAPPELLO, ESQ. BEING THE PERSONS INTERESTED AS CREDITORS, LEGATEES, DISTRIBUTORS OR OTHERWISE IN THE ESTATE OF THELMA BOWERS, DECEASED, WHO AT THE TIME OF DEATH WAS A RESIDENT OF 133-05 CRANSTON STREET, JAMAICA, NY 11434, IN THE COUNTY OF QUEENS, STATE OF NEW YORK. SEND GREETING: UPON THE PETITION OF LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, PUBLIC AD-

MINISTRATOR OF QUEENS COUNTY, WHO MAINTAINS HER OFFICE AT 88-11 SUTPHIN BOULEVARD, JAMAICA, QUEENS COUNTY, NEW YORK 11435, AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF THELMA BOWERS, 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 20TH DAY OF JUNE, 2024 AT 9:30 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON, WHY THE ACCOUNT OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR OF QUEENS COUNTY, AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID DECEASED, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED, SHOULD NOT BE JUDICIALLY SETTLED, AND WHY THE SURROGATE SHOULD NOT FIX AND ALLOW A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION TO GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., FOR LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED TO PETITIONER HEREIN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,674.11 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. SEC. 1106(3); AND WHY THE CLAIM OF NYC HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$230,820.68 SHOULD NOT BE PARTIALLY PAID TO THE EXTENT OF THE NET DISTRIBUTABLE ESTATE DATED, ATTESTED AND SEALED 6TH DAY OF MAY, 2024 HON. PETER J. KELLY ACTING 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

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New York considers regulating what children see in social media feeds



New York Gov. Kathy Hochul, left, listens as Attorney General Letitia James speaks during a news conference in New York, Oct. 11, 2023. New York lawmakers on Tuesday, June 4, said they were finalizing legislation that would allow parents to block their children from getting social media posts curated by a platform's algorithm, a move to rein in feeds that critics argue keep young users glued to their screens. Hochul and James have been advocating for the regulations since October, facing strong pushback from the tech industry.

AP Photo/Seth Wenig, File

By Carolyn Thompson
Associated Press

New York lawmakers on Tuesday said they were finalizing legislation that would allow parents to block their children from getting social media posts curated by a platform's algorithm, a move to rein in feeds that critics argue keep young users glued to their screens.

Democratic Gov. Kathy Hochul and Attorney General Letitia James have been advocating for the regulations since October, facing strong pushback from the tech industry. The amended version removes provisions that would have limited the hours a child could spend on a site. With the legislative session ending this week, Albany lawmakers are making a final push to get it passed.

"The algorithmic feeds are designed as dopamine for kids," Assembly sponsor Nily Rozic, a Democrat, said Tuesday. "We are trying to regulate that design feature."

The legislation in New York follows actions taken by other U.S. states to curb social media use among children. Republican Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis signed legislation banning social media accounts for children under 14 and requiring parental permission for 14- and 15-year-olds. Utah in March revised its policies, requiring social media companies to verify the ages of their users, but removing a requirement that parents consent to their child creating an account. A state law in Arkansas that also would have required parental consent was put on hold last year by a federal judge.

Supporters say New York's Stop Addictive Feeds Exploitation (SAFE) For Kids Act, which would prohibit algorithm-fed content without "verifiable parental consent," is aimed at protecting the mental health and development of young people by shielding them from features designed to keep them endlessly scrolling.

Instead of having automated algorithms suggest content classified as addictive and based on what a user has clicked on in the past, young

account holders would see a chronological feed of content from users they already follow.

Rozic said the New York bill doesn't attempt to regulate the content available on social media, only "the vehicle that supercharges the feed and makes it more addictive."

Critics of the bill, including the Surveillance Technology Oversight Project, warn it could make things worse for children, including leading to internet companies collecting more information about users.

"Lawmakers are legislating a fairy tale," the privacy advocacy group's executive director, Albert Fox Cahn, said in a statement. "There simply is no technology that can prove New Yorkers' ages without undermining their privacy."

The tech industry trade group NetChoice, whose members include Meta and X, accused New York of "trying to replace parents with government."

"Additionally, this bill is unconstitutional because it violates the First Amendment by requiring websites to censor the ability of New Yorkers to read articles or make statements online, by blocking default access to websites without providing proof of ID and age, and by denying the editorial rights of webpages to display, organize, and promote content how they want," Carl Szabo, NetChoice's vice president and general counsel, said in an emailed statement.

The legislation also would prohibit sites from sending notifications to minors between midnight and 6 a.m. without parental consent.

Companies could be fined \$5,000 per violation.

If passed by the Assembly and Senate, Hochul is expected to sign the bill and another regulating data collection into law after calling the legislation one of her top priorities.

"We stopped marketing tobacco to kids. We raised the drinking age. And today, we're fighting to protect kids from the defining problem of our time," Hochul wrote in an op-ed in the New York Post last week.

2ND DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC LEGAL NOTICES

CITATION

FILE NO. 2023-3276 SURROGATE'S COURT, QUEENS COUNTY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BY THE GRACE OF GOD FREE AND INDEPENDENT TO: QUEENS COUNTY PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR; GRACE DEMAIO GENTILE; PETER ARTHUR CATALDO, JR.; AND GLORIA VOLPE BARONE AND THE HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, AND DISTRIBUTUTES OF JOAN D. CATALDO AKA JOAN DOLORES CATALDO AKA JOAN CATALDO, DECEASED, IF LIVING, AND IF ANY OF THEM BE DEAD TO THEIR HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DISTRIBUTUTES, LEGATEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, ASSIGNEES AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST WHOSE NAME ARE UNKNOWN AND CANNOT BE ASCERTAINED AFTER DUE DILIGENCE. A PETITION HAVING BEEN DULY FILED BY IRMA E. ROMAN, WHO IS Domiciled AT 114-33 124TH STREET, SOUTH OZONE PARK, NY 11420. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE BEFORE THE SURROGATE'S COURT, QUEENS COUNTY, AT 88-11 SUTPHIN BLVD. JAMAICA, NEW YORK, ON 25TH DAY OF JULY, 2024, AT 9:30 A.M. OF THAT DAY, WHY A DECREE SHOULD NOT BE MADE IN THE ESTATE OF JOAN D. CATALDO, AKA JOAN DELORES CATALDO, AKA JOAN CATALDO LATELY DOMICILED AT 119-11 LINDEN BLVD., SOUTH OZONE PARK, NEW YORK 11420, ADMITTING TO PROBATE A WILL DATED JULY 14, 2021, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED, AS THE WILL OF JOAN D. CATALDO, AKA JOAN DELORES CATALDO, AKA JOAN CATALDO DECEASED, RELATING TO REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY, AND DIRECTING THAT: LETTERS OF TESTAMENTARY ISSUE TO IRMA ROMAN NOTICE: THIS CITATION IS SERVED UPON YOU AS REQUIRED BY LAW. IF YOU WISH TO CONTEST THE RELIEF REQUESTED, YOU, OR AN ATTORNEY ON YOUR BEHALF, MUST CONTACT THE COURT PRIOR TO THIS DATE IN THE MANNER SET FORTH IN THE ATTACHED NOTICE. IF YOU DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT AS SET FORTH IN THE NOTICE IT WILL BE FOUND YOU CONSENT TO THE RELIEF REQUESTED. DATED, ATTESTED AND SEALED, 05/15/2024 HON. PETER J. KELLY, ACTING SURROGATE, CHIEF CLERK JANET EDWARDS TUCKER, JAMIE L. LARKIN, ESQ. FIRM: TULLY LAW GROUP, P.C. TEL. NO. (631) 424-2800 532 BROADHOLLOW ROAD, SUITE 123, MELVILLE, NEW YORK 11747

#217849

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF COOPERATIVE APARTMENT SECURITY

BY VIRTUE OF A DEFAULT, IN A PROPRIETARY LEASE BY AND BETWEEN DEEPDALE GARDENS THIRD CORPORATION, (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "LESSOR"), AND LYNN RUBIN (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "LESSEE"), IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS RIGHTS AS LESSOR PURSUANT TO THE PROPRIETARY LEASE AND BY-LAWS OF DEEPDALE GARDENS THIRD CORPORATION, THE LESSOR, BY MATTHEW D. MANNION, LICENSED AUCTIONEER, DCA #1434494, WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC FORECLOSURE SALE OF THE SECURITY CONSISTING OF ONE (1) SHARE OF CAPITAL STOCK OF DEEPDALE GARDENS THIRD CORPORATION, ALL RIGHTS, TITLE, AND INTEREST IN AND TO A PROPRIETARY LEASE TO APARTMENT 1099 (THE "APARTMENT") IN THE BUILDING KNOWN AS AND LOCATED AT 61-15 251ST STREET, LITTLE NECK, NEW YORK 11362. THE SALE WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 26, 2024, AT 11:00 A.M. ON THE FRONT STEPS OF THE QUEENS COUNTY HOUSE, 88-11 SUTPHIN BLVD., QUEENS, NEW YORK 11362. THE APARTMENT IS SOLD "AS IS", AND THE SALE IS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS OF SALE, TERMS OF THE PROPRIETARY LEASE, THE BY-LAWS, OFFERING PLAN AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO AND TO ANY OTHER RULES AND REGULATIONS OF DEEPDALE GARDENS THIRD CORPORATION. A TEN (10%) PERCENT DEPOSIT BY BANK OR CERTIFIED CHECK PAYABLE TO LAKIS LAW, LLC AS ATTORNEYS IS REQUIRED AT THE AUCTION; BALANCE DUE UPON CLOSING WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS. ALL BIDDERS MUST INTEND TO USE THE APARTMENT AS THEIR PRIMARY RESIDENCE. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS REQUIREMENT WILL RESULT IN THE DENIAL OF THE APPLICA-

TION TO PURCHASE THE APARTMENT AND FORFEITURE OF THE DOWN PAYMENT. PARTIES MAY ALSO SUBMIT SEALED BIDS WITH A CERTIFIED OR BANK CHECK, SO THAT SAID CHECK IS RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE JUNE 26, 2024. SAID SEALED BIDS SHALL INDICATE THE INITIAL BID, BIDDING INCREMENTS AND MAXIMUM BID AND SHALL CONTAIN (1) A SIGNED COPY OF THE TERMS OF SALE AND CERTIFIED OR BANK CHECK FOR THE REQUIRED TEN (10%) PERCENT DEPOSIT. PARTIES WISHING TO SUBMIT A SEALED BID SHOULD CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE SECURED PARTY AT DEAN@LAKISLAW.COM FOR A COPY OF THE TERMS OF SALE. SEALED BIDS THAT DO NOT CONTAIN A CERTIFIED OR BANK CHECK AND COPY OF THE TERMS OF SALE SIGNED BY THE PROPOSED PURCHASER SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED. FURTHER, ALL SEALED BIDS SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A FEDERAL EXPRESS OR OTHER SUCH OVERNIGHT ENVELOPE FOR THE ATTORNEY FOR THE SECURED PARTY TO RETURN PAYMENTS RECEIVED FROM ANY UNSUCCESSFUL BIDDERS AND TO RETURN TO ANY SUCCESSFUL BIDDER A FULLY EXECUTED COPY OF THE TERMS OF SALE. CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF THE LIEN AS OF MAY 1, 2024, IS \$58,203.71. DATE: GARDEN CITY, NEW YORK, MAY 14, 2024 LAKIS LAW, LLC, ATTORNEYS FOR THE SECURED PARTY, 600 OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 230, GARDEN CITY, NEW YORK 11530. (516) 739-6668

#217933

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF COOPERATIVE APARTMENT SECURITY

BY VIRTUE OF A DEFAULT, IN A PROPRIETARY LEASE BY AND BETWEEN WINDSOR EQUITIES OWNERS, INC. (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "LESSOR"), AND IVON MEJIA AND ABRAHAM DIAZ (HEREINAFTER COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO AS "LESSEES"), IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS RIGHTS AS LESSOR PURSUANT TO THE PROPRIETARY LEASE AND BY-LAWS OF THE LESSOR, BY MATTHEW D. MANNION, LICENSED AUCTIONEER, DCA #1434494, AND/OR JOHN O'KEEFE, LICENSED AUCTIONEER, DCA #2103965, AUCTIONEER(S) FOR MANNION AUCTIONS, LLC, WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC FORECLOSURE SALE OF THE SECURITY CONSISTING OF 221 SHARES OF CAPITAL STOCK OF WINDSOR EQUITIES OWNERS, INC., ALL RIGHTS, TITLE, AND INTEREST IN AND TO A PROPRIETARY LEASE TO APARTMENT 1G IN THE BUILDING KNOWN AS AND LOCATED AT 37-16 83RD STREET, JACKSON HEIGHTS, NY 11372 (THE "APARTMENT"). THE SALE WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 26, 2024, AT 11:30 A.M. NEAR THE COURTHOUSE STEPS OUTSIDE THE QUEENS COUNTY COURT HOUSE, 88-11 SUTPHIN BLVD, JAMAICA, NY 11435. THE APARTMENT IS SOLD "AS IS", AND THE SALE IS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS OF SALE, TERMS OF THE PROPRIETARY LEASE, THE BY-LAWS, OFFERING PLAN AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO AND TO ANY OTHER RULES AND REGULATIONS OF WINDSOR EQUITIES OWNERS INC. A TEN (10%) PERCENT DEPOSIT BY BANK OR CERTIFIED CHECK PAYABLE TO HERIBERTO CASANOVA, ET AL. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN PURSUANT TO A FINAL JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE ENTERED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY OF QUEENS ON MAY 7, 2024, WHEREIN HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF DEUTSCHE ALT-A SECURITIES MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2007-1 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, -AGAINST- HERIBERTO CASANOVA, ET AL. ARE THE DEFENDANT(S). I, THE UNDERSIGNED REFEREE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION RAIN OR SHINE ON THE COURTHOUSE STEPS OF THE QUEENS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 88-11 SUTPHIN BLVD., JAMAICA, NY 11435, ON JULY 5, 2024 AT 10:15AM, PREMISES KNOWN AS 24105 87TH AVE, BELLEROSE, NY 11426; AND THE FOLLOWING TAX MAP IDENTIFICATION: 7965-28. ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE AND COUNTY OF QUEENS CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK PREM-

#218136

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF DEUTSCHE ALT-A SECURITIES MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2007-1 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, -AGAINST- HERIBERTO CASANOVA, ET AL. ARE THE DEFENDANT(S). I, THE UNDERSIGNED REFEREE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION RAIN OR SHINE ON THE COURTHOUSE STEPS OF THE QUEENS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 88-11 SUTPHIN BLVD., JAMAICA, NY 11435, ON JULY 5, 2024 AT 10:15AM, PREMISES KNOWN AS 24105 87TH AVE, BELLEROSE, NY 11426; AND THE FOLLOWING TAX MAP IDENTIFICATION: 7965-28. ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE AND COUNTY OF QUEENS CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK PREM-

PRESS OR OTHER SUCH OVERNIGHT ENVELOPE FOR THE ATTORNEY FOR THE SECURED PARTY TO RETURN PAYMENTS RECEIVED FROM ANY UNSUCCESSFUL BIDDERS AND TO RETURN TO ANY SUCCESSFUL BIDDER A FULLY EXECUTED COPY OF THE TERMS OF SALE. CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF THE LIEN AS OF THE DATE OF THE FORECLOSURE SALE WILL BE \$18,913.66 (+). DATE: UNIONDALE, NEW YORK, MAY 23, 2024. VERY TRULY YOURS, FORCHELLI DEEGAN TERRANA LLP, BY: /S/ GABRIELLA E. BOTTICELLI, ESQ. *PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THIS FORECLOSURE SALE WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 19, 2024 AT 10:30 A.M., BUT DUE TO COURT CLOSURE HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO JUNE 26, 2024 AT 11:30 A.M.

#217843

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2004-6AR, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-6AR, -AGAINST- GLADYS OLIVIER A/K/A GLADYS OLIVER, ET AL. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN PURSUANT TO A FINAL JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE ENTERED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY OF QUEENS ON FEBRUARY 26, 2024, WHEREIN DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2004-6AR, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-6AR IS THE PLAINTIFF AND GLADYS OLIVIER A/K/A GLADYS OLIVER, ET AL. ARE THE DEFENDANT(S). I, THE UNDERSIGNED REFEREE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION RAIN OR SHINE ON THE COURTHOUSE STEPS OF THE QUEENS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 88-11 SUTPHIN BLVD., JAMAICA, NY 11435, ON JULY 5, 2024 AT 10:15AM, PREMISES KNOWN AS 111-27 126TH STREET, SOUTH OZONE, NY 11420; AND THE FOLLOWING TAX MAP IDENTIFICATION: 11631-49. ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE FOURTH WARD, BOROUGH AND COUNTY OF QUEENS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK PREMISES WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF FILED JUDGMENT INDEX NO.: 717002/2019. JERRY MEROLA, ESQ. - REFEREE. ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC 900 MERCHANTS CONCOURSE, SUITE 310, WESTBURY, NEW YORK 11590, ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF. ALL FORECLOSURE SALES WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COVID-19 GUIDELINES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MASK WEARING. *LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.

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NOTICE OF SALE

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SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS PALM AVENUE HIALEAH TRUST, A DELAWARE STATUTORY TRUST, FOR AND ON BEHALF AND SOLELY WITH RESPECT TO PALM AVENUE HIALEAH TRUST SERIES 2014-1, PLAINTIFF AGAINST CHRISTINE WASHINGTON ET AL., DEFENDANT(S) PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE FILED APRIL 8, 2024, I, THE UNDERSIGNED REFEREE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON THE COURTHOUSE STEPS OF THE QUEENS SUPREME COURT LOCATED AT 88-11 SUTPHIN BOULEVARD, JAMAICA, NEW YORK. ON JUNE 28, 2024 AT 10:15AM, PREMISES KNOWN AS 112-05 203RD STREET, SAINT ALBANS, NY 11412 ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY OF QUEENS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK, BLOCK 10979, LOT 21. APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF JUDGMENT \$833,879.52 PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS. PREMISES WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF FILED ORDER INDEX #703324/2019. THE AUCTION WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE QUEENS COUNTY COVID19 MITIGATION PROTOCOLS. FORECLOSURE AUCTIONS WILL BE HELD "RAIN OR SHINE". MILENE MANSOURI, ESQ., REFEREE ROSS EISENBERG LAW PLLC 445 CENTRAL AVE. SUITE 112 CEDARHURST N.Y. 11516 0023

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF OBJECT OF ACTION

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AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE THE STATE ENCOURAGES YOU TO BECOME INFORMED ABOUT YOUR OPTIONS IN FORECLOSURE. IN ADDITION TO SEEKING ASSISTANCE FROM AN ATTORNEY OR LEGAL AID OFFICE, THERE ARE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT YOU MAY CONTACT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT POSSIBLE OPTIONS, INCLUDING TRYING TO WORK WITH YOUR LENDER DURING THIS PROCESS. TO LOCATE AN ENTITY NEAR YOU, YOU MAY CALL THE TOLL-FREE HELPLINE MAINTAINED BY THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES AT 1-800-342-3736 OR THE FORECLOSURE RELIEF HOTLINE 1-800-269-0990 OR VISIT THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE AT WWW.DFS.NY.GOV. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO STAY IN YOUR HOME DURING THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME UNLESS AND UNTIL YOUR PROPERTY IS SOLD AT AUCTION PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO REMAIN IN YOUR HOME, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY AND PAY PROPERTY TAXES IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE AND LOCAL LAW. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS BE CAREFUL OF PEOPLE WHO APPROACH YOU WITH OFFERS TO "SAVE" YOUR HOME. THERE ARE INDIVIDUALS WHO WATCH FOR NOTICES OF FORECLOSURE ACTIONS IN ORDER TO UNFAIRLY PROFIT FROM A HOMEOWNER'S DISTRESS. YOU SHOULD BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL ABOUT ANY SUCH PROMISES AND ANY SUGGESTIONS THAT YOU PAY THEM A FEE OR SIGN OVER YOUR DEED. STATE LAW REQUIRES ANYONE OFFERING SUCH SERVICES FOR PROFIT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WHICH FULLY DESCRIBES THE SERVICES THEY WILL PERFORM AND FEES THEY WILL CHARGE, AND WHICH PROHIBITS THEM FROM TAKING ANY MONEY FROM YOU UNTIL THEY HAVE COMPLETED ALL SUCH PROMISED SERVICES. SEC. 1303 NOTICE NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER TO THE ATTORNEY FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME. SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING A PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: FEBRUARY 29, 2024 GROSS POLOWY LLC ATTORNEY(S) FOR PLAINTIFF(S) 1775 WEHRLE DRIVE, SUITE 100 WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221 THE LAW FIRM OF GROSS POLOWY LLC AND THE ATTORNEYS WHOM IT EMPLOYS ARE DEBT COLLECTORS WHO ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY THEM WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 80785

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Our World In Pictures

In these still images from video, magnet fisher James Kane displays the part of the contents of a safe he pulled out of a pond, in Flushing Meadows Corona Park, in the Queens borough of New York, Friday May 31, 2024. Kane, 40, and his girlfriend, Barbi Agostini, 39, estimate the safe contained \$100,000 in waterlogged, damaged but exchangeable currency. The bills featured the holographic bars indicating that they were of recent vintage, but the safe bore no clues to a rightful owner.

James Kane and Barbi Agostini @Lets-GetMagnetic via AP

Sen. Mark Kelly, D-Ariz., front left, and New York Governor Kathy Hochul, center, attend an event in the East Room at the White House in Washington, Tuesday, June 4, 2024. President Joe Biden unveiled plans to enact immediate significant restrictions on migrants seeking asylum at the U.S.-Mexico border as the White House tries to neutralize immigration as a political liability ahead of the November elections.

AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta



2ND DEPARTMENT / New Business Formations

C3EW LLC

C3EW LLC ARTS. OF ORG. FILED WITH SSNY ON 4/25/2024. OFF. LOC.: QUEENS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGT. UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO: THE LLC, 133-10 39TH AVE, FLUSHING, NY 11354. GENERAL PURPOSES. #217284

WOODSIDE A PLUS REALTY LLC

WOODSIDE A PLUS REALTY LLC, ARTS OF ORG FILED WITH SSNY ON 04/08/24. OFF. LOC.: QUEENS COUNTY, SSNY DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL A COPY OF PROCESS TO: THE LLC, 39-07 61TH ST, WOODSIDE NY 11377. PURPOSE: TO ENGAGE IN ANY LAWFUL ACT. #217309

BRANNOCK DALL, LLC

BRANNOCK DALL, LLC, ARTS. OF ORG. FILED WITH THE SSNY ON 05/06/2024. OFFICE LOC: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT

UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST THE LLC MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO: ILYA KIRIAKIS DALL, 148-18 3RD AVENUE, WHITESTONE, NY 11357. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE. #217465

LIQUID ASSETS CONSULTING LLC

LIQUID ASSETS CONSULTING LLC, ARTS OF ORG. FILED WITH SEC. OF STATE OF NY (SSNY) 3/13/2024. CTY: QUEENS. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST MAY BE SERVED & SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO 158-03 28 AVE, FLUSHING, NY 11358. GENERAL PURPOSE #217699

THREE STAR PLUS LLC

THREE STAR PLUS LLC ARTS OF ORG. FILED 04/01/2024. OFFICE: QUEENS CO. SSNY DESIGNATED AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO 95-15 134TH ST. RICHMOND HILL, NY 11419. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE. #217896

CHRIS 107-04 37TH LLC

CHRIS 107-04 37TH LLC, ARTS OF ORG. FILED WITH SEC. OF STATE OF NY (SSNY) 1/11/2024. CTY: QUEENS. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST MAY BE SERVED & SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO CARLOS M. ABREU, 107-04 37TH AVE, CORONA, NY 11368. GENERAL PURPOSE #217903

CLYDESDALE DEVELOPMENT LLC

CLYDESDALE DEVELOPMENT LLC, ARTS. OF ORG. FILED WITH THE SSNY ON 05/23/2024. OFFICE LOC: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST THE LLC MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO: THE LLC, 98-08 37TH AVE., CORONA, NY 11368. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE. #218055

MOHA KALI TEMPLE LLC

MOHA KALI TEMPLE LLC. ARTS. OF ORG. FILED WITH THE SSNY ON 05/30/24. OFFICE: QUEENS COUNTY.

SSNY DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL COPY OF PROCESS TO THE LLC, 112-44 209TH STREET, QUEENS VILLAGE, NY 11429. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE. #218250

ROBERT SULCAJ R & M LLC

ROBERT SULCAJ R & M LLC. ARTS. OF ORG. FILED WITH THE SSNY ON 05/31/24. LATEST DATE TO DISSOLVE: 12/31/2099. OFFICE: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL COPY OF PROCESS TO THE LLC, 204-07 36TH AVENUE, SUITE #391, BAYSIDE, NY 11361. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE. #218279

11365 MOON PARKING LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: MOON PARKING LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRE-

TARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 5/17/2024. NY OFFICE LOCATION: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC 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 HARRY JIMENEZ 6914 171 STREET FRESH MEADOWS, NY, 11365. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE. #217908

11691 TYSHAWN LEE LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: TYSHAWN LEE LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 3/12/2024. NY OFFICE LOCATION: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC 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 TYSHAWN LEE 711C SEAGIRT AVE, 10H FAR ROCKAWAY, NY, 11691. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE. #217463

12207 EVOCATIONSTUDIO LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: EVOCATIONSTUDIO LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 4/24/2024. NY OFFICE LOCATION: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC 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 ZENBUSINESS INC. 41 STATE STREET, SUITE 112 ALBANY, NY, 12207. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE. #217474

NYC made a big bet on TV and film studios. Will they survive an industry shakeout?

By Greg David
THE CITY

The cavernous Brooklyn Navy Yard building, once a machine foundry, is the length of a football field and has 58-foot-high ceilings. Today, it is filled with scaffolding, as real estate developer Doug Steiner spends \$95 million to add two more sound stages to the Steiner Studios complex there.

He had planned on beginning the renovation a couple of years ago, but the success of “The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel” delayed the project since it was using the unrenovated space and he didn’t want to force such an important client to relocate the intricate sets its crew had built.

In that time, interest rates rose, raising the cost of the project. More importantly, the film and TV industry was shut down last year by actors and writers strikes that dented Hollywood profits.

And worrisome signs for the tattered industry continue to abound, including attendance declines, belt-tightening on budgets and turmoil among media companies.

Ticket sales for theatrical releases during Memorial Day weekend, a bellwether for the start of the crucial summer season, were the worst in 30 years, the pandemic’s 2020 aside. In The Bronx, the Concourse Plaza Multiplex Theater shut for good last week, the most recent of several recent multiplex closings in the city, leaving only one cinema for the entire borough.

Still Steiner is forging ahead.

“They will be stages 31 and 32,” he said matter of factly.

It’s a big bet. Six months after the end of strikes that crippled film and TV production, jobs in the industry remain well below pre-pandemic levels. Some studios are only a little more than half full, and some union leaders are predicting employment will never return to pre-pandemic levels.

Nonetheless, the administration of Mayor Eric Adams is continuing to push ahead with a plan to double the studio space in the city.

“There are fewer productions being made, and all the productions are under orders to produce for less money,” said Steiner. “So work is still coming here, but the volume is way down.”

The rebound in jobs has been particularly slow. Direct production employment had reached only 41,800 in April, about 25% below the pre-strike number, according to jobs data from the New York State Department of Labor.

Since many of the people working in the industry, such as caterers, are counted elsewhere in job statistics, the total number of people employed in the industry today is probably about 85,000. Before the strike, about 100,000 people worked in some way on film and TV projects, according to an analysis by James Parrott, an economist at the Center for New York City Affairs at the New School.

Permits filed with the city’s Office of Media and Entertainment have increased every month so far this year but remain 24% below the level for the first four months of 2019.

In April, Broadway Stages in Brooklyn’s Greenpoint was at only 50% of capacity, the lowest level in memory, although business has picked up since and is now up to 60% capacity, said spokesperson Barbara Leatherwood. The studio is looking to replace its longest running tenant, the police procedural Blue Bloods, which wasn’t renewed by CBS after 14 years.

Kaufman-Astoria Studios in Queens is “busy but not full,” a spokesperson for the company said.

Steiner Studios, the largest complex in the New York area by far, is filled. “We got lucky after the strike with a couple of feature films,” said Steiner.

Disaster Films

It is also possible the industry will face another labor shutdown. Six craft unions are in negotiations for new contracts, with the crucial International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees saying it will not extend talks beyond the July 31 expiration of the current one.

“Nobody wants to get caught in the middle of production,” said Hal Rosenbluth, president of Kaufman-Astoria.

The number of productions worldwide that started filming in the first quarter fell by 7% compared with the same period as year ago, according



Steiner Studio founder Doug Steiner poses for a portrait inside Studio 6 at their sprawling lot on the Brooklyn waterfront, May 24, 2024.

Credit: Alex Krales/THE CITY



A production crew sets up a shoot in Chelsea for the show “The Other Two,” Oct. 12, 2022.

Credit: Ben Fractenberg/THE CITY

to a report from the tracking service ProdPro, instead of increasing dramatically as studios tried to make up for the projects halted by the strike.

Costs are clearly on the minds of studios as well with the actors and writers deals raising costs by \$450 million to \$600 million a year, resulting in a period of tight spending controls.

But the most important issue is the uncertain future of studios like Paramount and Warner Brothers Discovery, with Paramount up for sale and Warner Brothers desperately trying to cut costs to reduce its debt while also exploring mergers.

Disney is under enormous pressure from shareholders to improve the financial perfor-

mance of its Disney+ streaming unit, which has never made a profit.

Even Amazon Studios laid off several hundred workers early this year, leaving Netflix as the only studio doing well financially and able to afford as many productions as it wants to green light.

Mergers are likely to reduce the number of studios, the volume of films and shows in production each year and the length of TV seasons, which now can be as few as four episodes where the standard for a network show was once 22.

The outlook is so worrisome that Tommy O’Donnell, president of the Theatrical Teamsters

Local 817, warned prospective job-seekers at a recent conference that employment may never return to its pre-pandemic levels.

“I think you are going to see more limited series of episodic television shows with less episodes,” he said. Their best hope? Some people are leaving the industry.

Big Apple Doubles Down

The Adams administration seems determined to ignore the changes in the industry as it continues to support the building of more stages, aiming to double the 2 million square feet of existing sound studio stages.

Sunset Pier 94 will open six sound stages on Manhattan’s West Side next year, developed by Vornado under a long-term lease with the city Economic Development Corporation, which has committed to maintain the publicly owned pier.

A new facility involving Robert De Niro is adding 91,000 square feet of space in Astoria and another by East End Studios is expected to open in Sunnyside as well.

Pat Swinney Kaufman, commissioner of the Mayor’s Office of Media and Entertainment, declined to be interviewed by THE CITY but provided a statement that said in part, “We are excited to be hearing from industry stakeholders about new, major projects already in production and in the pipeline.”

Andrew Kimball, head of the city’s Economic Development Corporation, told the Los Angeles Times last month, “even with the changes we remain bullish.”

New York does have many strengths. Well known directors and actors who live here can sometimes dictate that productions are based in New York, as Dick Wolf did with the “Law & Order” franchise. The deep talent pool goes well beyond the people seen on camera and is regarded as good as that in Los Angeles.

Most of all, the controversial state tax credit, whose cap last year increased to \$700 million a year from \$420 million and raised to 30% of most costs, allows the state to compete with rivals like California and Georgia, both of which have similar benefits.

The existing studios say they have the connections and track record to continue to attract shows even if a glut of studio space occurs, although they admit they will need to reduce their prices.

No one has more on the line in terms of his investment than Doug Steiner, who in the last 25 years has built out a complex of 29 stages that occupy 50 of the 300 acres at the Navy Yard and can be crowded with as many as 3,500 workers on a day when it is stages are at full capacity.

Its biggest advantage is that it seems to be an oasis apart from the city both in Brooklyn and at the Navy Yard.

“I think it makes compelling sense to have an LA-style studio lot in New York,” he says. “The talent is here and the crew base is fantastic. I may get dinged a bit on rates but I’ll still be busier than others if the market turns down.”

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Steiner Studios has a sprawling lot at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, May 24, 2024.

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Judges oppose 'No Cap' bill

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courts and taking judges away from the county in which they were elected. They also say the bill would give too much power to both the legislature and the Office of Court Administration.

"The practical impact of such change would eliminate empirical methodology in determining the number of Supreme Court justices in each jurisdiction," the judicial organizations said in the letter. "Instead, the current constitutionally governed process would be replaced by a process left wholly to the discretion of the Legislature and/or the Office of Court Administration."

Currently, New York's constitution allows for one Supreme Court justice per 50,000 residents of any given judicial district. The cap was originally enacted in 1846, and later amended in 1961.

The formula currently allows for 43 elected Supreme Court justices in the 11th Judicial District, which covers Queens County.

But the World's Borough has seen its Supreme Court bench increase multiple times over the past half decade. The legislature was able to make statutory changes, adding additional justices in 2018, 2019, 2021 and 2022.

What's different about the bill currently being weighed by the legislature is that it would eliminate the cap entirely through a constitutional amendment.

The legislation has the support of New York courts' leadership.

"The Unified Court System supports the elimination of the Constitutional cap on the number of judges in each judicial district," Al Baker, the top spokesperson for the Office of Court Administration, said in a statement to the Eagle. "Any cap will always be arbitrary and cannot take into account changing caseloads, backlogs, and needs."

The lawmakers behind the bill argue that a limited number of Supreme Court judges on



As the state legislature enters its final week of this year's session, several judicial groups are calling on lawmakers to allow the so-called No Cap bill, which would eliminate the constitutional cap on the number of Supreme Court justices, to die.

File photo by Matt H. Wade

benches across the city and state have led to backlogs and delays. They say that by simply adding more judges, the load will be lightened.

"The solution is simple: lift the cap, create more judges, clear the backlog," Hoylman-Sigal said at a rally in support of the bill last month.

According to Hoylman-Sigal, the average judge in Manhattan Supreme Court has 2,500 cases on their docket and another 400 motions awaiting their decision on any given day.

The state's constitutional amendment dictating the number of judges has outlived its usefulness, they argue.

"It's 180 years old, it doesn't make any sense," Queens Assemblymember David Weprin said in May.

Governor Kathy Hochul agrees, and proposed a similar change during her State of the State address in January.

The governor called the formula for determining the cap "grossly outdated," and said it "fail[ed] to account for the growing demands on the courts in each judicial district and, despite the obvious need as evidenced by the backlog in cases and decline in jury trials, constrains the legislature from authorizing a sufficient number of judges in certain counties."

In their letter, the justices argued that while the numbers may be outdated, the idea of the formula is not.

"The population formula ensures that each Judicial District, irrespective of its location, is afforded a fair and equitable allocation of justices to address the needs of their population," their letter read. "Critically, Supreme Court justices are elected officials, who are elected by registered voters from the population. The State Constitution has determined that voter population is a fair indication of equal representation

within each judicial (and legislative) district."

They also warned that by eliminating the cap, the state would make it more likely that justices are moved into courts outside of the district they were elected in.

"Justices are elected at-large by popular vote from their judicial districts," they added. "Hence, based upon the Constitutional principle of one-person, one-vote, elected justices are tied by social contract to the voters/people in their respective judicial districts."

However, this practice already exists. In 2022, there were a dozen acting Supreme Court judges serving in Queens County Supreme Court, Criminal Term and one serving in the borough's Civil Term, according to the Office of Court Administration. Statewide, there were 317 acting Supreme Court judges in 2022.

Instead of passing the constitutional amendment, the justices proposed a series of legislative changes that they say will more directly affect the issues currently facing the state's courts.

Rather than remove the cap, the justices said the population requirement should be lowered from 50,000 to 30,000.

"This would result in an increase of 235 more Supreme Court justices and preserve voter rights and racial diversity," the judges said.

They also said that lawmakers could continue to increase the number of justices proportionately, targeting jurisdictions in particular need of judges.

The justices also suggested creating "an independent taskforce to evaluate local and regional needs."

Even if the bill is passed by the legislature before the end of the session, it may be some time before it becomes law.

Because the bill is posed as a constitutional amendment, it would need to be passed into law in two straight legislative sessions before going to a statewide referendum vote.

Opinion: Justice means more than punishment

By David Long
Special to the Eagle

Many longtime New Yorkers talk about surviving the bad old days of our city as a badge of honor, but no one wants to go back to that era. At the same time, there's broad consensus that many of the policies relating to law enforcement and sentencing from the 80's and 90's need to be reevaluated because they were at times wrong, costly, and even ineffective.

As a former NYPD officer who served in the transit system during that troubled era, I don't take crime lightly. Part of my post-policing career has been in promoting safe opportunities for people to live in the community after being arrested, so I also know that incarceration isn't the cure-all many want it to be.

In politics, where you need 51% of the vote to win anything, it makes good sense to divide the world around you into two opposing sides — say, "tough on crime" vs "reformer" — and align with whichever side is more popular in the moment. But for good policy, you have to think more deeply.

As we peel back the layers of mass incarceration, it's important that we act carefully so we don't solve one problem by creating another. Thankfully, we have more enlightened approaches now, informed by decades of research and the insights of crime survivors, formerly incarcerated people, and other experts.

Part of the solution lies in changing our parole release system to promote more rigorous and more fair reviews of people seeking to return home and ensuring that people who have turned their lives around while incarcerated get a fair shot. Two bills pending in New York's Legislature, Fair & Timely Parole and Elder Parole, would do just that and lawmakers should

enact them this year.

Under current law, many New Yorkers in prison have no chance of ever reuniting with their families and communities, no matter how much they have matured and transformed. This system of endless punishment comes at great cost and all the data show that it doesn't make us safer. Its sole purpose is to satisfy the insatiable: our hunger for vengeance.

Real accountability means more than just punishment. It means transforming your behavior. That should be at the heart of any quest for justice.

Just listen to some of the crime survivors who've pleaded in these pages: They want to be heard — and they want safety and healing, not harsh punishment.

To be clear, neither bill would guarantee anyone's release. But, on a case-by-case basis, people in prison would have a chance to demonstrate whether they are ready to return to the community — or not. They would have something to strive for.

Throughout my career, I have met and worked with hundreds of people doing important work to serve our city after spending years in prison, and I see the positive impact they have.

Enacting these bills would help to reunite families, bring home mentors, violence interrupters, drug recovery counselors, and more, and enable the state to reinvest half a billion dollars per year in what truly works to end cycles of violence. That means more and better housing, health care (including mental health care and drug treatment), support for crime survivors, and other essentials.

We all know some pundits will cry "soft on crime" but again, they're relying on a false



Advocates rally in support of parole reform in New York.

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premise. Beating our chests and acting tough only gets us so far. We need lawmakers to be laser-focused on actually improving safety and that means building a justice system that values personal transformation and making investments in the pillars of true public safety, namely healthy, whole, and well-re-

sourced communities.

Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie: Let's get to work. Enact Fair & Timely Parole and Elder Parole this year.

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