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Striking nurses target Governor Hochul

Demand help in ending work stoppage

BY MAX WHITE
for The Chief

Chants of "Kathy Hochul, shame on you" and "vote her out" rang out in Midtown on Feb. 2 as a sea of nurses clad in red marched from Grand Central Terminal to the governor's Manhattan office to demand that Governor Kathy Hochul aid the nearly 15,000 nurses on strike in New York City.

Hundreds of members of the New York State Nurses Association joined the march, not officially endorsed by the union, in freez-

ing weather, complete with plenty of noisemakers and two nurses dressed up as characters from "The Handmaid's Tale," as the union enters its fourth week striking at three major private hospital systems in the city: Mount Sinai, Montefiore and New York-Presbyterian.

Nurses stopped in front of the governor's office and delivered a letter to a Hochul aide as they demanded Hochul stop extending an executive order allowing out-of-state clinicians to work in Manhattan, the Bronx, Nassau County and neighboring counties, making room for

hospitals to replace striking nurses. Hochul first issued the order, Executive Order 56, on Jan. 9, just before the strike, declaring a state disaster emergency due to imminent "severe staffing shortages."

Nurses have said this order is assisting the hospital executives over the thousands of nurses on strike. They also called for Hochul to "put real pressure" on hospital executives to "get to the table" and give the union a "fair contract." The largest nursing strike in the city's history has dragged on since Jan. 12, as nurses call for safe staffing standards, workplace violence pro-

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Hundreds of striking nurses marched to Gov. Kathy Hochul's Manhattan office on Monday, an action unsanctioned by their union, to demand she do more to end the strike and prevent the hiring of replacement workers.

Max White/The Chief

District Council 37 postpones vote on ICE abolition

Comes after three locals pass similar resolution

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District Council 37 leadership postponed a vote on a resolution calling for the abolition of Immigration and Customs Enforcement during the union's monthly delegate assembly meeting last month, delegates say. The resolution, brought by Louis Moskowitz, a delegate from Local 768, labeled ICE an "agency that terrorizes the public" and called for a citywide policy mandating noncompliance with administrative warrants provided by agents from the Department of Homeland Security.

The resolution also called for city agencies to implement training on the implementation of sanctuary city law, and on the difference between judicial warrants signed by a judge and administrative warrants. ICE and Border Patrol agents often present administrative warrants in their interactions with the public, which allow agents to carry out arrests but, unlike warrants signed by a judge, do not permit forced entry into a home.

Three locals pass anti-ICE measures

Delegates were told that the resolution couldn't be voted on because it wasn't submitted to the secretary before it was proposed, two delegates who participated in the meeting said. The proposed resolution also needs to be reviewed by the union's legal department, including general counsel Robin Roach, to make sure that it doesn't interfere

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After years of dysfunction, Rikers under new leadership



Two Department of Correction guards touring former Mayor Eric Adams around facilities on Rikers Island on June 22, 2022.

Michael Appleton, NYC Mayor's Office

Federal control, new DOC governance forecast change

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In the latest major shakeup for New York City's jail system, two new stewards of Rikers Island appointed just days apart are poised to impose stronger oversight on the troubled jail complex after years of dysfunction and mounting questions about management.

Last week, a federal judge overseeing the city's jails appointed Nicholas Deml, a former CIA officer, as remediation manager for Rikers Island, effectively removing the city's mayor as the primary decision-maker for the jail complex.

Deml previously served as the commissioner for Vermont's Department of Corrections. Vermont's jails hold about 1,600 people, whereas NYC's jail system totals almost 7,000.

Just days after Deml's appointment, on Jan. 31, Mayor Zohran Mamdani appointed Stanley Richards as commissioner of the Department of Correction.

Richards, who served time for robbery in the late 1980s, will become the first formerly incarcerated person to lead the city's jail system. Shortly after his release from prison, Richards joined the Fortune Society, an advo-



Mayor Zohran Mamdani with several of his new appointees including Department of Correction commissioner Stanley Richards.

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Council overturns Adams vetoes to advance worker protections

Bill opposed by Police Benevolent Association not included

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On Dec. 31, the final day of his administration, former Mayor Eric Adams vetoed numerous bills that passed the City Council late in the year.

On Thursday, the new, defiant City Council Speaker Julie Menin led the body in overriding 17 of those vetoes, clearing the way for a series of new worker protections affecting some of the city's most vulnerable jobs. The bills focus on app-based drivers and delivery workers, private security guards and street vendors — workers who often face unstable pay, limited benefits and sudden job loss.

One of the most significant measures creates new protections for drivers who work for ride-hail and delivery apps. The law bars companies from deactivating workers without a clear reason, such as misconduct, a legitimate business need or a legal requirement. Worker advocates say sudden account shutdowns can cut off a driver's income overnight, with little explanation or chance to appeal.

The bill's sponsor, Council Member Shekar Krishnan, called it "the largest due process protections for workers in the nation."

"This bill has the ingredients to start a drivers' rights movement," he said.

The council also overrode a veto of the Aland Etienne Safety and Security Act, which raises pay and benefit standards for private security guards.

The bill is named after Aland Etienne, a security guard who was fatally shot while protecting the lobby of 345 Park Ave in July 2025. Once Aland's legislation is fully implemented, the minimum take-home package for a new hire will be worth \$26.49/hour, paid vacation and 8 paid holidays. It is the first private-sector wage law passed by the city since 1964.

Members of Etienne's family joined leadership of Local 32BJ of the Service Employees International Union at a press conference before the vote, describing the bill as both a workplace reform and a way to honor his legacy.

"We are still in grief. Aland's job



A driver holds a protest sign reading "WE DESERVE JOB SECURITY!" in front of City Hall. Legislation ensuring that apps like Uber cannot deactivate drivers' accounts without cause was one of over a dozen bills passed by the City Council Thursday.

was to protect the public," said his younger brother, Smith Etienne. "As a father, as my hero, as a brother, as a son, as a mentor, he did whatever he could to uplift others."

At one point, Smith Etienne asked the crowd to stand and chant his brother's name — "Aland Etienne! Aland Etienne!" — before adding, "we're not going to let anyone vilify a hard-working immigrant."

Vendor bills passed

Another set of veto overrides targets the city's long-restricted street vending system.

For more than 40 years, the city has tightly limited the number of vending licenses, leaving many of the city's 23,000 vendors operating without legal protection. Since 1979, the city has issued only 853 licenses for selling non-food goods, even as more than 10,000 people remain on a waitlist. Food vending licenses have also been scarce, fueling an underground market in which some permit holders illegally rent licenses for thousands of dollars a year.

The new legislation begins to loosen those limits.

One measure, sponsored by Council Member Pierina Sanchez, allows the city to issue 2,200 new supervisory license applications for mobile food vendors each year



A family member of Aland Etienne, a security guard who was fatally shot while protecting the lobby of 345 Park Ave, is embraced by City Council Speaker Julie Menin on Thursday.

from 2026 through 2031, along with 10,500 new general vending licenses starting in 2027. The measure also expands training requirements and increases inspections, with the goal of bringing more vendors into the legal system.

Two companion bills are designed to ensure the expansion functions in practice and provide ongoing support.

Legislation sponsored by Council

Member Amanda Farías allows the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Department of Consumer and Worker Protection to continue issuing license applications until the new caps are actually met, accounting for applications that do not result in issued licenses. Farías has described Adams' 11th-hour vetoes as "politically motivated to shield corporate interests."

Another bill, sponsored by Public

Advocate Jumaane Williams, creates a Division of Street Vendor Assistance within the Department of Small Business Services to connect vendors with city resources and report annually on outreach efforts.

"[The bill] was vetoed without any real justification," Williams said at a press conference before Thursday's vote.

"Street vendors are New York City's smallest businesses and provide some of the most affordable options for New Yorkers facing an increasingly unaffordable city," he said. "They don't have the support from the city they need to survive, and they are also among the most vulnerable in our population."

Together, supporters say, the measures formalize street vending as a viable pathway into small business ownership while curbing exploitation tied to the city's long-restricted licensing system.

Bill opposed by PBA left out

Not all vetoes were overturned. Menin allowed three to stand, including the Community Opportunity to Purchase Act, which would have given nonprofits and housing groups the first chance to buy distressed apartment buildings.

While Mayor Mamdani has supported the bill as a way to protect tenants, his legal team recently raised concerns that it could interfere with property owners' rights. The bill's sponsor, Council Member Sandy Nurse, has said she plans to keep pushing for it.

Two additional vetoes left in place include legislation that would have required a minimum share of city-financed affordable housing to include two or three-bedroom units, and a bill mandating that police body camera footage be sent directly to the Civilian Complaint Review Board rather than routed through the NYPD.

The latter measure drew fierce opposition from the Police Benevolent Association. PBA President Patrick Hendry argued the bill would accelerate resignations and deter recruitment.

"Bills like this are a major reason cops are quitting in droves," Hendry said in a post on the union's Instagram. "Who wants to work in a system where people who don't value or understand your work are given direct, real-time access to second-guess your every move?"

Despite those unresolved debates, Thursday's vote marked a clear break from Adams-era vetoes and signaled that the City Council intends to put worker protections at the center of its agenda moving forward.

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with mandatory subjects of bargaining, delegates in the meeting said they were told.

A spokesperson for DC 37 did not respond to a request for comment.

Moskowitz's resolution came in the wake of Local 1549, Local 375 and Local 3005 passing their own resolutions condemning ICE. However, two of those resolutions do not explicitly call for ICE's abolition.

The resolution passed by members of Local 1549, which represents clerical-administrative employees, condemns ICE and calls for the distribution of the union's immigration resources to members.

Honda Wang, a Local 1549 delegate who works for the city's Campaign Finance Board, said that he proposed the resolution to ensure

that union members remained well-equipped.

"We have a membership that interacts directly with and supports some of the most vulnerable communities in New York City," he said. "We want to make sure that members are fully equipped with the knowledge they need to protect themselves, their loved ones and other New Yorkers."

Local 375's resolution, which passed with 96 percent support from the delegate body, condemns ICE and includes the clauses on sanctuary city and judicial warrant training found in the resolution presented to the entirety of DC 37's delegate body.

"We affirm our commitment to the NYC administrative code stating that the city is a sanctuary city and we also believe that the city needs to implement a new mandatory training to inform its city workers on how to respond and apply its law properly," said Marshal Lee

Weimer, one of the resolution's authors, who works in the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The resolution passed by members of Local 3005, a union that represents around 1,200 employees at Office of Chief Medical Examiner and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, explicitly calls for the abolition of ICE. Meghan Peterson, the president of Local 3005, said their resolution was based off of the Local 375 resolution.

While DC 37 leadership has yet to pass the ICE abolition resolution, the leadership of DC 37's parent union, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal employees, condemned ICE after Border Patrol agents shot and killed Alex Pretti, a nurse and union member, in Minneapolis Minnesota.

"ICE raids are terrorizing peaceful communities, separating families, detaining children and instilling fear," Lee Saunders, the president of AFSCME said in a

statement. "This is not American."

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"I hope I can see DC 37 stand up for its immigrant workers and its constituents because, at the end of the day, we run New York and we want to run New York in a safe and inclusive way," Weimer said.

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cacy organization for the formerly incarcerated, as a reentry counselor and eventually rose to become its president.

He has been vocal about instituting reforms to jails and prisons across the country.

Deml will report directly to U.S. District Judge Laura Taylor Swain and has been tasked with working alongside Richards to implement reforms in the city's jails aimed at improving conditions. The two are required to submit a confidential report within 21 days outlining steps to achieve those reforms.

Moves follow latest monitor report

In May 2025, Swain ordered the creation of the position of remediation manager — often called a receiver — after accusing the Adams administration of failing to "address the dangerous conditions that perpetually plague the jails," she wrote in a court filing. Several parties,

including Legal Aid Society and the then-U.S. District Attorney for the Southern District of New York, Damian Williams, argued that a receiver was the only path forward to improve the conditions at Rikers.

Federal oversight of Rikers dates back to a 2015 settlement in the Nunez class-action lawsuit, in which incarcerated people accused the city and the DOC of "systemic brutality of staff against people incarcerated in New York City jails." Under the settlement, authority over the jail system shifted away from the city, with a federal monitor issuing periodic reports on conditions and compliance.

The recent appointments come on the heels of the monitor's Jan. 13 report, which documented the suicides and deaths of 15 people in custody in 2025 alone. While acknowledging that not every death is preventable, the report concluded that "in at least 12 of the 15 deaths, poor operational and security practices were identified."

The changes in leadership drew a cautious response from the Correction Officers' Benevolent Association, which represents almost

5000 officers in city jails. COBA President Benny Bosco said in a statement that officers have faced "unprecedented challenges in recent years" and expressed hope that Deml "understands the critical role our workforce plays in maintaining safety and security." He added that he looks forward to working with Deml to ensure correction officers' voices are heard.

In a separate statement, the union said Deml acknowledged that "people in custody need real solutions to the dangerous dysfunction harming them — even, and especially, when those solutions require a break from the status quo." Addressing Richards' appointment, Bosco pushed back against criticism of the union, saying COBA has been "ready, willing and able to meet and work with anyone" who respects officers' rights and prioritizes safety and security over "political ideology."

His remarks reflect longstanding tensions between the Department of Correction and COBA, including a lawsuit that the union filed against the agency in 2021 alleging unsafe working conditions. The union says there were nearly 700 as-

saults on correction officers in 2025, including 26 sexual assaults and 123 stabbings.

Advocates for incarcerated people welcomed the appointment of a remediation manager.

The Legal Aid Society, which has been a plaintiff in multiple lawsuits over conditions at Rikers and was involved in the selection of Deml, praised the move. Tina Luongo, chief attorney of Legal Aid's Criminal Defense Practice, said in a statement the new position represents "a new opportunity to turn the page on Rikers Island and finally end its dysfunction, disorder, and depravity."

Mamdani's press secretary, Joe Calvello, responded similarly in a statement, saying the mayor "looks forward to working closely and collaboratively with the new remediation manager to improve conditions on Rikers Island." He added that the mayor believes the jail system "must do better than the history of dysfunction and disorder that has plagued it for too long."

Mayor Mamdani also discussed his appointment of Richards in a press conference on Saturday.

"Stanley will make history in this

role as the first ever formerly incarcerated person to serve as commissioner," he said. "That achievement is not merely symbolic. It is a testament to the thought and leadership he will bring to every member of correction staff and incarcerated New Yorkers underneath his purview."

Richards echoed that sentiment in his own statement, describing the appointment as "the culmination of my lifelong commitment to criminal justice reform," shaped by his own incarceration and decades of work in reentry and corrections.

"This appointment is an opportunity to lead from the top," he said, "advocating for both incarcerated individuals and correction officers to create safer jails and real pathways to rehabilitation."

Both Richards and Deml are inheriting what many call a 'crisis' at NYC jails. One major question left unresolved, however, is how much authority Deml will wield over collective bargaining and labor negotiations with correction officers and captains, an issue likely to shape the next phase of reform efforts inside the city's jails.

Transit unions in dispute with MTA over bus operator radio outages

Issue is a “red herring” agency says

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Ongoing issues with bus operators' two-way radios are creating serious safety concerns for the workers and all New Yorkers who ride buses, the president of Transport Workers Union Local 100 insisted last week.

“There are numerous bus operators who are unable to reach command at the push of a button like they should be able to,” John Chiarello told reporters assembled in Local 100’s Downtown Brooklyn headquarters Jan. 29. “This is a very, very serious issue.”

Chiarello was joined by a coalition of leaders from several unions representing workers from across New York City Transit, in a rare moment of cross-union solidarity among transit unions.

Phil Valenti, president of TWU Local 106 that represents transit supervisors, including bus dispatchers who often contact bus operators and the command center via radio, told *The Chief* that the radio system is “a disaster.”

“Since this new system has been in place for a few years now, this problem is just not getting any better,” he said.

New, advanced system

The MTA began moving away from the analog radios they used for decades and towards a new digital, computerized radio system in 2022. The system developed with Clever, a frequent MTA contractor, allowed bus operators to directly communicate with dispatchers as well as the MTA’s bus command center.

It also features GPS tracking of individual buses and a text message feature with a bus command. But since the system was implemented, drivers have had intermittent issues reaching command. Problems worsened last year, Valenti said, with dispatchers having more trouble reaching drivers, and the radio systems crashing for hours at a time.

A source inside the MTA’s bus technology department said that

the new system, at times, gets overwhelmed with the immense amount of radio traffic coming through from all the bus operators and dispatchers. The agency is working on implementing a new tool allowing dispatchers to rack each time they fail to reach an operator and each time an operator fails to reach the command center, as well as what caused each specific outage, the source said.

The MTA has denied that the new radios are faulty.

When reached for comment, a spokesperson for the agency denied that the MTA is implementing the new tool and asserted that the radio system has not been overwhelmed. The spokesperson also pointed to comments made at a press conference by MTA chairman Janno Lieber that dismissed the unions’ concerns.

“We don’t agree that the bus radio system isn’t working,” Lieber said. “The idea that the communication system doesn’t work is a red herring.”

Drivers using phones

New York City Transit Authority rules prohibit bus operators from using their phones while driving except during emergencies, but when the communication system goes down, operators are often left with no other options, union leaders said. Guidance sent by MTA leadership last year for managers, supervisors and bus operators advises them that if their radio is not functioning, and if other bus radios nearby aren’t functioning, then they should use their cellphone to get in touch with the command center.

Chiarello argued that as a “stop-gap measure” the MTA should lift the ban on cellphones and allow bus operators to mount their phones on the dashboard and use them for communications.

“This system that they put in integrated everything: GPS, Wi-Fi, you name it, 4G, 5G, all the bells and whistles. Meanwhile, it doesn’t work,” he said.

The MTA made matters worse,



Phil Valenti, president of TWU Local 106, joined with the leadership of other transit unions to criticize radio outages plaguing MTA bus operators.



An angered John Chiarello, president of Transit Workers Union Local 100, castigated the MTA during a press conference inside union headquarters on Thursday, using an agency technology organizational chart as a prop.

Valenti said, when it moved 27 bus dispatchers off of their usual posts on the street and into the MTA’s bus command center in East New York. The \$17.2 million command center, opened in 2024, is outfitted with technology and functions as a live war room showing where every city bus is at all times.

Removing the dispatchers, many

of whom are Local 106 members, further isolated bus operators, especially when their radios aren’t working, Valenti argued.

“If you know the radio system is not working right and having all of these problems, why would you double down on it and take 27 dispatchers off the street and put them in the place where the system is not working properly?”

In his comments, Lieber criticized the union’s position.

“They say that instead of having people sit in the bus command center and using technology and consoles and all modern technology to supervise and manage the bus system that the way you manage the bus system is to have people stand on corners where they can’t see where the busses are,” he said. We reject that. We have emphasized the use of modern technology and we’re going to keep doing it.”

An angry Chiarello said having the support of several transit unions was a “union president’s dream” and urged the MTA to fulfill his demand: “fix the radio.”

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Focus on the morals

Why do so many critics of Donald J. Trump attack his political positions, world view and economic strategies and not his horrific immorality? According to Pope Leo XIV, the Catholic bishops in the U.S., Senator Rafael Warnock (GA) and other religious leaders, the issue is not so much political as it is all about morality.

Pope Leo calls Trump's actions toward immigrants and the poor immoral. Since some polls show that about 50 percent of Roman Catholics voted for Donald Trump in 2024, it should be interesting to see how they react to the criticism of Trump by Pope Leo and the Catholics bishops.

Senator Warnock, a moral leader in the image of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., calls Trump evil. When an immoral and evil leader is challenged only for his politics, and morality is avoided, the evil leader can be seen as just another politician with different political opinions than our own.

This doesn't begin to describe the horror and terror that a powerful and immoral leader can cause throughout the nation. I think it's axiomatic that a truly immoral leader can never succeed as a positive force for the nation.

With regard to Trump, Pope Leo sees the common good, morality and compassion for all people are infinitely favorable to national and world conquest, jingoistic bullying and contempt for people who don't worship him.

Senator Warnock said that Trump is unleashing evil on our streets and that the Trump administration is evil. The point is that Trump should be considered and called what he really is, an immoral monster, who jeopardizes and threatens our nation and world peace.

Treating him as just another politician gives Trump the upper hand and gives the radical right wing haters the platform from which they can lie and compete with people who have respect and compassion for other human beings regardless of race, ethnicity, gender and honest personal beliefs.

Michael J. Gorman

Logic needed

A pre-2024 presidential election New York Times editorial said, "Donald Trump says he will prosecute his enemies, order mass deportations, use soldiers against citizens, abandon allies and play politics with disasters. Believe him." But many people didn't pay attention and later said, "I didn't know he would go this far."

They also ignored his record, which included trying to overthrow the government and make himself a dictator after he lost an election. Anyone with sense should have been scared away from voting for him after that.

One nice woman complained that President Obama had taken things away. When I pointed out this was not true and it was Trump who was trying to take things away, she said "I don't know anything about politics." People need to educate themselves or stop voting.

Then there are many Trump supporters who are evil haters. Some will twist logic into a pretzel in an attempt to justify their Trump-love. But when Trump is trying to make himself what Iran's Ayatollah is, a dictator, they should be doing what they're telling Trump's critics to do, move to Iran.

Also, they claim that because of inflation, the economy was bad under President Joe Biden. But under Trump, they ignore inflation and claim the economy is good.

As for the "moderate" Democrats, they need to become more than Republican-lite. Senator Chuck Schumer complains of "launching a military action without congressional approval." So it would have been okay to attack Venezuela and kidnap their president and his wife if he asked Congress first?

Plus, just before leaving office, Biden upped the reward money for arresting Maduro from \$15 million to \$25 million.

Richard Warren

The three steps

"Rules for Radicals," a 1971 book by Saul Alinsky, serves as a comprehensive guide to empowering the underprivileged, commonly referred to as the "Have Nots." It outlines his three-step process for achieving social change.

The seven social sins were first published by Mahatma Gandhi on Oct. 22, 1925, in his weekly newspaper, Young India. Gandhi wrote, "An unjust law is itself a species of violence."

However, he did not believe that violence against unjust laws or actions of the state justifies violence.

WAKE-UP CALL

Free speech parsed and parceled

BY RON ISAAC

Truth has always been stranger than fiction, but these days it is more repulsive and vastly more amusing. The revelations it spawns out of nowhere, afflict and reflect everywhere.

That includes the seaside English town of Skegness.

A man in his late 80s got fined the equivalent of \$350, because on a windy day, a plant reed blew into his mouth, and he simply spat it out. He had made no throat-clearing noise or ostentatious display to get attention.

He thought he was being pranked. The enforcement officer sternly lectured him about environmental science and civic responsibility.

The perp obviously hadn't been keeping up with the times. In modern England, as in much of the rest of the Western world, his delinquency merited a sterner rebuke than had he harassed certain campus scapegoats into hiding, trembling with fear, in spider holes.

Here's another vignette from the land of Isaac Newton, Wilberforce, Shakespeare and Churchill, emblematic of the abiding spirit of the Magna Carta: a woman with some coffee remaining in her cup, was about to board a bus where food and drink are not allowed, so she poured it down a grate.

She got slapped with a big fine also. The more trivial the offense, the harsher the comeuppance.

It used to be said that when the United States sneezes, the rest of the world, especially our Western allies, catches a cold. Now, the droplets of a revolutionary and much expanded regime of "political correctness" can be launched airborne from anywhere, with the payoff to lovers of liberty being pneumonia or sepsis.

The above-mentioned vignettes from England were no flukes. Neither is the diametrically opposite phenomenon of grave threats to the survival of society being ignored, rationalized, minimized or even justified. Bigots and anarchists are sometimes actually rewarded as though they were liberators, not vandals.

In England, the Online Safety Act is being used as a tool for both ideological promotion and suppression. Free speech protections are more readily available and less subjected to restraint to advocates of bloodshed than to critics on social media who warn, even from abroad, about society's destabilization or even insurrection.

Britain won its fight for life eighty years ago. Now it is struggling against a different, internally begotten blitz. And so is much of the world.

Freedom of expression is being intellectually gerrymandered around ideological borders. It abounds, yet it is under siege.

Whether it is sanctioned or suppressed depends upon who is wielding political power. Presumption of thought has been rendered actionable as a concocted pretext for selective prosecution.

Some people's movements are sanctioned in the sense that they are approved or at least exempted from corrective intervention. Others are sanctioned in terms of being penalized for creating constitutionally unsupported nuisances.

Bigotries within and against cultures are seizing lands as though by eminent domain. Leaders of all sides within the realm are implicated in the expropriation. We have a "litmus test" for

Alinsky's three-step process epitomizes the seventh social sin: politics without principle.

Step one: Initiate a crisis.

Alinsky argued that individuals in complex societies only act when they feel compelled. The organizer's main job is to create a crisis and foment discontent, which then motivates people to take action.

Step two: Blame the target and personalize it.

Alinsky instructed organizers to "pick the target, freeze it, personalize it, and polarize it." By isolating a single individual or group and portraying them as the embodiment of evil, the organizer simpli-



Robyn Stevens Brody / AP Photo

Americans exercise their free speech in myriad ways, including by protesting.

every major local, national and global controversy.

Chances are that AI will be used to interpret brain waves to determine the ideas we harbor, intercept them for analysis of compliance and preemptively foil imaginary plots against our elected dictators and their influencers.

Democracy's viability is at its lowest point since the invention of the flushing toilet.

But despite all the supposed lessons of history and the teachings of immortal faiths, ancient loathing and rivalry hang on as the driving force of the human condition. Even the shadows of genocide fail to sting or even embarrass some quarters anymore, (although prime ministers in Oceania may make an appearance at public memorials).

While on the subject of permanence and eternal recurrence, let's consider the durability of the Jeffrey Epstein story.

I don't believe that the Epstein story, disturbing and compelling as it is, is being pursued on its merits. It does not rate millions of pages and obsessive national coverage over decades, unless a public figure has been shown to be implicated in criminality beyond offensive behavior, such as sex trafficking and exploitation of minors. Weaponizing it for ulterior purposes is prurient.

This country is making a very slow recovery from the charade of puritanism. Nobody should change their minds, one way or the other, about Clinton, Trump or anyone else, based solely on photos in a jacuzzi or their name on a passenger manifest.

Neither should we get bent out of shape by the rehabilitation of the White House ballroom, or be baited by President Trump's giving his own name top-billing in the already mistitled Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, which should be named exclusively for a great performing artist, not a politician, philanthropist or corporation.

Rodney Dangerfield or Nicki Minaj would be better choices.

Now that we're past the traditional expiration date of new year's resolutions, let's break open the lockbox where they are buried in our minds' cluttered time capsules, and rescue one resolution that has been gasping for air: to do justice to our "roots." We workers must become more dogged and less accommodating in our pursuit of a higher perch on the economic tree.

We don't hear as many stories about our struggles as we do variations on the

Jeffrey Epstein theme, but here's a recent one out of America's "heartland." It must presented as allegations, although to me it has a loud ring of plausibility.

The general manager of a Hardees restaurant in Kansas City filed a disability suit against the owning corporation. He had worked 80-hour weeks, because Hardees did not hire support to offset some of his load.

He developed severe anemia and leg pain, was hospitalized and immediately notified his employer. He filed for medical leave because he was under doctor's orders not to work in that condition.

Because he felt himself a loyal and productive employee and appreciated Hardees for having promoted him earlier, he tried to work at times and tough it out as best he could. Perhaps his diligence backfired, because the corporate district manager took disciplinary action against him for days on which he was absent and known to be on approved medical leave.

Human Resources was unmoved by the employee's complaint of discrimination. On returning to work after approximately one month of recuperation, he was sacked on the spot.

He was told that his approved absences were sufficient cause for termination. He alleges that Human Resources ignored his multiple inquiries, and that Hardees groundlessly disputed his unemployment claim and also acted to undermine his reputation.

Although this particular case may be deemed apocryphal and anecdotal until settled in court, the point is that innumerable abuses of workers and economic underclasses is as systemic as ever. And the victims are among all races, ethnicities, religions, genders and so forth.

Let's not be beguiled or led by people who claim they walk in our shoes while keeping their titanic portfolios secret and then preach solidarity from their dachas in the Hamptons.

Systemic injustice is not time-sensitive, like "tariff dividends," stimulus checks and Metro Cards. We must be "one for all and all for one," no matter which boxes we check.

Or almost no matter.

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Enough is enough

Video evidence of ICE agents' brutality has changed public opinion. Renee Good killed in her car, Alex Pretti shot dead while being held on the ground, ChongLy Scott Thao's home invaded and him taken out nearly naked into the subfreezing Minnesota winter.

The shameful use of 5-year old Liam Ramos as bait to lure his father and pregnant mother into ICE custody. And, Aliya Rahaman, a 42-year old autistic woman, ripped from her vehicle on the way to her doctor and taunted by ICE agents who "laughed at me and told me this wouldn't have hap-

The three steps

"Rules for Radicals," a 1971 book by Saul Alinsky, serves as a comprehensive guide to empowering the underprivileged, commonly referred to as the "Have Nots." It outlines his three-step process for achieving social change.

The seven social sins were first published by Mahatma Gandhi on Oct. 22, 1925, in his weekly newspaper, Young India. Gandhi wrote, "An unjust law is itself a species of violence."

However, he did not believe that violence against unjust laws or actions of the state justifies violence.

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COMMENTARY

DOC's new leaders, stop the bleeding

BY MARC BULLARO

When a person suffers a serious injury the priority is to make sure they have a clear airway to breathe and to stop the bleeding.

Presently, the New York City Correction Department is suffering from asphyxiation and is bleeding out.

Yet, the priority for DOC is to implement programs and eliminate "solitary confinement," which doesn't even exist in NYC jails. Instead, without delay, a plan on how to reduce detainee violence and keep everyone safe is what the priority of the new administration and the federal District Court should be.

Two new DOC leaders have been appointed, a remediation manager chosen by the court that oversees the Nunez consent decrees whose objective is to eliminate constitutional violations, and the mayor's choice for correction commissioner whose priority appears to be implementing programs, rehabilitation efforts, decarceration and closing Rikers.

Let me be clear, I believe programs, rehabilitation and de-escalation are important and should be pursued, but the new leaders must restore order and safety first in order to ultimately succeed and prevent vicious assaults on correction officers and life-altering injuries that disfigure detainees.

I have written commentaries where I support and encourage all of the above objectives including decarceration and ending mass incarceration.

However, standing alone, programs, rehabilitation efforts and decarceration will only do so much in solving the enormous problems currently faced by correction officers and detainees in NYC jails daily. Similarly, closing Rikers will not end the jail crisis.

Decarceration, when appropriate, should be implemented by using alternative methods like ankle monitoring or work release programs. But, except for reducing the incarcerated population, it does little to end the chaos, dysfunction and the jail violence for those that remain in custody.

It is the responsibility of correction officials to safely and effectively manage the incarcerated individuals. Unfortunately, unless the new leaders restore order DOC will continue having the same problems only with less people in custody.

Virtually everyone agrees with providing programs and rehabilitation efforts to detainees. However, after a decade of implementing policy and taking action to eliminate constitutional violations in NYC jails, not only has it been unsuccessful but those policies and actions have actually increased constitutional violations.

The U.S. Supreme Court has consistently held that failure to protect people in custody is a violation of the Eighth Amendment in that it amounts to "cruel and unusual" punishment and DOC officials have done exactly that.

The role of DOC leadership is to provide successful management of the incarcerated population which includes keeping detainees safe, effective supervision, keeping order, providing care and ensuring the existence of a safe and controlled environment.

New York State Correction Law, Chapter 43, Article 6, § 137; reads:

"The commissioner shall provide for such measures as he or she may deem necessary or appropriate for the safety, security and control of correctional facilities and the maintenance of order therein."

Yet, it appears that restoring order is not a priority to some partly because it will lead to uses of force which then violates Nunez consent decrees that mandate a reduction of force. But avoiding the use of necessary and appropriate force has led to even more violence and more use of force.

French poet Jean de La Fontaine declared, "A person often meets his destiny on the road he took to avoid it."

Avoiding force at any cost will actually increase the use of force. Check the



Mayor Zohran Mamdani with this newly-appointed Department of Correction commissioner, Stanley Richards, the first formerly-incarcerated person in the role.

yearly Mayor's Management Reports pertaining to DOC's use of force statistics and you will find that use of force almost doubled while simultaneously the incarcerated population was reduced by about half.

If DOC reduces detainee violence and gains control of the jails, there will inevitably be less necessity to use force which would result in more compliance with the Nunez consent decrees and ultimately the elimination of some of the constitutional violations.

Is there a plan to solve the jail crisis or is the approach to the crisis based on a personal agenda like closing Rikers at any cost? I submit the past plan implemented to solve the problem was in fact the problem itself.

I believe both social work in jail and decarceration are important to correction. But is the correction commissioner's role now predominantly as a social worker and decarceration czar?

If the answer is yes then I recommend and support the creation of a new city position called "Commissioner of Decarceration and Social Work" in order to allow another correction commissioner to concentrate on the inherent duties of managing the jails and being focused on protecting both detainees and correction officers from the jail violence that presently equates to an 'SOS'.

There are a plethora of questions that must be answered by the new correction administration.

How will they protect its correction

officers who have suffered 10,000 assaults in the last decade?

How will it succeed in its legal duty of care to protect the incarcerated population who have suffered 2,400 slashings and stabbings in 10 years?

How will the new leaders prevent in-custody overdoses and suicides that numbered more than 50 in the last decade?

Those are the questions that need to be answered, but it may be more important that the answers given by the top leadership need to be questioned further.

Programs, decarceration and rehabilitation are all necessary and significant and must be implemented to assist detainees both while incarcerated and after release from custody.

However, the priority of the commissioner and remediation manager must be to provide the tools and support necessary to open the airway and end the asphyxiation which would allow the uniformed force to keep people safe and literally stop the bleeding in the jails.

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WORK RULES by Barbara Smaller



pened if I was a 'normal' human being" have all touched America's conscience.

There are hundreds of similar accounts.

Of course, administration officials from President Trump on down have put out false accounts of such events, calling the victims "violent" and "domestic terrorists." Unfortunately, the distorted lens through which MAGA extremists see the world allows them to deny their senses and swallow the lies.

However, the rest of America is not so easily fooled; over 60 percent of Americans disapprove of ICE's actions and Trump's handling of immigration.

Just as images of Bull Connor's brutality in the early 1960's led to Voting and Civil Rights Acts, ICE's brutality will eventually

bring changes. Immigration enforcement isn't exempt from Constitutional constraints.

When the Senate takes up pending funding for ICE, Democrats must insist that agents identify themselves and be identifiable (no masks and visible name tags), wear body cameras, obtain warrants for home entries and vehicle stops, abide by due process, end unlawful searches and seizures, Mirandize suspects, offer legal counsel and stop detaining, arresting and/or deporting individuals solely for the civil offense of being undocumented in compliance of U.S. law.

Enough is enough.

Joseph Cannisi

ICE's dictatorship

Our ICE agency today blithely spins outrageous lies to protect themselves from accountability. That is clear enough with the detention and exile from her home state of a Minneapolis two-year-old, along with her dad.

The pair's lawyer says the mother was afraid to go get the child from near the family car just returned from the store, with ICE agents prowling around the yard. She stepped inside and decided to let her husband bring the child to her, but ICE agents wouldn't allow that. Homeland Security claims the mother didn't want to take care of her child, so the toddler had to be detained and shipped out of state. Which

TAX STRATEGIES

Filing Status May Affect Your Tax Obligation

BY BARRY LISAK

The first step to filing your Federal income-tax return is to determine which filing status to use. In other words, two people making exactly the same amount of income could have different income-tax calculations due solely to a difference in their filing status. Your filing status is used to determine your filing requirements, standard deduction, eligibility for certain credits and deductions, and your correct tax. There are five filing statuses:

Single, Married Filing Jointly, Married Filing Separately, Head of Household and Qualifying Widow(er) with Dependent Child.

Here are some facts about the five filing-status options the IRS wants you to know so that you can choose the best option for your situation.

1. Your marital status on the last day of the year (Dec. 31) determines your marital status for the entire year.

2. If more than one filing status applies to you, choose the one that gives you the lowest tax obligation.

3. Single filing status generally applies to anyone unmarried, divorced or legally separated according to state law, and you do not qualify for another filing status.

4. In order to file as Married Filing Jointly, you must be married as of the end of the year and both you and your spouse must agree to file a joint return. On a joint return, you report your combined income and deductions. You can even file a joint return if one spouse had little or no income. If you and your spouse choose to file a joint return and there are Federal or state taxes due, you will both be responsible for the debt. Also, a joint return requires both signatures.

A recent IRS ruling advises that married same-sex couples may use this filing status whether or not their state of residence recognizes their union.

5. If your spouse died during the year and you did not remarry during 2016, you may still file a joint return with that spouse for the year of death.

6. If you are married, you may prefer to file Married Filing Separately (MFS) if you want to be responsible for your own tax, or if filing separately results in a lower overall tax. If you use this status and either you or your spouse decides to itemize your individual deductions, both of you must itemize your individual deductions.

Be cautious when filing married filing separately, as many income-tax benefits are lost. Certain credits, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child and Dependent Care Credit, are usually not allowed when you file MFS. Additionally, a couple cannot change the filing status from married filing jointly to married filing separately after the due date of the return. It is highly recommended that spouses complete their tax liability under both the "joint" and "separate" statuses to see which will work best for them. Taxpayers may want to discuss this tax-filing option with a tax advisor.

7. Head of Household generally applies to taxpayers who are unmarried or considered unmarried on the last day of the year. Certain married people who lived apart from their spouse for the last six months of the year may be considered unmarried for the head-of-household purposes, even if you are not divorced or legally separated. You must also have paid more than half the cost of maintaining a home for you and a qualifying person to qualify for this filing status.

8. You may be eligible to use Qualifying Widow(er) with Dependent Child as your filing status for two years following the year of death of your spouse. For example, if your spouse died in 2016 and you have a dependent child, you may use this filing status for both 2017 and 2018 tax years. The advantage of this filing status is that you can use the married filing jointly tax rates and the higher standard deduction.

Most people don't devote any thought to their filing status, and that can be a mistake. Make sure you know what each tax-filing status entails, and choose the one that best fits your personal and tax situation.

story do you believe, America?

Trump believes that lying is necessary to get to America's brilliant future "Golden Age." The Russian communist Lenin taught that lying was "justified" by the goal of getting to a brilliant future where workers would run the Russian economy.

Russian workers agreed to give Lenin temporary dictatorial powers, called the "dictatorship of the proletariat." Unfortunately, this turned Russia into a century-long totalitarian dictatorship by the likes of Lenin, Stalin and Putin.

Trump's look-alike scenario today could be called the "dictatorship of ICE."

Kimball Shinkoskey

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Updated Jan. 23, 2026 - 401 eligible

BASED ON THE DETERMINATION of the Test Validation Board convened for this examination, the final key answers are adopted with changes to the proposed key answers, and the list below is established effective December 24, 2025, subject to Investigation,

and substantiation of Veterans and Legacy Credits – 401 eligibles

Some scores include the letters v, d, p, s and r. The letter "v" designates a credit given to an honorably discharged veteran who has served during time of war. The letter "d"

designates a credit given to an honorably discharged veteran who was disabled in combat. The letter "p" designates a "legacy credit" for a candidate whose parent died while engaged in the discharge of duties as a NYC Police Officer or Firefighter. The letter "s" designates a "legacy credit" for being the sibling of a Police Officer or Firefighter who was killed in the World Trade Center attack on Sept. 11, 2001. Finally, the letter "r" designates a resident of New York City.

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Candlelight vigil draws thousands to honor VA nurse killed by federal agents

New Yorkers mourning Alex Petti in bitter temps joined by striking nurses

BY CARTER MYERS-BROWN
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As the sun set Friday and a bitter cold settled over the city, nearly 2,000 mourners gathered outside the Veterans Association NY Harbor Healthcare Center to honor Alex Petti, a nurse whose colleagues say embodied the defining principle of their profession: compassion.

Petti, an ICU nurse at the Minneapolis VA Health Care System, was killed last Saturday by a Border Patrol agent in Minneapolis. His death has reverberated through nursing unions and labor organizations nationwide, where fellow caregivers say the values at the heart of health care work – care, solidarity and service – are increasingly under threat.

Despite single-digit temperatures, the candlelight vigil drew nurses, veterans, labor leaders, friends and public officials, including New York City Public Advocate Jumaane Williams. The event was hosted by a coalition of frontline health care associations and unions, reflecting what speakers described as an inseparable bond between nursing, labor and collective care.

A large contingent of striking New York State Nurses Association members attended the vigil. Asked what Petti should be remembered for, nurses repeatedly returned to the same word: compassion. One VA nurse said, "Compassion doesn't have an off switch. It's the foundation of our profession, and it stays with us long after the shift ends."

Petti's killing comes amid a series of violent encounters involving federal immigration enforcement, including the killing of Renee Good and the detention of five-year-old Liam Conejo Ramos, among others. Speakers warned that these incidents form part of a broader pattern of state violence.

'How fascism takes hold'

Williams opened the vigil with a blunt warning against minimizing such acts. "This was not an accident," he said. "This is the by-product of a 'Make America Great Again' politics." He added, "Too many people keep making excuse after excuse instead of naming what's happening in this country. That's how fascism takes hold."

Petti was a member of the American Federation of Government Employees Local 3669. Among AFGE's hundreds of thousands are members over 18,000 border patrol



Carter Myers-Brown/ The Chief

Dozens of striking NYSNA nurses joined the vigil, expressing sorrow and solidarity.



The vigil took place outside of VA NY Harbor Health Care Center. Alex Petti was an ICU nurse at the Minneapolis VA Health Care hospital.

I think (Hochul) sees this as a private sector fight and that the public sector does not need to be involved. But we know that our hospitals are funded with private and public money. She's ignoring us.

Beth Loudin
NURSE AND NYSNA LEADER

NURSES

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tections and health care benefits.

The three hospital systems facing striking nurses released a joint statement on Jan. 31 that said they had made a proposal that continues healthcare and benefits and provides annual wage increases. It added that they are looking at the rest of the union's proposals so they can offer a response to end the strike.

Beth Loudin, a nurse at New York-Presbyterian and a NYSNA leader, told The Chief that she thinks Hochul has been less supportive of the strike because Hochul is "friends with the executives" and wants to continue those relationships because "they're profitable for her."

"I think (Hochul) sees this as a private sector fight and that the public sector does not need to be involved. But we know that our hospitals are funded with private and public money," Loudin said. "She's ignoring us."

While high-profile city and state politicians like Mayor Zohran Mamdani and New York State Attorney General Letitia James have visibly supported NYSNA by joining the picket line, Hochul, a moderate Democrat up for reelection this year, has been more restrained.

A spokesperson for Hochul told The Chief in an email that the governor is "putting public health first" and that her administration has for weeks worked to "help resolve the strike and facilitate negotiations that have already delivered results, including preserving nurses' health benefits."

"The Governor urges all parties

to reach a final agreement that recognizes the essential role nurses play in caring for New Yorkers," the spokesperson said.

The spokesperson for Hochul did not respond to specific questions about the strike and did not say whether the governor would extend Executive Order 56.

As NYSNA members continue striking, some go without health care access and pay, although many have started collecting unemployment benefits. Loudin said she has an almost 1-year-old baby who needs his annual checkup and vaccines, which the strike is delaying.

"This is the cost that we're paying," she said. "We want to get back, we want to care for our patients, it's always been about that. It's never been about money; it's all about nurse safety, patient safety and health care benefits."



Hundreds of nurses joined a march unsanctioned by union leadership to the Manhattan office of Governor Kathy Hochul.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of HPPM LLC (the LLC) filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York (SSNY) on 11/19/2025. Office location: New York County. The principal business address of the LLC is: One Liberty Plaza, New York, New York 10006. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail service of process to HPPM LLC C/O NYCEDC, One Liberty Plaza, 14TH Floor, Attn: General Counsel, New York, New York 10006, USA. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 012326-L10 1/30/26-3/6/26

Notice of Formation of 19 Main Street Delhi LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 1/29/26. Office location: NY County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: 245 8th Ave., #304, NY, NY 10011. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 020226-L2 2/6/26-3/13/26

Notice of Formation of 9C 9F LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 1/27/26. Office location: NY County. Princ. bus. addr.: 895 Dove St., 2nd Fl., Newport Beach, CA 92660. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: SPI Agent Solutions, Inc., 407 N. Highland Ave., Nyack, NY 10560. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 020226-L1 2/6/26-3/13/26

Notice of Formation of CCA Pacific Trails LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 7/2/25. Office location: NY County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o The Community Preservation Corp., 220 E. 42nd St., 16th Fl., NY, NY 10017, principal business address. Purpose: any lawful activity. 020226-L3 2/6/26-3/13/26

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF RODO TRADES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/26/2025. Office location Bronx County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is 258 Emerson Avenue, Throgs Neck, NY 10465-3115. The principal business address of the LLC is: 258 Emerson Avenue, Throgs Neck, NY 10465-3115. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 012926-L2 2/6/26-3-13-26

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Made In The Bronx LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/12/2024. Office location Bronx County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is Made In The Bronx LLC. The principal business address of the LLC is 3700 Jerome Ave Bronx NY 10467. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 012926-L3 2/6/26-3-13-26

FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX SUMMONS Docket No. B-16174/25 In the Matter of the Application of CHILDREN'S AID For the Guardianship and Custody of NO GIVEN NAME HOWARD, a/k/a NASAYIORE THEODODAMEL, a/k/a NAVASAYIORE THEODODAMEL, a/k/a NAVASAYILORE THEODODAMEL, a/k/a NAVASAYILORE HOWARD A Dependent Child Under the Age of 18 Years, Pursuant to the Provisions of Section 384-b of the Social Services Law of the State of New York TO : SHAWNNAKA HOWARD, a/k/a SHAWN HOWARD WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN A verified petition having been filed in this Court pursuant to Section 384-b of the Social Services Law alleging that the above-named child in the care of CHILDREN'S AID, in which, petitioner prays that the court make a finding that there is no person, other than SHAWNNAKA HOWARD, a/k/a SHAWN HOWARD, whose consent to adoption is required pursuant to Section 111 of the Domestic Relations Law of the State of New York. Petitioner further prays an order be made adjudicating the above-named child an abandoned child as to the mother, or in the alternative, a child of a mother that suffers from mental illness, and that she be deprived permanently of the custody and guardianship of said child and that custody and guardianship of said child be awarded jointly to CHILDREN'S AID and the Commissioner of Children's Services pursuant to Section 384-b of the Social Services Law of the State of New York. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear before this Court at 900, Sherman Avenue, Bronx, New York 10451 in Part 99 on MARCH 23, 2026 at 2:00 PM in the afternoon of said day to show cause why the Court should not enter an order depriving you of any and all the rights to the guardianship and custody of said child and awarding guardianship and custody of said child to the petitioning authorized agency as provided by law. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that if guardianship and custody of the child are committed to the Petitioner, CHILDREN'S AID, the child may be adopted with the consent of the authorized agency, without your consent and without further notice to you. In the event of your failure to appear, the Court will hear and determine the petition as provided by law. Your failure to appear shall constitute a denial of an interest in the said child, which denial may result in the transfer or commitment of the child's custody and guardianship, and/or the adoption of said child, all without further notice to you regarding said child. Your failure to appear on the above date shall constitute a denial of your interest in this child and in opposing this petition which may result, without further notice to you, in the court proceeding in your absence, granting the petition, terminating your parental rights and the transfer or commitment of the child's care, custody or guardianship to the Petitioner or guardianship to the Commissioner of the Administration for Children's Services or in the child's adoption in this or any subsequent proceeding in which such care, custody or guardianship or adoption of the above-named child may be at issue. Dated: January 28, 2026 Bronx, New York BY ORDER OF THE COURT (Hon. Hari Singh, J.F.C.) Docket No. B-16174 Year: 2025 FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX In the Matter of the Application of CHILDREN'S AID For the Guardianship and Custody of NO GIVEN NAME HOWARD, a/k/a NASAYIORE THEODODAMEL, a/k/a NAVASAYIORE THEODODAMEL, a/k/a NAVASAYILORE THEODODAMEL, a/k/a NAVASAYILORE HOWARD A Dependent Child Under the Age of 18 Years, Pursuant to the Provisions of Section 384-b of the Social Services Law of the State of New York TO : Richard S. Davis, Law Office of Richard S. Davis 3254 4th Ave., San Diego, CA 92103, Phone (619) 557-9420 NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served as an individual 011626-L1 1/23/26-2/13/26

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THEODODAMEL, a/k/a NAVASAYILORE THEODODAMEL, a/k/a NAVASAYILORE THEODODAMEL, a/k/a NAVASAYILORE HOWARD A Dependent Child Under the Age of 18 Years, Pursuant to the Provisions of Section 384-b of the Social Services Law of the State of New York ROSIN STEINHAGEN MENDEL, PLLC Attorneys for Children's Aid 228 East 45th Street, Suite 900 New York, New York 10017 (212) 972-543 020226-L4 2/6/26

FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS SUMMONS Docket No.: B-20901-25 File No. 240202 In the Matter of NO GIVEN NAME GREEN A/K/A BABY GIRL GREEN A/K/A TRUE MIRACLE GREEN A dependent child, under the age of 14 years, to the custody of SCO Family of Services, alleged to be an abandoned child, pursuant to Section 384-b of the Social Services Law. In the Name of the People of the State of New York TO: NATAYAH GREEN A verified Petition having been filed in the Court alleging that the above-named child in the care of SCO Family of Services, the petitioner, is an abandoned child, as defined by Article 6, Part 1 of the Family Court Act and Section 384-b of the Social Services Law; YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear before the Family Court at 151-20 Jamaica Avenue, Jamaica, New York, Part 4, on the 25th day of March 2026, before the Hon. Elizabeth Fassler, at 12:00 in the afternoon of said day, or via the following link: https://notify.nycourt.gov/meet/0lkwsxw/ or by phone at: 1-347-378-4143, conference ID: 832363329#, to show cause why the Court should not enter an Order depriving you of all the rights of custody of NO GIVEN NAME GREEN A/K/A BABY GIRL GREEN A/K/A TRUE MIRACLE GREEN, awarding the custody of said child to the petitioning authorized agency as an abandoned child, as provided by law. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that if said child is adjudged to be an abandoned child, and if custody is awarded to said authorized agency, said child may be adopted with the consent of said agency and without further notice to you and without your consent. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that your failure to appear shall constitute a denial of interest in the child, which denial may result in the transfer or commitment of the child's care, custody, guardianship or adoption of the child, all without further notice to the parents of the child. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that you are entitled to be represented by an attorney and, if you cannot afford to retain an attorney, one will be appointed to represent you by the Court free of charge to you. Dated: October 30, 2025 By Order of the Court, Keisha Kearse, Clerk Family Court, Queens County 012326-L5 1/30/26-3/6/26

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Mortpine Ventures, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/12/2025. Office location Bronx County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is 606 West 57th Street Apt 344 New York NY 10019. The principal business address of the LLC is 606 West 57th Street Apt 344 New York NY 10019. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 012326-L9 1/30/26-3/6/26

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF MC Studio Jewelry LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/02/2025. Office location New York County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is 668 Crescent Ave, Bronx, NY 10458. The principal business address of the LLC is 668 Crescent Ave, Bronx, NY 10458. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 012326-L8 1/30/26-3/6/26

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF CPCMC Bridge LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 5/12/25. Office location: NY County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o The Community Preservation Corp., 220 E. 42nd St., 16th Fl., NY, NY 10017, principal business address. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 012326-L4 1/30/26-3/6/26

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LBL Life Partners LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 1/12/26. Office location: NY County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Anna Doherty, 412 W. 15th St., Fl. 16, NY, NY 10011, principal business address. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 012326-L8 1/30/26-3/6/26

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Layoffs are piling up. Here are some of the biggest recent job cuts in the U.S.

Losses permeate many industries

BY WYATTE GRANTHAM-PHILIPS
Associated Press

As layoffs pile up, workers are feeling increasingly anxious about the job market.

In the U.S., economists have said that businesses are largely at a “no-hire, no fire” standstill, leading many to limit new work, if not pause openings entirely amid economic uncertainty. Hiring has stagnated overall — with the country adding a meager 50,000 jobs last month, down from a revised figure of 56,000 in November.

But a growing list of companies are also cutting jobs. Here are a few companies that have announced some of the largest job cuts recently.

Dow

Chemicals maker Dow, Inc. announced plans to cut about 4,500 jobs on last week — as part of broader push to “streamline” operations, which includes putting more emphasis on AI and automation.

The cuts come on top of previous reductions taken by the company over the last year. Dow moved to axe 1,500 roles in January 2025, and another 800 over the summer.

Amazon

E-commerce giant Amazon slashed about 16,000 corporate roles on last week — just three months after laying off another 14,000 workers. In its latest round of layoffs, Amazon cited restructuring aimed at “removing bureaucracy” in its operations, but the cuts also arrive as the company continues to ramp up spending on AI. CEO Andy Jassy previously said that he anticipated generative AI to reduce Amazon’s corporate workforce.

UPS

Last month, United Parcel Service said it plans to cut up to 30,000 operational jobs this year — notably as the package company continues to reduce the number of Amazon

shipments it handles amid wider turnaround efforts. UPS said these cuts will be made through a voluntary buyout offer for full-time drivers and attrition. The reductions come on top of a combined 48,000 job cuts that the company disclosed in 2025.

Tyson Foods

Late last year, Tyson Foods said it would be closing a plant that employed 3,200 people in Lexington, Nebraska — bringing job losses for nearly a third of the small town’s population of 11,000. The layoffs began on Jan. 20, but the company notified state officials that it was temporarily retaining under 300 workers to help complete the closure. Tyson in November also announced plans to cut one of two shifts at an Amarillo, Texas plant, eliminating an additional 1,700 jobs.

HP

Also in November, HP said it expected to lay off between 4,000 and 6,000 employees. The cuts are part of a wider initiative from the com-

puter maker to streamline operations, which includes adopting AI to increase productivity. The company aims to complete these actions by the end of the 2028 fiscal year.

Verizon

Verizon began laying off more than 13,000 employees in November. In a staff memo announcing the cuts, CEO Dan Schulman said that the telecommunications giant needed to simplify operations and “reorient” the entire company.

Nestlé

In mid-October, Nestlé said it would be cutting 16,000 jobs globally — as part of wider cost cutting aimed at reviving its financial performance amid headwinds like rising commodity costs and U.S. imposed tariffs. The Swiss food giant said the layoffs would take place over the next two years.

Novo Nordisk

In September, Danish pharmaceutical company Novo Nordisk

said it would cut 9,000 jobs, about 11 percent of its workforce. The company — which makes drugs like Ozempic and Wegovy — said the layoffs were part of wider restructuring, as it works to sell more obesity and diabetes medications amid rising competition.

Intel

Intel has moved to shed thousands of jobs as the struggling chipmaker works to revive its business. Last year, CEO Lip-Bu Tan said Intel expected to end 2025 with 75,000 “core” workers, excluding subsidiaries, through layoffs and attrition. That’s down from 99,500 core employees reported the end of 2024. The company previously announced a 15 percent workforce reduction.

Microsoft

Microsoft initiated two rounds of mass layoffs last year — first impacting 6,000 and then another 9,000 positions. The tech giant cited “organizational changes,” but the cuts also arrived as the company spends heavily on AI.

Another strike sends 31,000 Kaiser Permanente healthcare workers to picket lines in California

ASSOCIATED PRESS

An estimated 31,000 registered nurses and other front-line Kaiser Permanente health care workers launched an open-ended strike last week in California and Hawaii to demand better wages and staffing from the health care giant.

The picketing that began Jan. 26 marked the second major walkout in recent months by employees represented by the United Nurses Association of California/Union of Health Care Professionals. A five-day strike in October ended with negotiations resuming, but talks broke down in December.

Last week the union accused Kaiser of refusing to return to national bargaining discussions.

“We will continue to push Kaiser to stop their egregious unfair labor practices against the front-line workers who deliver the best care for their patients and billions in profit to do the right thing, and come back to the table to bargain in good faith,” the union bargaining committee said in a statement.

Kaiser said earlier in January that the union had agreed to return to local bargaining, even as workers moved forward with the strike. The company said it paused national bargaining last month after what it described as a threatening incident involving a union official.

“Illegal threats are a line that cannot be crossed,” Greg Holmes, Kaiser’s chief human resources officer, said in a statement. “This union official’s actions have compromised the national bargaining process and undermined both parties’ ability to continue good-faith bargaining.”

Those on strike, including pharmacists, midwives and rehab therapists, say wages have not kept pace with inflation and there is not enough staffing to keep up with patient demand.

They are asking for a 25 percent wage increase over four years to make up for wages they say are at least 7 percent behind their peers.

Kaiser Permanente had countered with a 21.5 percent increase over four years. The company says that represented employees earn,



Jessica Flores/San Francisco Chronicle via AP

Kaiser Permanente nurses and health workers represented by the United Nurses Association of California/Union of Health Care Professionals picket outside Kaiser's Oakland Medical Center on the first day of an open-ended strike Monday, Jan. 26, 2026, in Oakland, Calif.

on average, 16 percent more than their peers, and it would have to recharge customers more to meet strikers’ pay demand.

Arezou Mansourian, a physician assistant on the bargaining team,

told the San Francisco Chronicle that Kaiser has been unable to retain and recruit providers, which is impacting patient care. Medical staff have been leaving Kaiser for higher-paying jobs at other local hospitals, Mansourian said.

She said the union’s fight for better working conditions will ultimately help patients as well.

“We know it’s a pain right now, but it’s so that we can take care of you better in the future,” Mansourian told the Chronicle.

The company said health clinics and hospitals will remain open during the strike, with some in-person appointments shifted to virtual appointments, and some elective surgeries and procedures being rescheduled.

Kaiser Permanente is one of the nation’s largest not-for-profit health plans, serving 12.6 million members at 600 medical offices and 40 hospitals in largely western U.S. states. It is based in Oakland, California.

In New York City, about 15,000 nurses who walked off the job headed back to the bargaining table earlier this month. The New York State Nurses Association said contract negotiations resumed with officials at the three private hospital systems impacted by the strike: Montefiore, Mount Sinai and New York-Presbyterian.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF PROCEEDINGS: STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA/ DISTRICT COURT DIVISION/COUNTY OF DURHAM FILE NO. 25 SP 1076/For the Adoption of K.S.C., A Minor Child and FILE NO. 25 SP 1077/For the Adoption of K.S.C., A Minor Child, TO: KEVIN MCCLOUD - TAKE NOTICE THAT Petitions for Adoption of a minor female child named K.S.C. born on September 18, 2010, and of a minor male child named K.S.C. born on January 27, 2012, both born in Durham, Durham County, North Carolina, to Riena Cornett, were filed in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Durham County, State of North Carolina, on the 13th day of November 2025. You have been named as the biological father of both minor children. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 10526-L2 1/9/26-2/13/26

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF PROCEEDINGS: STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS SUMMONS File: 206133 Docket No: B-17604-25 In the Matter of MAYA DARSHANI SHEONARAIN A dependent child, under the age of 14 years, to the custody of Little Flower Children and Family Services of New York, alleged to be a permanently neglected child, pursuant to Section 384-b of the Social Services Law. In the Name of the People of the State of New York TO: INDRA SHEONARAIN A/K/A INDRA PERSAUD A verified Petition having been filed in the Court alleging that the above-named child in the care of Little Flower Children and Family Services of New York, the petitioner, is a permanently neglected child, as defined by Article 6, Part 1 of the Family Court Act and Section 384-b of the Social Services Law; YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear before the Family Court at 151-20 Jamaica Avenue, Jamaica, New York, Part 4, on the 11th day of February, 2026, before the Hon. Emily Ruben at 10:30 in the forenoon of said day, or virtually via the following link: <https://notify.nycourts.gov/meet/0kwsxw/>, or by phone at: 1-347-378-4143, conference ID: 8323633294, to show cause why the Court should not enter an Order depriving you of all the rights of custody of MAYA DARSHANI SHEONARAIN, awarding the custody of said child to the petitioning authorized agency as a permanently neglected child, as provided by law. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that if said child is adjudged to be a permanently neglected child, and, if custody is awarded to said authorized agency, said child may be adopted with the consent of said agency and without further notice to you and without your consent. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that your failure to appear will result in the termination of all your parental rights to the child. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that your denial of interest in the child, which may result in the transfer or commitment of the child’s care, custody, guardianship or adoption of the child, all without further notice to the parents of the child. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that you are entitled to be represented by an attorney, and if you cannot afford to retain an attorney, one will be appointed to represent you by the Court free of charge to you. Dated: September 10, 2025 By order of the Court, Keisha Kearse, Clerk, Family Court, Queens County 10526-L3 1/9/26

NOTICE OF FORMATION of Maya Singh Photography LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/29/2025. Office location New York County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon her/his is 389 E 89th Street New York, NY 10128. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 10526-L1 1/9/26-2/13/26

Notice of Formation of Abington Westwood II LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 10/3/25. Office location: NY County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o Abington Properties, 950 3rd Ave., 27th Fl., NY, NY 10022, principal business address. Purpose: any lawful activity. 10526-L3 1/9/26-2/13/26

Notice of Formation of Couchsachraga LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 12/24/25. Office location: NY County. Princ. bus. addr.: 26 W.

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THE JOB CENTER

JOB OF THE WEEK

City hiring police officers at \$55,942, reaches \$109,352 after 5 1/2 years

THE CITY IS ACCEPTING applications for police officers to work in the NYPD. The starting salary is \$55,942 and will increase to \$109,352 after the completion of 5 and one half years.

THE JOB

Police Officers perform general police duties and related work in the New York City Police Department including connecting and building relationships with the community. They patrol an assigned area on foot or in a vehicle to prevent crime; apprehend crime suspects; intervene in various situations involving crimes in progress, aided cases, complaints, emotionally disturbed persons, etc.; respond to and investigate vehicular accidents; investigate specific offenses; interact with prisoners; operate and maintain patrol vehicles; issue summonses; obtain information regarding incidents by interviewing witnesses, victims, and/or complainants; safeguard and voucher found, seized or recovered property; provide information to the public; handle situations involving maltreated, abused, or missing children; interact with juveniles; may be assigned to crowd control for large-scale events such as demonstrations, rallies and parades; prepare forms and reports; and testify in court. All Police Officers perform related work.

SPECIAL WORKING CONDITIONS

Police Officers will be required to work various shifts including nights, Saturdays, Sundays, holidays, and to work rotating tours, change tours or work overtime when ordered, as permitted by the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Some of the physical activities performed by Police Officers and environmental conditions experienced



Police officers at a recent merit ceremony. The NYPD is accepting applications for police officers with pay starting at almost \$56,000.

are: working outdoors in all kinds of weather; walking and/or standing in an assigned area during a tour while remaining alert; driving or sitting in a patrol car during a tour while remaining alert; running after a fleeing suspect; climbing up stairs; carrying an injured adult with assistance; gripping persons to prevent escape restraining a suspect by use of handcuffs; detecting odors such as those caused by smoke or gas leaks; engaging in hand to hand struggles to subdue a suspect resisting arrest; being

physically active for prolonged periods of time; understanding verbal communication over the radio with background noise; reading and writing under low light conditions; carrying or wearing heavy equipment; and wearing a bullet resistant vest. (This is a brief description of what you might do in this position and does not include all the duties of this position.)

THE SALARY

The current minimum salary is

\$55,942 per annum. Incumbents will receive salary increments reaching \$109,352 per annum at the completion of five and one-half years employment. This rate is subject to change. In addition, there is an annual uniform allowance, holiday pay, and contributions by the City to Welfare and Annuity Funds and City-paid health insurance. Employees also receive a 2.25% differential (of base salary) for neighborhood policing. This rate is subject to change.

For more information go to: TheChief.org/JobCenter

MTA hiring line supervisors at \$87,372, \$109,216 in six years

THE MTA IS HIRING line supervisors for the surface division to oversee maintainers, helpers and apprentices who maintain, install, inspect, test, alter and repair buses and other automotive vehicles and related bus shop equipment. The posted minimum salary is \$87,372 per year for a 40-hour workweek increasing to \$109,216 per year in the sixth year of service.

THE JOB

Line supervisors plan work and monitor production levels and trends; provide technical direction to maintenance employees; use a computerized system to access information; perform safety assessments and quality audits; research technical and material availability problems; perform inspection work and research on new equipment; forecast material, tool and equipment requirements; keep records and write reports.

They may operate a bus for testing, evaluation or instructional purposes; and perform related work. Some of the physical activities performed by Line Supervisors (Surface) and environmental conditions experienced are: working outdoors in all weather conditions; walking in and around bus garages, climbing and walking on fuel, oil and gasoline trucks; reaching into dark spaces and making tactile inspections; making visual inspections of equipment; distinguishing colors; reading gauges and prints; and hearing bell, whistle and vocal warnings.

QUALIFICATIONS

By the last day of the Application Period (3/15) you must meet the following requirements:

- One year of satisfactory full-time experience as a supervisor overseeing journey-level automotive mechanics (i.e., fully trained, proficient, knowledgeable, experienced, and competent) who troubleshoot and repair engines, transmissions, electrical systems, or HVAC systems in passenger automobiles, trucks, buses, aircraft, or marine vessels; and

- Three years of satisfactory full-time experience as a journey-level automotive mechanic performing the work described above, plus completion of one of the following listed below before obtaining your journey level experience:

- Two years of satisfactory full-time experience as a mechanic's helper, apprentice or trainee performing or assisting in the work described above; or

- Graduation from a recognized trade school or technical school, approved by a state's Department of Education or comparable agency, with a major course of study in automotive mechanics or a closely related field totaling at least 600 hours or more; or

- Graduation from a vocational high school, approved by a state's Department of Education or comparable agency, with a major course of study in automotive mechanics, or a closely related field; or

- Graduation from an accredited college or university with an AAS degree or higher in automotive mechanics or a closely related field.

Port Authority hiring aircraft rescue fire fighting intern

THE PORT AUTHORITY of New York and New Jersey's aviation department is looking for an intern to join their team in the Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) unit at Newark Liberty International Airport. Throughout the internship, you will be working alongside the EWR ARFF Command staff assisting in various tasks that impact our day-to-day operations and processes.

The start date is March 2026 and will be 15 hours a week. Starting pay starts between \$18.61 to \$28.72.

THE JOB

Support the Chief of Department and their designee(s) in all areas of developing and implementing policies in support of ARFF operations and administration.

Assist in the maintenance and development of standard operating guidelines focusing on all ARFF operations including but not limited to safety, regulatory compliance and management guidelines to be implemented and executed across all commands.

Aid ARFF Command Staff in developing an enhanced proficiency and competency program related to ARFF operations.

Assist with the creation of an official ARFF site on the Port Authority's intranet site (myPA) that will become the central location for Standard Operating Guidelines, including ARFF policies that enhance common operations as well as establishing a basis for succession planning amongst all areas of ARFF.

Assist with enhancing the procedures currently

in place to ensure compliance with FAA regulations, specifically the sections pertaining to ARFF. Identify a streamlined approach to tracking or improving systems to be employed by the ARFF Management Staff.

QUALIFICATIONS

Enrollment at a college/university through the duration of the internship

Major in Public Administration, Business, Human Resources, Fire Science or a related discipline.

Fire service experience which could include fire explorers, fire cadets or Firefighter I completion.

Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint).

Attention to detail, organizational skills, and ability to work independently and in a team environment.

Ability to conduct research of current policies, programs and administrative procedures.

Excellent written and verbal communication skills.

Eagerness to learn and take initiative.

Strong time management and organizational skills.

Understanding of the National Fire Incident Reporting System, preferred but not a requirement.

Understanding of emergency services and incident command system, preferred but not a requirement.

Expert level proficiency in computer skills, including Microsoft Office Suite (Word, PowerPoint, Excel).

See the full job listing at TheChief.org/JobCenter

City hiring plumbing inspectors

THE CITY IS SEEKING applications through 2/28 for plumbing inspectors, with positions available in all boroughs. The job has a posted salary range of \$62,244.00 – \$71,581.00.

THE JOB

This position performs work in the inspection of plumbing installations, repairs or alterations for conformity with NYC Construction Codes, Department rules, other pertinent laws and rules and approved plans and specifications. Under general supervision:

- Performs technical inspections of installations and repairs of plumbing, gas and fire suppression systems (including sprinklers and standpipes) for compliance with the NYC Construction Code, Zoning Resolution, other pertinent laws and rules, and approved plans and specifications.

- May assign, supervise, review and evaluate work of subordinates.

- May train subordinates in their duties.

- May review applications relevant to the field.

- May assist supervisor.

- May operate a motor vehicle in the performance of assigned duties. Some of the physical activities performed by Inspectors (Plumbing) and environmental conditions experienced are: walking to and from inspection sites and during inspections; climbing and descending ladders and stairs to get to areas which must be inspected; standing for extended period of time; maintaining balance while walking over narrow walkways or areas that are elevated; climbing around and over various objects; working in areas that may be damp, dusty, dark, smoky or acrid.

See the full job listing at TheChief.org/JobCenter

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MESSAGE & DATA RATES MAY APPLY

*Only one exam per MCU member, available while supplies last.

Upcoming exams leading to jobs

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

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

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

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

All examination and eligible list related notifications will be

sent by email only, you will no longer receive notifications via the US mail.

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

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

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

CITY EXAMS

► CLOSES FEBRUARY 3
6325 School Safety Agent - \$39,206

► CLOSES MARCH 4
6302 Correction Officer - \$54,652

CUNY EXAMS

► OPEN CONTINUOUSLY
2059 Campus Security Assistant \$41,119
2060 Campus Peace Officer \$42,085

MTA EXAMS

► CLOSING FEBRUARY 15
6614 Bus Operator (NYC Transit) - No salary info.

► CLOSES MARCH 15
6111 Line Supervisor (Surface) - \$87,372
6311 Bus Maintenance Supervisor - \$41.89 per hour

NASSAU COUNTY EXAMS

► CLOSES FEBRUARY 11
60058830-A Psychiatric Social Worker II - \$64,826 - \$91,619

60058830-B Psychiatric Social Worker II - \$55,188 - \$115,004

► CLOSES FEBRUARY 23
60057420 District Attorney Investigative Accountant I - \$65,789 - \$136,669

► OPEN CONTINUOUSLY
7078 CR(D) Cytotechnologist I \$74,114 - \$99,744

7094 CR(D) Cytotechnologist II \$83,915 - \$118,479

7095 CR(D) Cytotechnologist III \$106,880-\$144,480

61-639 CR Librarian I

60-180 CR Librarian I, Bilingual (Spanish Speaking)

5263 CR(D) Medical Technologist I \$79,212-\$91,619

5002 CR Nurse Practitioner I (Acute Care) \$96,274-\$118,479

5003 CR Nurse Practitioner I (Adult Health) \$96,274-\$118,479

5004 CR Nurse Practitioner I (Community Health) \$96,274-\$118,479

5005 CR Nurse Practitioner I (Family Health) \$96,274-\$118,479

5006 CR Nurse Practitioner I (Gerontology) \$96,274-\$118,479

5007 CR Nurse Practitioner I (Neonatology) \$96,274-\$118,479

5008 CR Nurse Practitioner I (Obstetrics/Gynecology) \$96,274-\$118,479

5009 CR Nurse Practitioner I (Oncology) \$96,274-\$118,479

5010 CR Nurse Practitioner I (Palliative Care) \$96,274-\$118,479

5011 CR Nurse Practitioner I (Pediatrics) \$96,274-\$118,479

5012 CR Nurse Practitioner I (Perinatology) \$96,274-\$118,479

5013 CR Nurse Practitioner I (Psychiatry) \$96,274-\$118,479

5014 CR Nurse Practitioner I (Women's Health) \$96,274-\$118,479

3138 CR(D) Occupational Therapist Assistant \$43,176 - \$81,760; NHCC: \$55,373-\$78,048

7288 CR(D) Occupational Therapist/ Occupational Therapist I \$63,872-\$97,339; NHCC: \$77,054-\$108,876

3139 CR(D) Pharmacist I \$102,320-\$128,481

3140 CR(D) Physical Therapist Assistant \$43,176-\$81,670; NHCC: \$55,373-\$78,048

9030 CR(D) Physical Therapist/Physical Therapist I \$63,872-\$97,339; NHCC: \$82,754-\$108,876

9029 CR(D) Physician Assistant I \$91,225-\$128,481

SUFFOLK COUNTY EXAMS

► CLOSES FEBRUARY 11
0530 Technical Support Aide - \$34,290 - \$36,345

► CLOSES FEBRUARY 18
0728 Health Program Analyst II - \$56,637

4246 Park Supervisor I - \$41,421

4247 Park Supervisor II - \$49,642

4248 Park Supervisor III - \$56,637

7096 Town Public Safety Agent - \$24,960* - \$38,846 (Based On A 20-Hour Work Week)

0238 Investigative Auditor - \$77,439

► CLOSES FEBRUARY 25
0765 Office Systems Analyst II \$54,392

► CLOSES MARCH 11
3002 Caseworker Trainee \$62,327

3003 Caseworker Trainee (Spanish Speaking) \$62,327

► CLOSES MARCH 25
0561 Systems Analyst - \$67,416

► CLOSES APRIL 8
3081 Social Services Examiner - \$43,430

3091 Social Services Examiner (Spanish Speaking) - \$43,430

► CLOSES APRIL 26
0205 Account Clerk - \$42,047

0211 Account Clerk (Spanish Speaking) - \$42,047

► CLOSES MAY 13
3061 Child Support Specialist Trainee - \$41,421

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► OPEN CONTINUOUSLY
0221 Accountant \$54,392

0220 Accountant Trainee \$47,450

0231 Auditor \$54,392

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2020 Public Health Nurse I \$72,845

2041 Clinical Nurse Practitioner \$74,124

2511 Psychiatric Social Worker \$54,392

2641 Medical Services Specialist \$81,406

2670 Emergency Medical Technician (Basic) \$37,000-\$60,000

2673 Emergency Medical Technician (Critical Care) \$37,000-\$60,000

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LABOR AROUND THE WORLD

Argentina fires ravage Patagonia forests, fueling criticism of Milei's austerity

BY ISABEL DEBRE
Associated Press

These days, the majestic, forested slopes of Argentina's Patagonia look like a war zone.

Mushroom clouds of smoke rise as if from missile strikes. Large flames illuminate the night sky, tainting the moon mango-orange and turning the glorious views that generations of writers and adventurers imprinted on the global psyche into something haunted.

Vast swaths of the Los Alerces National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site home to 2,600-year-old trees, are now ablaze.

The wildfires, among the worst to hit the drought-stricken Patagonia region in decades, have devastated more than 45,000 hectares (174 square miles) of Argentina's forests in the last month and a half, forcing the evacuation of thousands of residents and tourists. As of Monday, the inferno was still spreading.

The crisis, with most of Argentina's fire season still ahead, has reignited anger toward the country's radical libertarian president, Javier Milei, whose harsh austerity drive in the last two years has slashed spending on programs and agencies that not only work to combat fires but also protect parks and prevent blazes from igniting and spreading in the first place.

"There has been a political decision to dismantle firefighting institutions," said Luis Schinelli, one of 16 park rangers covering the 259,000 hectares (1,000 square miles) of Los Alerces National Park. "Teams are stretched beyond their limits."

After coming to office on a campaign to rescue Argentina's economy from decades of staggering debt, Milei slashed spending on the National Fire Management Service by 80 percent in 2024 compared to the previous year, gutting the agency responsible for deploying brigades, maintaining air tankers, purchasing extra gear and tracking hazards.

The service faces another 71 percent reduction in funds this year, according to an analysis of the 2026 budget by the Environment and Natural Resources Foundation, or FARN, an Argentine environmental research and advocacy group.

The retrenchment arrives at a time when climate change is making extreme weather more frequent and severe, increasing the risk of wildfires.

"Climate change is something that's undeniable. This is us living it," said firefighter Hernán Mondino, his face smeared with sweat and soot after a backbreaking day battling blazes in Los Alerces National Park. "But we see no sign that the government is concerned about our situation."

The Ministry of Security, which assumed oversight of firefighting efforts after Milei downgraded the Ministry of Environment, did not respond to requests for comment.

Milei and Trump take chainsaws to the state

Milei's deep spending cuts have stabilized Argentina's crisis-stricken economy and driven annual inflation down from 117 percent in 2024 to 31 percent last year — the



Firefighters battle wildfires in Los Alerces National Park, Argentina, Saturday, Jan. 31, 2026.

Victor R. Caivano/AP Photo

lowest rate in eight years.

His battles against government bloat and "woke" culture have helped him cozy up to U.S. President Donald Trump, whose own war on federal bureaucracy has similarly rippled through scientific research and disaster response programs.

After Trump announced last year that the U.S. would leave the Paris climate agreement, Milei threatened to do the same. He boycotted U.N. climate summits and referred to human-caused climate change as a "socialist lie," infuriating Argentines who understand that record-breaking heat and dryness, symptomatic of a warming planet, are fueling the fires in Patagonia.

"There's a lot of anger building up. People here are very uncomfortable with our country's politics," said Lucas Panak, 41, who piled into a pickup truck with his friends last Thursday to fight the blazes enveloping the small town of Cholila after municipal firefighters were sent elsewhere.

Disaster management amid austerity

When lightning started a small fire along a lake in the northern fringes of Los Alerces in early De-

cember, firefighters struggled to respond, limited by the remote location and a lack of available aircraft to transport crews and douse the hills.

The initial delay forced the resignation of the park's management and led residents to accuse them of negligence in a criminal complaint when the winds picked up and blasted the blaze through the native forest.

But some experts argue the problem wasn't inaction after the fire erupted, but long before.

"Fires are not something you only fight once they exist. They must be addressed beforehand through planning, infrastructure and forecasting," said Andrés Nápoli, director of FARN. "All the prevention work that's so important to do year-round has essentially been abandoned."

On top of cutting the National Fire Management Service budget, Milei's government ripped tens of millions of dollars from the National Park Administration last year, leading to the dismissal or resignation of hundreds of rangers, firefighters and administrative workers.

As more tourists descend each year on Argentina's parks, forest

rangers say that cutbacks and deregulation measures make it harder to monitor fire dangers, clear trails and educate visitors on caring for the park. Last March the government scrapped a requirement for tourist activities such as glacier treks and rock climbs to be overseen by licensed guides.

"If you increase the number of visitors while cutting staff, you risk losing control," said Alejo Fardjoume, a union representative for national park workers. "The consequences of these decisions is not always immediate, they will be noticed cumulatively, progressively."

Firefighters strain to keep up

A 2023 National Park Administration report recommends a minimum deployment of 700 firefighters to cover the land under its purview. The agency employs 391 now, having lost 10 percent of staff as a result of layoffs and resignations in the last two years under Milei.

Budget cuts to the National Fire Management Service have scaled back training capacity and reduced available equipment, firefighters say, leaving many to rely on second-hand protective suits and donated gear.

Authorities at Los Alerces said

that they've always been strapped for funds no matter the government and insisted that there were no shortages of resources to battle the blaze.

"Criticizing is always easy," said Luciano Machado, head of the fire, communications and emergency division at the National Park Administration. "Sometimes adding aircraft doesn't make things better. And in order to add firefighters, you need more food, shelter and rotation."

But national park firefighters pushed beyond the brink of exhaustion said their ranks are constantly thinning, if not due to layoffs then to resignations over poverty-level wages that have failed to keep pace with inflation.

The average firefighter in Patagonia's parks earns less than \$600 a month. In provinces with cheaper living costs, the monthly wage drops below \$450. A growing number of firefighters say they've had to pick up extra work as gardeners and farmhands.

"From the outside it looks like everything still functions, but our bodies bear the cost," said Mondino. "When someone leaves, the rest of us carry more weight, sleep less and work longer hours."

Greek rescuers search for potential missing people after deadly migrant boat collision off the coast of Chios

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Emotional medical staff on the Greek island of Chios on Wednesday have spoken of frantic efforts to identify the parents of injured children after an overnight collision between a coast guard patrol boat and a speedboat carrying migrants killed at least 15 people and injured more than two dozen others.

Coast guard vessels and a helicopter were still scouring the sea off the eastern coast of Chios, an island located near the Turkish mainland, on Wednesday as it was unclear how many people had been on board the speedboat, the coast guard said. Initial information indicated the vast majority of passengers were Afghans, while one person was identified as a Moroccan national.

The bodies of 11 men and three women were recovered from the sea shortly after the collision late Tuesday, while one woman who had been hospitalized died a few hours

later. Twenty-four people, including 11 children, remained hospitalized Wednesday, as did one of the two coast guard officers who were injured, hospital and coast guard officials said.

The survivors

Nighttime video footage from a dock in Chios showed injured people being offloaded from a boat and being led to waiting coast guard vehicles, their blue lights flashing. A young child kneels beside someone on the ground wrapped in a foil emergency blanket, holding on with an outstretched arm and resisting being led away before the child is eventually taken to a waiting car, limping.

Hospital doctors told local media Wednesday that the injuries were mainly broken bones, traumatic abdominal injuries and head injuries, while three people were in serious condition in the intensive care unit. Two pregnant women also suffered

miscarriages.

"On the pediatric side, one problem we had was finding the parents," said pediatrician Kirykas Zannikos, pausing to compose himself as his voice broke and he struggled to fight back tears. The children ranged in age from 1 to 15. Some parents were located among the injured on Wednesday, he said, including one mother who was in intensive care.

Olympia Kouvara, a representative of the hospital staff, described the case of one baby that clung to a medical worker's arms as staff tried to locate the parents. Despite fears they were among the dead, the child's mother was later identified as being one of the surgical ward patients.

"There are some times like these when we also break down," Kouvara told the politis chios local news website.

Doctors said that all hospital staff, including administrative staff, rushed to the hospital on Tuesday

night to volunteer as those on duty struggled with the sudden influx of injured and dead.

Smugglers blamed

"Our sorrow for the loss of 15 human lives in Chios is unspeakable," said Maritime Affairs Minister Vassilis Kikilias, under whose responsibility the coast guard falls. "Modern-day smugglers, traffickers, are the enemies of the country. They put human lives in mortal danger, both of those unfortunate people and of the members of the coast guard."

An investigation would be conducted "with transparency and professionalism," Kikilias said.

Greek President Constantine Tassoulas expressed his grief at the loss of life, saying that "the support of the Greek state will be unwavering" for the survivors.

Details of exactly what happened were unclear. According to a coast guard statement, one of its patrol

boats came across the speedboat late Tuesday making its way towards Chios without its navigation lights on. The speedboat refused to stop despite sound and visual signals by the patrol boat and changed direction, colliding with the patrol boat and capsizing, the statement said.

Photos posted by the coast guard showed signs of abrasion on the patrol boat's right side. The coast guard's account couldn't be independently verified.

In December, the EU was overhauling its migration system, including streamlining deportations and increasing detentions.

There has long been a fierce debate among EU members about migration. Since a surge in asylum-seekers and other migrants to Europe a decade ago, public debate has shifted and far-right parties have gained political power. EU migration policies have hardened, and the number of asylum-seekers is down from record levels.