

## QUEENS TODAY

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**WINTER 2023 SNOW WATCH:** IT didn't snow on Monday, the snowless winter in Queens continues. Precipitation isn't expected in the five boroughs until Thursday, when temperatures will reach a high of 52 degrees.

**DEREK MYERS, A FORMER AID TO** Queens Congressman George Santos, accused the lawmaker of groping him last month, Queens Patch reported. Myers, who no longer works for the embattled representative, allegedly sent a letter to the House Committee on Ethics detailing Santos' unwanted sexual advances made while the two were alone in the lawmaker's office in Washington D.C. Santos allegedly touched Myer's groin and asked if he'd like to go out for karaoke. "He proceeded to look at me and say, 'My husband is out of town tonight if you want to come over' and went on to tell me where the Congressman lived," Myers said in the letter sent on Feb. 3. Santos is facing investigations from the local and federal level after he lied about his work history, his education, his family's lineage, his religion, his former charity, his finances and more.

**NEW YORK METS OWNER STEVE** Cohen has a lot of money and he's not afraid to spend it. Cohen, who took over the Queens team in 2020, has already spent around \$500 million during this year's off season. On Monday, ESPN reported that Cohen doesn't really care that owners around baseball are upset by his deep pockets. "I kind of look at that like, you're looking at the wrong person. They're putting it on me. Maybe they need to look more at themselves," Cohen said. "I'm not responsible for how other teams run their clubs. I'm really not. That's not my job. And there are disparities in baseball. We know that to be true. I'm following the rules. They set the rules down, I'm following them."

**A MAN WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY AR-**rested for throwing a wrench at Cardinal Timothy Dolan's residence in Manhattan last year, was arrested by the NYPD's Hate Crime Task Force over the weekend for allegedly vandalizing a Forest Hills church last month, the Queens Post reported. Police say Juan Velez, 29, of Kips Bay, was charged with criminal mischief after he allegedly threw a rock at the front door of Grace Lutheran Church on Sunday, Jan. 29. Motive for the crime remains unclear.

**FIVE CONSTRUCTION WORKERS** were injured at a Department of Environmental Protection construction site in Woodside after a cage tipped over and fell onto them, ABC7 reported. The incident, which occurred at 46-01 37th Ave., which houses one of the city's water tunnels, seriously injured at least one worker. Several others were taken to a nearby hospital with minor injuries.

## Amid national shortage, local school trains tomorrow's court reporters



This week marks National Court Reporters Week.

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**By Ryan Schwach**  
Queens Daily Eagle

Though the courtroom is often filled with theatrics, sometimes theatrics lead to the courtroom.

That was the case for Stephanie Beauchamp, an actor who was cast to play a courtroom stenographer on television several years ago.

"They sat me down at this table with this strange machine," Beauchamp recently told the Eagle. "I did a Google search real quick to figure out how to deal with it. And that's kind of how I learned about stenography."

Beauchamp is now enrolled at Plaza College, working to enter a field suffering from a major decline in its ranks despite its essential function in the justice system.

Plaza College, the only remaining school for court reporting and caption left in the New York City area, is currently celebrating National Court Reporters week, holding events for its students about a career that has become increasingly more desirable in New York City's courts.

"Court reporting has been around for a long time, but unfortunately, not that many people know about it," said Karen Santucci, the director of the program at Plaza College. "It's a very lucrative field, there's so many opportunities."

This week, from Feb 4. to Feb 11., Plaza College is hosting a series of tours, programs, and workshops for its 140 students to get a better idea of the career they will soon go into as soon as they finish their classes and pass a test, which gauges students' ability to write 225

words per minute.

"We want to give them a solid education, and then they go out and find the opportunities for them are endless," said Santucci.

Court reporters are a key facet of the court system – the "guardians of the record," must certify the all important transcription of the court's proceedings, which become the record of the case.

In recent years, desire toward the role has dwindled.

"Not that many people go into it, and a lot of the older reporters are retiring," said Santucci.

It's estimated that nationally, there is a shortage of over 5,000 court reporters.

With fewer training schools and high rates

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## Man dies on Rikers, first death this year

**By Jacob Kaye**  
Queens Daily Eagle

An elderly man died on Rikers Island over the weekend, marking the first time an incarcerated individual has died in the troubled jail facility this year.

Department of Correction officials announced that Marvin Pines, a 65-year-old man held in the jail facility reserved for ill detainees, died early on Saturday morning.

Pines allegedly suffered a seizure and was found dead inside a shower area in the North Infirmary Command building, multiple outlets reported.

His cause of death has yet to be determined and is currently under investigation by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

Pines, who was being held in the jail on \$25,000 cash bail, first entered Rikers over the summer. He was arrested and charged for allegedly selling drugs in Manhattan several

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A 65-year-old detainee died on Rikers Island on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023, marking the first detainee death of the year.

Eagle file photo by Jacob Kaye



# Local college, court system celebrate Court Reporters Week

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of retirement, the COVID-19 pandemic also contributed to the decline in numbers, with courts either closing temporarily or going online.

"We used to get a lot of students who would go to jury duty," said Santucci. "When people sit in jury duty, they're fascinated by the court reporter. So we would get a lot of students that way. So with COVID, that kind of pushed that down because nobody was going into the courts."

In some places, new technologies have also replaced the need for stenographers, but not entirely, because the accuracy of a real person is still required.

"The most important thing is for them to know this stenography is not obsolete," said Joshua Edwards, an alum of the Plaza College program.

"When you have something as important as court transcripts and appeals or in the world of captioning where somebody is deaf or hard of hearing and they're relying on your translation so that they can have access..." he added.

Edwards, who now has his own company, Steno Captions LLC, which provided captions for deaf and hearing impaired individuals, came to New York to pursue Broadway dreams before becoming a stenographer after a friend suggested it.

"She said, 'Why don't you go to school to be a court reporter?' And I said, 'What's that?' She said, 'These people that work with this weird machine and you're really good with computers, I bet you would do well and you probably make a lot of money' and the rest is history," he said.

After graduating from the Plaza program, Edwards spent time in the court system, including federal courts and with the National Football League, where he did the court reporting for the notorious New England Patriots "Deflategate" scandal.

However, the world of court reporting wasn't enough for Edwards, who went into captioning, another career path for stenographers.

"I call it like playing video games but with words," Edwards said. "It's a great kind of unknown career for people," he said.

Edwards along with his business partner is holding a "retreat" on Wednesday in Midtown, where he will tell Plaza students about the captioning industry.

Beauchamp, who is currently attending Plaza, is looking to

enter a field with increased need.

"I'm in a good situation right now because the field is desperate for reporters," she said. "We're in a good situation where we can pretty much pick and choose what we want to do."

This particular court reporter's week has added importance because of that shortage the entire industry is facing. Some courts have begun easing their experience requirements to get court reporters in the door more quickly.

"I was contacted by the two federal courts, Eastern District and Southern District, inviting my students to come in for an open house because they need reporters so badly," said Santucci.

The whole goal of the week is to try to draw more attention to the field and help fill gaps in the workforce.

"I think it's surprising to me that more people aren't doing it, that people just don't really know about it as a profession," said Beauchamp. "I think that needs to change. I think it's a wonderful opportunity to really have a fulfilling and interesting career," she said.

Court reporters don't make the arguments in a courtroom or pass down decisions, but regardless, the trail can't start without them.

"We do have a skill that not that many people have, so it bonds us together," said Santucci. "It's a tight knit community."

"This is a field where you come in, it's not like the other people are like, 'Oh, you're going to take my job' they're like, 'Oh, no, please help me because I have so much work, I can't get it done,'" she added. "It's beautiful, it really is a beautiful community."

Santucci hopes that programs and events like this week can help draw people to the profession.

National Court Reporters week is also being celebrated by New York's court system.

"This being National Court Reporter's week, we are focusing on our highly skilled corps of court reporters across the State – who play a critical role within the New York State courts and justice system – for their hard work and commitment," Lucian Chalfan, a spokesperson for the Office of Court Administration, said in a statement.

"We are constantly looking to hire court reporters as there is a national shortage along with the fact that many training schools have closed," he added. "Any graduate you know who is interest-



Stephanie Beauchamp, who discovered stenography after being cast as a court reporter on TV, is currently enrolled at Plaza College.

Photo via Plaza College

ed in a fulfilling career in the courts may be hired as a provisional employee, working in the Criminal, Civil and Family Court with the potential of moving up to Supreme Court."

## Opinion: What to do about Rikers Island

By Norman Siegel  
Special to the Eagle

Rikers Island is a mess. The conditions, culture and endless and unnecessary pretrial detention of detainees violate the 6th amendment right to a speedy trial and are part of the continuing pattern and practice at Rikers that needs to be confronted and remedied, or at least, ameliorated now. The saying that "justice delayed is justice denied" is relevant and appropriate to the Rikers mess.

My first extensive experience at Rikers was in 1991 when my colleague, Earl Ward, a criminal defense lawyer and a partner at the law firm, Emery Celli Brinkerhoff Abady Ward and Maazel, and I taught a weekly class that focused on civil rights. About 20 Rikers inmates participated. At our last class, Earl and I asked the participants what was the one thing we should tell people they needed or wanted? The surprising response, one that I will always remember, was they needed a literacy program to help them learn how to read and write. It still haunts me that we cannot create a literacy program at Rikers. It could make a difference for the pretrial detainees and those serving sentences, and could possibly reduce the tensions at Rikers.

My second extended experience at Rikers was between 2014 and mid-2015, when I represented a pretrial detainee and visited periodically. After the visits, it often took me a couple of hours to unwind from experiencing Rikers. I remember how long it took to meet with the client, the noise and unacceptable conditions at Rikers.

In 2021 I was part of a group "New Yorkers for Social Jus-



Norman Siegel is a civil rights lawyer and a partner at the law firm Siegel Teitelbaum & Evans, LLP.

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work collaboratively with the city, DOC management, unions, pretrial detainees and inmates. Together, they would confront and overcome the long-standing substantial problems that have and continue to plague Rikers. A federal court receivership, if done correctly, would add to a team approach and would not cancel anyone out.

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# Just a dozen of 89 NYPD officers responsible for serious misconduct during 2020 BLM protests have been disciplined

By Yoav Gonen  
THE CITY

More than two and a half years after the NYPD's at times violent response to the 2020 George Floyd protests, just 12 of 89 officers charged with significant misconduct by a civilian oversight board have been disciplined, according to a new report.

The Civilian Complaint Review Board released dozens of its investigative recommendations for officer discipline in a 590-page review made public Monday, which says the agency fielded over 750 complaints containing more than 2,000 allegations regarding police misconduct during the weeks of protest.

CCRB investigators fully probed 321 of those complaints and substantiated allegations of serious misconduct against 89 police officers and supervisors, many for improper use of force.

Of them, 62 are still winding through the NYPD's internal disciplinary process, which may include an administrative trial overseen by the police department and ultimately concludes when the NYPD commissioner decides on the outcome.

Thus far, NYPD Commissioner Keechant Sewell and her predecessor, Dermot Shea, imposed no discipline on nine officers — even before an administrative trial could be held. The CCRB had sought a minimum penalty of 10 vacation days' loss in each of the cases.

An additional five officers were spared discipline through retirement or resignation, while one case was shelved after surpassing the statute of limitations.

The CCRB investigates complaints by civilians against police that include use of force, abuse of authority, discourtesy and offensive language, and handles the administrative prosecution of the most serious cases its investigators substantiate.

Interim board chair Arva Rice said the agency found patterns of misconduct in its investigation of individual incidents — including

dozens of instances of baton strikes, use of pepper spray and other types of physical force that violated NYPD guidelines.

"Protests against police brutality bred more instances of police misconduct," she wrote in an introduction to the report. "If this misconduct goes unaddressed, it will never be reformed."

Some police interactions with protesters that were caught on video drew widespread condemnation on social media, including officers driving police SUV's forward into a group of protesters in Brooklyn on May 30, 2020, and a burly officer forcefully shoving a 20-year-old woman to the pavement near Barclays Center a day earlier.

Both cases are among the 62 where the CCRB recommended significant discipline but the outcome is still pending.

The board also recommended less serious discipline for a separate group of 57 officers and supervisors that were found to have violated department guidelines.

In the report, the CCRB highlighted obstacles to its probes, such as officers who purposefully obscured their names and badges during the protests. The NYPD also failed to consistently keep track of where its personnel were assigned, according to the findings.

As a result of these and other obstacles, more than 600 allegations of misconduct — 43% of the total investigated — were closed because the officer couldn't be identified.

CCRB officials also complained about delays in obtaining body-worn camera footage from the NYPD, with the department withholding video the board sought while sending vast quantities of irrelevant footage.

NYPD officials said they plan to issue a response to the report this week.

## LOST VACATION DAYS

Of the 12 officers and supervisors who have been disciplined thus far, the highest penalty went to former Bronx Lt. Eric Dym for allegedly using his nightstick as a club during the June 4, 2020, protests in Mott Haven, The Bronx.

He was docked 15 vacation days as part of a wider plea deal, as THE CITY has reported.

Dym, who retired last year after accumulating the highest number of complaints substantiated by the CCRB against an active NYPD member, has previously taken issue with the CCRB's methods and motives.

He told THE CITY on Friday that the settlement was excessive and that he had wanted to take the case to administrative trial, but was told that would take two to three years.

Dym noted that the CCRB deemed his use of force partially justified in the same investigation and that no victims came forward to complain, but said a photo snapped of him on top of a car wielding a baton hurt his case.

"My intention was to take that to department trial, and I'm confident I would have won that case or had that case minimized in discipline," he said. "I do think it was an excessive amount of discipline."

In other disciplinary outcomes, one NYPD officer was docked 11 vacation days and five officers were docked 10 days — including Michael Sher.

As THE CITY previously reported, Sher was penalized the 10 days not for pulling down the facemask of protester Andrew Smith and pepper-spraying him in the eyes, but rather for failing to fill out paperwork indicating that he had done so.

Mayor Eric Adams last year highlighted the incident as one of the three from the protests that he considered "horrific."

"To pull down the mask of a person, and mace them in that manner, really violated the trust," Adams said in late August. "There was no reason for that officer to carry that out."

Of the remaining five officers disciplined to date, each was docked five vacation days or fewer, the report said.

## DISCIPLINARY DOWNGRADE

A number of oversight entities released reports following the 2020 protests that raised

significant concerns about the police response — particularly the widespread use of force — and tactics, including the corralling and mass arrests of protesters.

This includes the office of state Attorney General Letitia James — who filed a lawsuit against the NYPD in 2021 charging then Mayor Bill de Blasio and Shea with deliberately failing to prevent officers from using prohibited tactics against protesters — and the city's Department of Investigation, which called for major reforms to the NYPD's response to protests. James' lawsuit is ongoing in Manhattan federal court.

Similarly, the CCRB wrote that its investigations "revealed that the forceful suppression of the protests occurred at the direction of high-level borough supervisors, such as Assistant Chief Kenneth Lehr of the Bronx borough command, Bureau Chief Jeffrey Maddrey of the Brooklyn borough command, and various heads of precincts."

Maddrey has since been promoted under the Adams administration to Chief of Department — the top uniformed post.

In December, according to the New York Post, Sewell said in an internal memo that the NYPD plans to amend its disciplinary matrix, a system that outlines recommended penalties for misconduct, to be less punitive.

She noted that in 2022 she overruled the disciplinary outcomes sought by the CCRB in over 70 cases, citing unfair determinations.

"In some of the cases, bad intent to officers was imputed when none was present, or situations were misinterpreted," she wrote.

The matrix was first implemented by the department in early 2021, following pressure from the City Council to beef up police discipline.

The NYPD and CCRB have a memorandum of understanding regarding using the matrix as a framework for discipline, but it allows for annual reviews by both sides.

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NYPD officers stand guard outside One Police Plaza during a protest June 8, 2020.

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# Civil Rights Legislation Sparked Powerful Backlash That's Still Shaping US Politics

By *Julian Maxwell Hayter*  
THE CONVERSATION

For nearly 60 years, conservatives have been trying to gut the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the crowning achievement of the civil rights movement. As a scholar of American voting rights, I believe their long game is finally bearing fruit.

The 2013 U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Shelby County v. Holder* seemed to be the death knell for the Voting Rights Act.

In that case, the court struck down a portion of the Voting Rights Act that supervised elections in areas with a history of disenfranchisement.

The Supreme Court is currently considering a case, *Merrill v. Milligan*, that might gut what remains of the act after *Shelby*.

Conservative legal strategists want the court to say that Alabama – where African Americans make up approximately one-quarter of the population, still live in concentrated and segregated communities and yet have only one majority-Black voting district out of seven state districts – should not consider race when drawing district boundaries.

These challenges to minority voting rights didn't emerge overnight. The *Shelby* and *Merrill* cases are the culmination of a decade-long conservative legal strategy designed to roll back the political gains of the civil rights movement itself.

## Victory – and more bigotry

The realization of civil and voting rights laws during the 1960s is often portrayed as a victory over racism. The rights revolution actually gave rise to more bigotry.

The Voting Rights Act criminalized the use of discriminatory tests and devices, including literacy tests and grandfather clauses that exempted white people from the same tests that stopped Black people from voting. It also required federal supervision of certain local Southern elections and barred these jurisdictions from making electoral changes without explicit approval from Washington.

These provisions worked.

After 1965, Black voters instigated a complexion revolution in Southern politics, as African Americans voted in record numbers and elected an unprecedented number of Black officials.

In fact, the VRA worked so well that it gave rise to another seismic political shift: White voters left the Democratic Party in record numbers.

As Washington protected Black voting rights, this emerging Republican majority capitalized on fears of an interracial democracy. Conservatives resolved to turn the South Republican by associating minority rights with white oppression.

In 1981, conservative political consultant and GOP strategist Lee Atwater recognized that Republicans might exploit these fears. He argued:

“You start out in 1954 by saying, “Nigger, nigger, nigger.” By 1968 you can't say “nigger” – that hurts you, backfires. So you say stuff like, uh, forced busing, states' rights, and all that stuff, and you're getting so abstract. Now, you're talking about cutting taxes, and all these things you're talking about are totally economic things and a byproduct of them is, blacks get hurt worse than whites.”

## 'Retard civil rights enforcement'

It wasn't just Southerners who aimed to undo the revolution enabled by the Voting Rights Act.

President Richard Nixon helped begin this process by promising Southerners that he wouldn't enforce civil rights. In fact, in a secret meeting with segregationist Sen. Strom Thurmond, Nixon promised to “retard civil rights enforcement.”

By the early 1980s, President Ronald Reagan also used white people's growing fear of African American political clout to his advantage.

Reagan's administration, according to voting rights expert Jesse Rhodes, used executive and congressional control to reorganize the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department and the Supreme Court.

The objective?



Ed Rollins, President Ronald Reagan's campaign director, left, Lee Atwater, deputy campaign director, center, and Lyn Nofziger, a Republican Party consultant, smoke cigars and applaud during the final session of the Republican National Convention in Dallas, Aug. 23, 1984.

Photo: Ed Kolenovskiy/AP

To undermine how Washington enforced the Voting Rights Act – without appearing explicitly racist.

One of the Reagan administration's strategies was to associate minority voting rights with so-called reverse discrimination. They argued that laws privileging minorities discriminated against white voters.

## Undoing progress

Here's the background to that strategy:

The years following 1965 were characterized by the dilution of Black Southerners' voting power. Realizing that they couldn't keep African Americans from voting, Southerners and segregationists resolved to weaken votes once they'd been cast. They gerrymandered districts and used other means that would dilute minority voting power.

African Americans took the fight to the courts. In fact, nearly 50 cases involving vote dilution flooded the court system after 1965.

Over the course of the 1970s, the Supreme Court met the challenge of vote dilution by mandating the implementation of majority-minority districts.

Conservatives during the early 1980s had become increasingly alarmed by the Supreme Court's and Department of Justice's preference for drawing racial district boundaries to give minorities more influence in elections in such “majority-minority districts.” These districts aimed to guarantee that minorities could elect candidates of their choice free from machinations such as vote dilution.

With little regard for vote dilution itself, conservative politicians and their strategists argued that majority-minority districts discriminated against whites because they privileged, like affirmative action policies, equality of outcomes in elections rather than equal opportunity to participate.

## Tidal wave

This strategy paid off.

During the 1980s, Republicans used congressional

control, a Republican White House and judicial appointments to turn the federal court system and the Department of Justice even further right.

By the 1990s, conservatives replaced federal officials who might protect the Voting Rights Act. In time, these developments, and growing conservatism within the courts, prompted conservative litigation that continues to shape civil rights laws.

A tidal wave of anti-civil rights litigation, led by a well-funded man, Edward Blum, flooded the court system. Blum sought to undermine the Voting Rights Act's supervision of local elections and undo racial quotas in higher education and employment.

Blum, a legal strategist affiliated with the conservative American Enterprise Institute, helped engineer these now-famous test cases – *Bush v. Vera* (1996), *Fisher v. University of Texas* (2013) and *Shelby v. Holder* (2015). He also orchestrated two pending cases at the court that could reshape the consideration of race in college admissions, *Students for Fair Admissions Inc. v. President & Fellows of Harvard College* and *Students for Fair Admissions Inc. v. University of North Carolina*.

These cases, at their core, attacked the rights revolution of the 1960s – or rights that privilege minorities. The argument?

These protections are obsolete because Jim Crow segregation, especially its overt violence and sanctioned segregation, is dead.

## New claim, old game

Nearly 30 years of Republican or divided control of Congress and, to a lesser degree, the executive office gave rise to increasingly conservative Supreme Court nominations that have not just turned the court red; they all but ensured favorable outcomes for conservative litigation.

These include the *Shelby* and *Merrill* cases and, more recently, litigation that seeks to remove racial considerations from college admissions.

In the *Shelby* case, the court held that the unprecedented number of African Americans in Alabama – and national – politics meant not merely that racism was gone, it meant that the Voting Rights Act is no longer relevant.

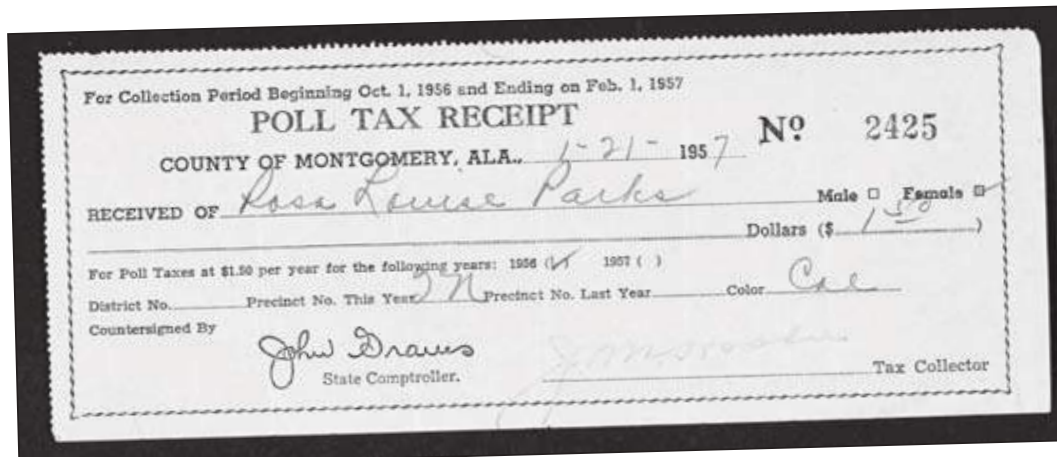
These cases, however, have all but ignored the uptick in conservatives' claims of voter fraud and political machinations at polling stations in predominantly minority voting districts.

In fact, the rise of voter fraud allegations and contested election results is a new iteration of old, and ostensibly less violent, racism.

The Voting Rights Act was not only effective; Washington was also, initially, committed to its implementation. The political will to maintain minority voting rights has struggled to keep pace with the continuity of racist trends in American politics.

The work of protecting minority voting rights remains unfinished.

*Julian Maxwell Hayter, associate professor of leadership studies, University of Richmond.*



A number of Southern states had a poll tax that was aimed at preventing by Black people, many of whom couldn't afford to pay it. This is a receipt for a \$1.50 poll tax paid in 1957 by Rosa Parks.

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## LIU Has Something To Really Cheer About

By **Andy Furman**  
Brooklyn Daily Eagle

The LIU Sharks have something to really cheer about: their cheerleaders.

The combined Sharks team – cheerleading and dance teams – won the Open Spirit Game Day division at the UCA/UDA national championships in Orlando two weeks ago – at ESPN’s Wide World of Sports.

LIU produced a final-round raw score of 184.1333, topping runner-up St. John’s (181.733) and third-place South Dakota (179.5333).

“I am so proud of this team’s growth, and to bring home LIU Spirit’s first national title in program history,” dance coach Kristen Greto said in a prepared statement.

More recent honors for the Sharks: Ashley Austin, the junior guard from Compton, Calif., scored 25 points in their win over St. Francis (Brooklyn) last week – including a half-court buzzer beater to end the first-half.

She also scored 23 against Sacred Heart last week, and was named the Northeast Conference Player of the Week. Through 20 games, Austin leads the team in scoring (11.4) and has reached double-figures 10 times.

LIU’s fencing freshman, Mo Elsayed is just two points away from the world’s No.1 junior ranking. The native from Tanta, Egypt finished first at the junior world cup in Bahrain last weekend. He also placed first in the team events at Team Egypt. This marks Elsayed’s second-consecutive gold medal, dating back to his victory at the junior world cup in Udine, Italy.

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The Second Annual New Utrecht High School Football Alumni Career Day is set for Saturday, May 13. Practice is set for 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and a meet-and-greet is on-tap from noon to 1 p.m.

Kingsboro Community College Athletics Open House is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 11 at the KCC Gym, G-101, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Campus tours, Q& A with Coaches, Swag Bags, Refreshments as well as meetings with Admissions, Counseling and Financial Aid are scheduled. More info: 718-368-4897.

KCC’s Wave freshman Tory Graham was named CUNYAC/Healthfirst Community College Men’s Basketball Rookie of the Week – he paced the Wave to a 2-1 mark and dropped 15 points in a road win at SuffolkCC. He added a double-double – 10 points and 10 rebounds in a win over Bronx CC and closed-out the week with a team-high 16 against DutchessCC.

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Aaniya Telford, was named Rookie of the Week by the Skyline Conference. The St. Joseph’s University freshman – a Fontbonne Hall Academy graduate – averaged 14 points and six assists for



Long Island University’s Downtown Brooklyn campus.

Eagle file photo by Lore Croghan

the week. Telford is the team’s first Rookie of the Week selection since Emma Kiley earned it three times during the 2019-20 season.

Against Yeshiva last week, Telford dropped 13 points to go along with a team-best seven assists and four steals. Seven of her 13 points came in the final 2:11 of the contest sealing the Bears’ 82-78 win over the Maccabees.

She scored 15 with a team-high five assists in the win over the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

Rookie guard Jonathan Reno poured in a career-high 30 points leading St. Joseph’s to a 77-75 victory over Purchase College, last week.

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Victor Naci was named 2022 NCAA Statistical Champion in points-per-game and goals-per-game. The St. Joseph’s University freshman from Bordeaux, France had a single-season program-best 22 goals. He averaged 1.44 goals-per-match and totaled a Division III-leading 3.06 points-per-contest, the only player from the Skyline Conference to crack the top 40 in that category.

Along with his statistical championships – the first such championships earned by a men’s soccer player in program history – Naci was named Skyline Offensive Player of the Year and Third-Team All-Region by United Soccer Coaches – both firsts in program history.

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Medgar-Evers freshman Richar Frias was tabbed CUNYAC Rookie of the week for his efforts against Brooklyn College and CCNY. In the Cougars’ 65-56 win at Brooklyn last week, he finished with nine points and 12 rebounds; in a home defeat against CCNY he collected five rebounds and scored seven points. Senior Dimiri Weeks was the big-gun for the Cougars in their win over Brooklyn scoring a game-high 17 points.

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Xaverian’s varsity Clippers downed Bishop Loughlin, 74-65 Friday night. Nasir Muhammad – the CHSAA leading scorer – paced the Clippers with 25, while Don Colon-Lewis followed with 20 and a team-high 11 rebounds.

Behind the strength of 13 individual winners, the Iona College Men’s and Women’s Swimming and Diving Team closed out their regular season with a pair of wins over MAAC rival Manhattan College.

Brooklyn’s Molly Finn, a sophomore from Xaverian, touched first in the 100-backstroke (1:02.11); Brian Baldwin, a Brooklyn sophomore via Xavier, won the 100-butterfly (52.98).

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Good day for Grant – as Pratt sophomore Kylie Grant scored 26 points in a double-double effort – the ninth of the season – as the Lady Cannoners dropped a 107-34 decision last week to Christopher University (No. 1/No. 3).

Brooklyn College outside hitter, Armand Kaloshi, was named Men’s Volleyball Rookie of the Week. He becomes the second Bulldog to earn the honor this season.

Totalling 15 kills in nine sets played in the week, Kaloshi put-away six kills on 10 attacks, came up with six digs and served up a pair of aces in Brooklyn’s win over Union College, Saturday.

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Jeannie Wallner was named New England Women’s Hockey Alliance Player of the Week; Paula Bergstrom was named NEWHA Defensive Player of the Week and Tindra Holm was named NEWHA Defensive Player of the Week for the LIU Sharks. Wallner, a sophomore, produced a combined five points in two wins over Saint Michael’s last weekend. She won 26 of 29 faceoffs.

Bergstrom, a junior from Ornskoldsvik, Sweden helped limit Saint Michael’s to just one goal in the two-game series. She also contributed a goal and three assists.

Holm, a sophomore from Skelleftea, Sweden, had a shutout last Friday and turned away 20 of 21 shots on Saturday as the Sharks won, 6-0 and 8-1.

First-place LIU returns to action this weekend with games tonight (Friday) and Saturday at Stonehill College.

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LIU gymnast Mara Titarsolej earned EAGL Specialist of the Week honors after a quad meet hosted by Temple University. The junior from Zutphen, The Netherlands, won her third title of the season on the uneven bars with a season-high score of 9.95. She is now the top uneven bars student-athlete in the EAGL and ranks seventh nationally in the event. LIU finished second in the Temple quad meet with a score of 192.875. The Sharks won the floor rotation as a team with a 48.75 and tied Temple on uneven bars as top team. Sophomore Ilka Juk scored a career-high on uneven bars with a 9.85. She matched that score with her balance beam routine.

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LIU will add a women’s Acrobatics and Tumbling program to the University’s athletics department, with recruitment for 2023 underway and competition beginning spring, 2024.

Long Island University is the eighth program to sponsor Acrobatics and Tumbling at the NCAA Division I level.

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Ashley Austin dribbles past a Columbia defender, Dec. 14, 2022.

Photo courtesy of LIU Athletics



Ashley Austin, Nov. 2022.

Photo courtesy of LIU Athletics





# Our World In Pictures



**TURKEY – Damaged mosque:** People walked next to a mosque destroyed by an earthquake in Malatya, Monday.

Photo: DIA Images via AP



**CAMBODIA – Fishing:** A fisherman cast his net into a lake on the outskirts of Phnom Penh, Monday.

Photo: Heng Sinith/AP



**SYRIA – Search in rubble:** Civil defense workers and residents searched through the rubble of collapsed buildings in the town of Harem near the Turkish border, Idlib, Monday.

Photo: Ghaith Alsayed/AP



**SWITZERLAND – Lunar view:** The full moon set behind the mountains including the twin peaks of Les Jumelles in the Chablis Valaisan near Aigle, Monday.

Photo: Anthony Anex/Keystone via AP



# Charles Kimbrough, Who Played Anchor In 'Murphy Brown' Passes Away At 86

Associated Press

Charles Kimbrough, a Tony- and Emmy-nominated actor who played a straight-laced news anchor opposite Candice Bergen on "Murphy Brown," died Jan. 11 in Culver City, California. He was 86.

Kimbrough played newsman Jim Dial across the 10 seasons of CBS hit sitcom "Murphy Brown" between 1988 and 1998, earning an Emmy nomination in 1990 for outstanding supporting actor in a comedy series. He reprised the role for three episodes in the 2018 reboot.

The New York Times first reported his death and his son and agents confirmed it Sunday to The Associated Press.

"Whether on stage or in front of the camera he was a joy to behold," said SMS Talent, Inc., the talent agency that represented Kimbrough.

The agency said the actor died of natural causes in a hospital.

Kimbrough's wife, actor Beth Howland who played diner server Vera on the 1970s and '80s CBS sitcom "Alice," died in 2016. They married in 2002, more than a decade after his 1991 divorce from his first wife, Mary Jane (Wilson) Kimbrough, who died in 2007.



Charles Kimbrough, right, poses with Candice Bergen, a fellow cast member of the "Murphy Brown" TV series, as they are reunited for a segment of the NBC "Today" program in New York, on Feb. 27, 2008. Photo: Richard Drew/AP

SMS Talent said Kimbrough is survived by a sister, Linda Kimbrough, a son, John Kimbrough, a stepdaughter, Holly Howland, and a granddaughter, Cody.

Born May 23, 1936, Kimbrough spent years in the New York theater scene. He was nominated for a Tony in 1971 for his Broad-



The original Broadway cast of "Sunday in the Park with George," Mandy Patinkin, Charles Kimbrough, top left, and Bernadette Peters, bottom right, join director James Lapine and composer-lyricist Stephen Sondheim, top right, at the Lyceum Theater in New York, Saturday, May 14, 1994. Photo: Mark Lennihan/AP

way performance in the Stephen Sondheim musical "Company."

Kimbrough also lent his voice to a gargoyle named Victor in Disney's animated film "The Hunchback of Notre Dame."

# For Super Bowl Ads This Year, Crypto Is Out, Booze Is In

By Mae Anderson  
Associated Press

The hottest ticket in town for advertisers is officially sold out. Fox said Monday that in-game ads for Super Bowl LVII have all been sold.

The big game between the Kansas City Chiefs and the Philadelphia Eagles takes place on Sunday.

The Super Bowl is advertising's biggest stage, with advertisers jockeying to get their products in front of the more than 100 million people that watch each year. Mark Evans, executive vice president of ad sales for Fox Sports, said a few ads went for more than \$7 million for a 30-second spot. Most

sold between \$6 million and \$7 million.

Anheuser-Busch remains the biggest advertiser with three minutes of national airtime. The beverage giant gave up its deal to be the exclusive alcohol advertiser this year, so Heineken, Diageo, Remy Martin and Molson Coors are also in the game. Other big categories advertising include packaged food like Doritos and M&Ms, movie studios and streaming services, automakers and tech companies, Evans said. Out this year: crypto companies.

Last year's Super Bowl was dubbed the "Crypto Bowl" because four cryptocurrency companies — FTX,



With the Kansas City Chiefs headed to the Super Bowl, downtown is lit red, including Union Station, in the foreground, on Sunday, Feb. 5, 2023, in Kansas City, Mo. Photo: Reed Hoffman/AP



Terry Bradshaw, left, stands on stage with Philadelphia Eagles players from left, Jalen Hurts, Fletcher Cox and A.J. Brown after the NFC Championship NFL football game between the Philadelphia Eagles and the San Francisco 49ers on Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023, in Philadelphia. Fox says it has sold out all of its Super Bowl 57 ad space as of the end of January. Photo: Seth Wenig/AP

Coinbase, Crypto.com and eToro — ran splashy commercials. It was part of a larger effort by crypto companies to break into the mainstream with sports sponsorships. But in November, FTX filed for bankruptcy and its founder was charged in a scheme to defraud investors.

This year, two crypto advertisers had commercials "booked and done" and two others were "on the one-yard line," Evans said. But once FTX news broke, those deals weren't completed.

Now, "There's zero representation in that category on the day at all," he said.

Evans said most Super Bowl ads sold much earlier than usual, with more than 90% of its Super Bowl ad inventory gone by the end of the summer, as established advertisers jockeyed for prime positions. But the remaining spots sold slower. Partly that was due to the implosion of the crypto space, as well as general advertiser concerns



Philadelphia Eagles center Jason Kelce arrives ahead of the NFL football Super Bowl 57, Sunday, Feb. 5, 2023, in Phoenix. Photo: David J. Phillip/AP

about the global economy, Evans said.

Last year, NBC sold out of its ad space briskly and said an

undisclosed number of 30-second spots went for \$7 million, a jump from the \$6.5 million that 2021's ads went for.



# Lawsuit on behalf of NYC students with disabilities who lost services during the pandemic goes ahead

By Alex Zimmerman  
Chalkbeat New York

A class action lawsuit seeking to force New York City to expedite makeup services to students with disabilities has been revived by an appeals court, according to a ruling released Friday.

The ruling reverses a lower court's decision last year to dismiss the case.

The lawsuit, filed in November 2020 by Advocates for Children, claims thousands of city students missed out on crucial services as the city struggled to distribute remote learning devices and provide adequate instruction after officials shut down school buildings during the pandemic. Other services, such as physical therapy, were extremely difficult to deliver remotely.

Students with disabilities are entitled to compensatory services if their school doesn't provide the therapies or specialized instruction listed on their individualized education program, or IEP. If schools don't agree to provide extra services, families can file what's known as a due process complaint and go through an administrative legal process.

But in New York City, that system has experienced an explosion of due process complaints and faces a backlog of thousands of cases. In previous years, cases have dragged on for hundreds of days, beyond the 75-day legal limit. (City and state officials did not offer updated figures on how long cases are taking to resolve, though they recently sought a contract to hire outside lawyers to respond to cases.)

Advocates for Children's lawsuit argues that the city must create a streamlined process for adjudicating families' requests for makeup services, as the current process has broken down and would be too burdensome and time consuming for families to navigate.

A federal district judge rejected that argument last March, noting that none of the families who



New York City Department of Education headquarters in Lower Manhattan. City officials are facing a class action lawsuit over disrupted services for students with disabilities during the pandemic. David Handschuh for Chalkbeat

brought the lawsuit had attempted to use the existing process. The judge, Andrew L. Carter Jr., ruled that families needed to exhaust the existing

process before bringing a federal lawsuit. But on Friday, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit overturned that decision, sending the case back to the lower court.

"We're very pleased with the ruling and think it is the right decision," said Rebecca Shore, the litigation director for Advocates for Children. "We hope that the DOE will create a system without engaging in prolonged litigation because students with disabilities in New York City have been without these compensatory services since 2020."

The city's education department has made some significant efforts to provide students with disabilities additional services to make up for pandemic disruptions outside of the impartial hearing process. The department offered after-school and Saturday sessions to any family who wanted them. However, the rollout was bumpy — yellow bus transportation was not provided, and most families did not participate.

This school year, officials scaled back those programs and directed school staff to make individual decisions in consultation with families about whether students need extra services during their annual IEP meetings. City officials have argued that students should be automatically considered for extra services at those meetings, circumventing the need for a separate process for awarding compensatory services.

Shore countered that the process has not worked to effectively deliver services and that schools often don't raise the possibility of extra support during IEP meetings.

The appeals court did not directly weigh in on whether the city's current system of discussing compensatory services at IEP meetings was sufficient or implemented as city officials described, noting that both sides of the case could present evidence to the lower court.

Still, despite the immediate victory for families of students with disabilities who want additional services for their children, it's unclear how quickly the case will be resolved — a point one of the appeals court judges dwelled on during oral argument in November.

"This is one of the most frustrating areas to be a judge in," he said, "these are services that these kids need now, not two years from now. It would be a pyrrhic victory for the appellants to win five years from now because many of their clients would be 23."

A spokesperson for the city's education department said officials are reviewing the decision. The state education department, which is also a defendant in the lawsuit, did not return a request for comment.

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# MTA brings new open gangway trains to Coney Island for sneak peek

By Emily Swanson  
and Hiram Alejandro Durán  
THE CITY

Death-defying walks between the subway cars could become a thing of the past.

The MTA on Friday announced that a new fleet of 1,175 cars — including 24 “open gangway” cars — are scheduled to start carrying passengers in the last quarter of this year, according to MTA Chair and CEO Janno Lieber. The new cars will run on the A and C lines and on the Staten Island Railway.

Officially called the R211, the open gangway subways are designed to let riders move freely between cars, which has its pros and cons. They are part of a major nationwide investment in transportation upgrades that includes \$2.8 billion for the MTA’s new cars, said Steve Goodman, regional administrator of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

“New Yorkers always want and deserve train cars that haven’t lived through eight presidents like our beloved R46,” said Lieber, referring to cars with orange bucket seats found on the A, C, N, Q and W lines, which first went into service in the mid-1970s.

## New Look and Feel

Rich Davey, president of New York City Transit, noted that the new trains will feature wider doors for faster loading, improved ADA accessibility, enhanced lighting, and security cameras.

According to Lieber, riders will likely spend less time waiting at stations since the new cars will operate on a digital signaling system that “allows us to run more trains safely and closer together.”

Lieber said the 24 open gangway cars have “soft accordion walls that allow the entire train set to be connected,” which should help decrease overcrowding in any one car.

Although the new cars are set to start service later this year, Lieber explained that the MTA is still waiting on Kawasaki to deliver the last of the shipment following supply chain issues that have slowed the timeline, as THE CITY reported in 2020.

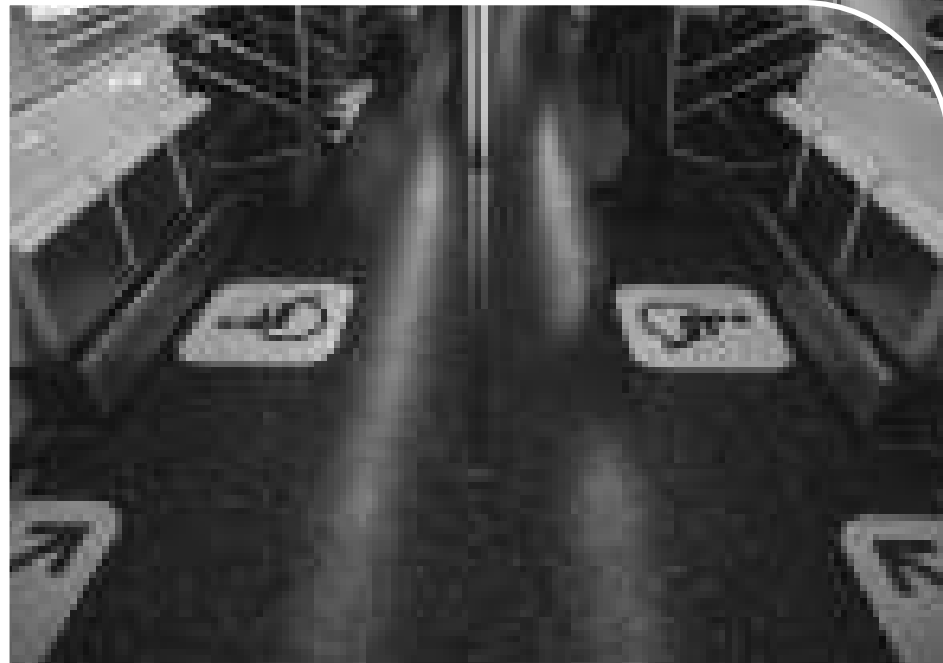
Others agree with Lieber that the upgrade is long overdue. As Goodman of the FTA put it: “I have to say that these cars will be replacing some of the cars that I actually used to ride as a child back in the mid-70s.”

Davey added, “Yeah, it’s shiny and it’s new, but it’s all about delivering better service.”

## Pros and Cons

Queens resident Ryan Fan, 40, a corporate bank employee, was in favor of the upgrade. “The New York subway is too old. Sometimes I see people go between the cars and it’s dangerous, so I think it’s good.”

But some residents were skeptical about safe-



In the new R211 articulated subways, you can easily see and walk from one car to the next, Feb. 3, 2023.

Hiram Alejandro Durán/THE CITY

ty on open gangway cars. Dawn Haywood, 54, a government employee from Brooklyn, worried that they could become “more of a breeding ground for criminal activity.”

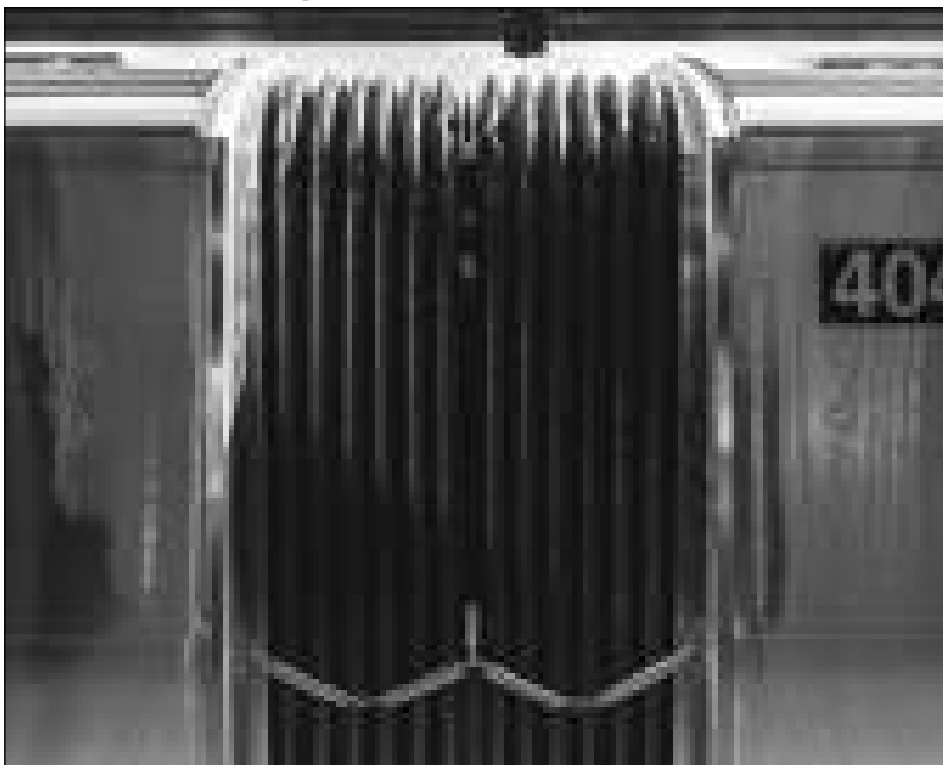
Subway rider Magdalia Martinez echoed that. “There’s a lot of weird stuff happening on the train,” said Martinez, a 31-year-old administrative assistant from Brooklyn. “There’s more police on the train nowadays, so I guess it’ll be safer.”

Still, she worried about having nowhere to flee — especially when a car is commandeered by subway gymnasts. “How am I supposed to run away from ‘Showtime!’”

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The new subway cars have more room for wheelchairs.

Hiram Alejandro Durán/THE CITY



In the new articulated subways, the “open gangway” is a covered connection between cars.

Hiram Alejandro Durán/THE CITY



The new trains allow passengers to pass between cars, but you will not reach a cafe car.

Hiram Alejandro Durán/THE CITY



# Review: Detective Work In Bio Leads To Real Mickey Spillane

By Dougless K. Daniel  
Associated Press

In fiction an “unreliable narrator” can’t be trusted as he or she spins the story at hand. In real life the term “fabulist” is used by those seeking a softer word than “liar.”

Friends of the popular crime writer Mickey Spillane noted that Spillane could pile the tall tales pretty high when talking about his own life, a character trait they acknowledged with fondness.

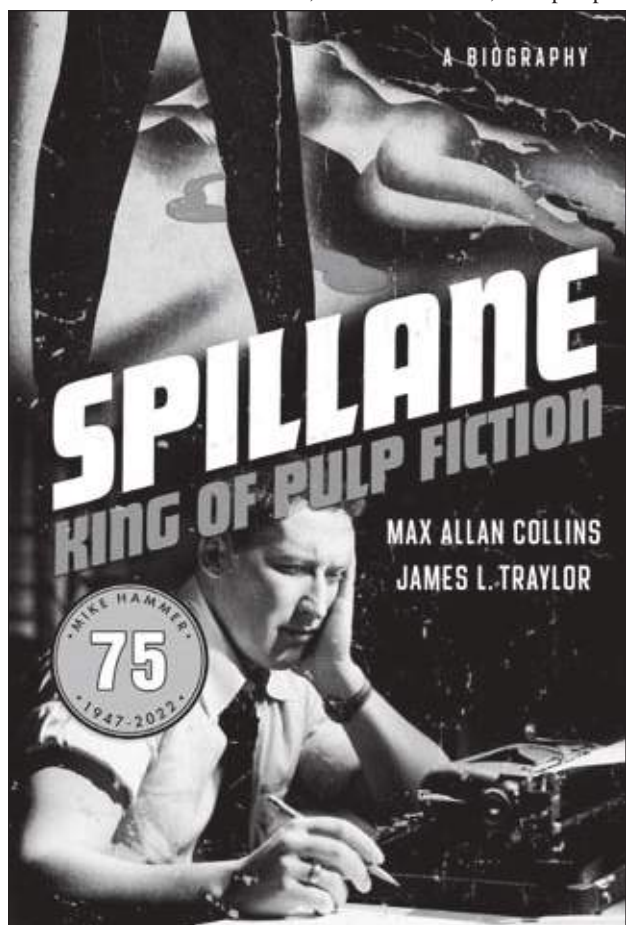
The authors of the biography “Spillane: King of Pulp Fiction” wisely dug deep into available records, not an easy task, to tease out fact over fancy. And they didn’t get too caught up in judging their subject for what’s true and what’s not — after all, Spillane was writing fiction for a living, not running for Congress.

Spillane (1918-2006) was born in Brooklyn, New York, and raised in Elizabeth, New Jersey, his father a sometime bartender who worked other jobs here and there and his mother a homemaker. Football and swimming were for fun, but writing combined young Mick’s interests in making money and storytelling. Comic books were his initial outlet, and after service as a flying instructor during World War II he turned to writing novels.

He invented private eye Mike Hammer, one of crime fiction’s icons, with the book “I, the Jury” (1947). That tale of revenge and those that followed were eaten up by the general public — mainly readers less interested in literature than a pulse-pounding narrative with what passed in the postwar era for startling violence and sex.

Spillane was so successful, selling title after title in the millions, that his own name became iconic in the world of pulp fiction. Along the way he fashioned a brash and brassy public persona that didn’t take itself too seriously. For years he parodied his own writing and himself in a smile-inducing series of Miller Lite commercials.

Away from the typewriter Spillane could come across as a bundle of energy seeking a focus. After his sixth Hammer book, “Kiss Me Deadly,” appeared in 1952, he didn’t write another for a decade. During that time he mainly pursued film and television projects while blissfully raising a family in rural New York. (He became a Jehovah’s Witness, publicizing his new piousness while ignoring church rules when it suited him.) He burst back into bookstores in 1962 with a new Hammer novel, “The Girl Hunters,” and pumped



This cover image released by Mysterious Press shows “Spillane: King of Pulp Fiction” by Max Allan Collins and James L. Traylor. Photo: Mysterious Press via AP

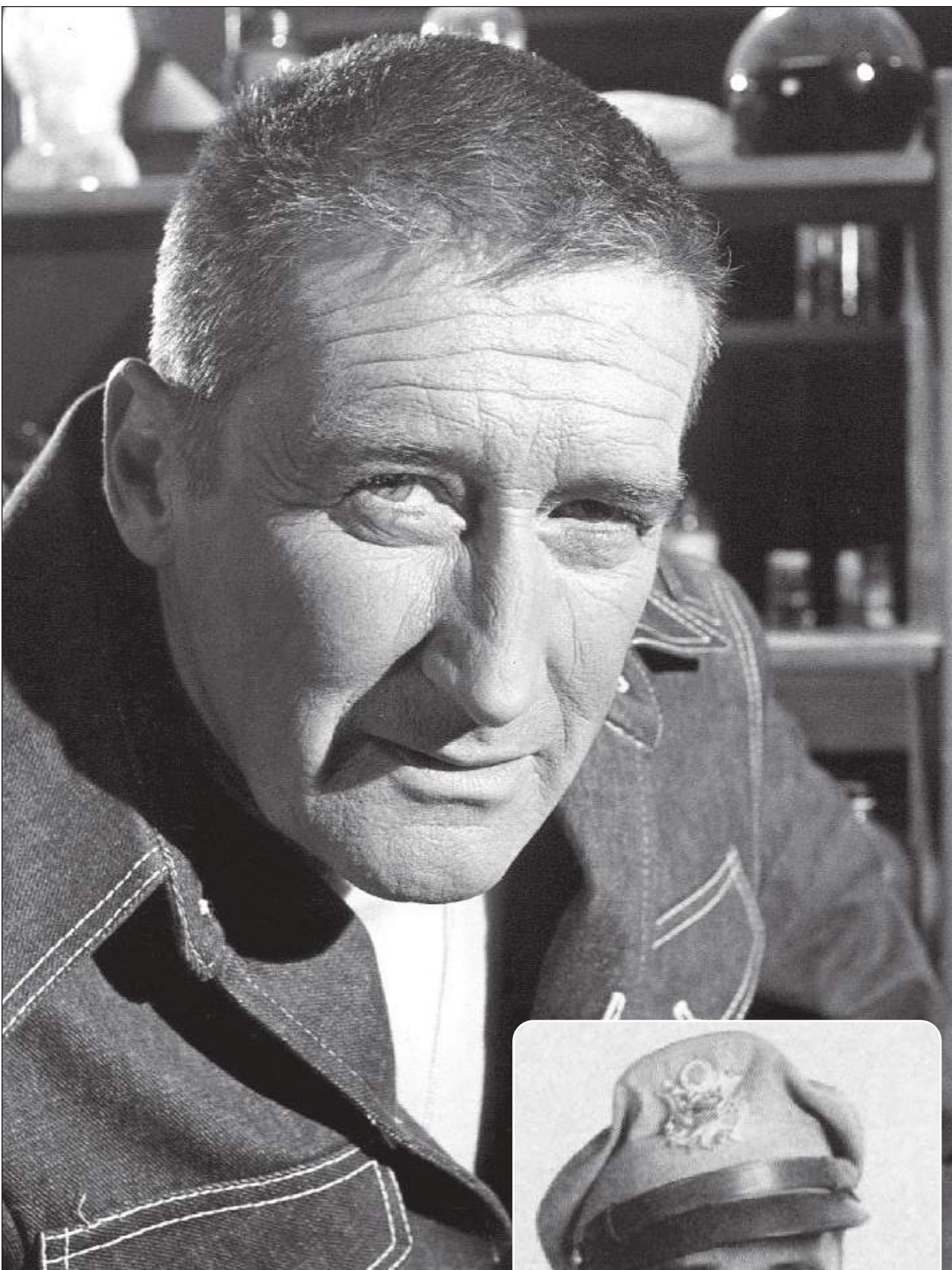


Photo of author Mickey Spillane, who was a guest star on an episode of the television program Columbo. Spillane’s legal name is Frank Morrison Spillane.

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out five more as well as other novels and short stories until his death.

Not only does “Spillane: King of Pulp Fiction” try to separate fact from fiction, it argues that Spillane was a stylist — “a master of mood, tone and plot” — rather than a colorful hack and that his writing is worthy of study.

It’s fair to question whether crime writer Max Allan Collins is the best choice to tackle a biography of Spillane. The two were close friends — Spillane was godfather to a Collins child — and Collins co-wrote or finished several of Spillane’s manuscripts. That gives his praise of Spillane as an artist a different ring when one considers he’s in business with a close friend. Still, Collins and co-writer James L. Traylor make a sturdy case for Spillane’s value beyond mere commercial appeal.

Like Dashiell Hammett’s Sam Spade and Raymond Chandler’s Philip Marlowe, Spillane’s Mike Hammer has been eclipsed by more contemporary fictional characters who speak to today’s readers. It’s somewhat fitting that they stand in the shadows, ready to be discovered again.



Photo Lieutenant Frank Spillane while serving as an Instructor Pilot at Greenwood Army Air Field, Mississippi, in 1943.

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# Funeral home finds woman breathing hours after declared dead



A woman was pronounced dead at Water's Edge Rehab and Nursing Center at Port Jefferson only to be found breathing at a funeral home hours later. Photo via Google Maps

## By The Associated Press

An 82-year-old woman was pronounced dead at a New York nursing home but found to be breathing three hours later at the funeral home where she had been taken, authorities said.

The woman was pronounced dead at Water's Edge Rehab and Nursing Center at Port Jefferson on Long Island at 11:15 a.m. Saturday, Suffolk County police said.

The woman, whose name was not released, was taken to the O.B. Davis Funeral Homes in Miller Place at 1:30 p.m., police said in a news release.

She was discovered breathing at 2:09 p.m., they said.

The woman was taken to a hospital. No update on her condition was available Monday.

The case has been referred to the state attorney general's office for investigation, police said.

The state health department is investigating, as well, spokesperson Monica Pomeroy said, adding that she could not elaborate.

An email seeking comment was sent to the nursing home. A person who answered the phone there Monday hung up.

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TIFF, VS. BERNADETTE TERRELL, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S). PURSUANT TO AN ORDER CONFIRMING REFEREE REPORT AND JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE DULY ENTERED ON NOVEMBER 28, 2022, I, THE UNDERSIGNED REFEREE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON THE OUTSIDE STEPS OF THE QUEENS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 88-11 SUTPHIN BOULEVARD, JAMAICA, NY 11435 ON MARCH 3, 2023 AT 11:45 A.M., PREMISES KNOWN AS 2324 BEACH CHANNEL DRIVE QUEENS, NY 11691 A/K/A 23-24 BEACH CHANNEL DRIVE, FAR ROCKAWAY, NY 11691. ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY OF QUEENS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK, BLOCK 15714 AND LOT 5. APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF JUDGMENT IS \$257,309.15 PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS. PREMISES WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF FILED JUDGMENT INDEX # 702359/2018. THE REFEREE SHALL COMPLY WITH THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT'S COVID-19 POLICIES CONCERNING PUBLIC AUCTIONS OF FORECLOSED PROPERTIES. THESE POLICIES, ALONG WITH THE QUEENS COUNTY FORECLOSURE AUCTION RULES, CAN BE FOUND ON THE QUEENS SUPREME COURT - CIVIL TERM WEBSITE. JOSEPH F. DEFELICE, ESQ., REFEREE FRIEDMAN VARTOLO LLP, 85 BROAD STREET, SUITE 501, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10004, ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF. FILE NO. 200944-3

## NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS, WILMINGTON TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF MFRA TRUST 2014-2, PLAINTIFF, VS. MARIE JEUDI A/K/A MARIE A. JEUDI A/K/A MARIE ANGE JEUDI, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S). PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE DULY ENTERED ON JANUARY 8, 2020 AND AN ORDER APPOINTING SUCCESSOR REFEREE AND AMEND CASE CAPTION DULY ENTERED ON DECEMBER 16, 2022, I, THE UNDERSIGNED REFEREE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON THE OUTSIDE STEPS OF THE

QUEENS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 88-11 SUTPHIN BOULEVARD, JAMAICA, NY 11435 ON FEBRUARY 17, 2023 AT 11:45 A.M., PREMISES KNOWN AS 322 BEACH 48TH STREET, FAR ROCKAWAY, NY 11691. ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY OF QUEENS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK, BLOCK 15839 AND LOT 6 F/K/A LOT 7. APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF JUDGMENT IS \$418,344.57 PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS. PREMISES WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF FILED JUDGMENT INDEX #703948/2016. THE REFEREE SHALL COMPLY WITH THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT'S COVID-19 POLICIES CONCERNING PUBLIC AUCTIONS OF FORECLOSED PROPERTIES. THESE POLICIES, ALONG WITH THE QUEENS COUNTY FORECLOSURE AUCTION RULES, CAN BE FOUND ON THE QUEENS SUPREME COURT - CIVIL TERM WEBSITE. YVETTE DUDLEY, ESQ., REFEREE FRIEDMAN VARTOLO LLP, 85 BROAD STREET, SUITE 501, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10004, ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF. FIRM FILE NO. 170564-1

## NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS CHRISTIANA TRUST, A DIVISION OF WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR ARLP TRUST 4, PLAINTIFF, V. RAKIB H. CHOWDHURY, THE M.W. GROUP LLC, ET AL. DEFENDANT. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT IN PURSUANCE OF A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE ENTERED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF QUEENS COUNTY ON DECEMBER 04, 2019, I, CAROLYN S. CLYNE, ESQ. THE REFEREE NAMED IN SAID JUDGMENT, WILL SELL IN ONE PARCEL AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON MARCH 17, 2023 AT THE STEPS OUTSIDE OF THE QUEENS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 88-11 SUTPHIN BOULEVARD, QUEENS, NY, COUNTY OF QUEENS, STATE OF NEW YORK, AT 12:15 PM THE PREMISES DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: 1445 29TH AVENUE QUEENS, NY 11102 SBL NO:

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## SUMMONS

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF GREENVILLE IN THE MATTER OF: KOREY ANDRE MOULTON ALLEGED INCAPACITATED INDIVIDUAL CASE NUMBER 2022-GC-23-00125 IN THE PROBATE COURT SOPHIA SIMONE LOPEZ PETITIONER(S), VS. KELVIN MOULTON, SABRINA BROWN, KOREY ANDRE MOULTON RESPONDENT(S). TO THE RESPONDENT(S) LISTED ABOVE: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED TO ANSWER THE PETITION IN THIS ACTION, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREWITH SERVED UPON YOU, AND TO SERVE A COPY OF YOUR ANSWER UPON THE PETITIONER(S) LISTED ABOVE AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS(ES): BOBBY H. MANN, JR. 819 EAST NORTH STREET GREENVILLE, SC 29601 YOUR ANSWER MUST BE SERVED ON THE PETITIONER AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE SERVICE OF THIS SUMMONS AND PETITION UPON YOU, EXCLUSIVE OF THE DAY OF SUCH SERVICE; AND IF YOU FAIL TO ANSWER THE PETITION WITHIN THAT TIME, JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE RENDERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE PETITION. S/ BOBBY H. MANN, JR. SIGNATURE OF PETITIONER(S)/ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER(S)

# 2ND DEPARTMENT / New Business Formations

## BND STEEL DETAILING LLC

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FRESH MEADOWS WAX LLC FILED ARTS. OF ORG. WITH THE SECT'Y OF STATE OF NY (SSNY) ON 12/22/2022. OFFICE: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED AND SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO: BETHANY SMILOVITCH, 8510 5TH AVE., BROOKLYN, NY, 11209. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL ACT.

## PRINCESS ADAKWE ENTERPRISE LLC

PRINCESS ADAKWE ENTERPRISE LLC ARTICLES OF ORG. FILED NY SEC. OF STATE (SSNY) 9/30/22. OFFICE IN QUEENS CO. SSNY DESIGN. AGENT OF LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL COPY OF PROCESS TO THE LLC 12342 IRWIN PL JAMAICA NY 11434. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL ACTIVITY.

## HM4 LLC

HM4 LLC FILED ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 01/11/2023. OFFICE: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL COPY OF PROCESS TO THE LLC TO 20502 26 AVE, BAYSIDE, NY 11360. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

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1781 OCEAN LLC. ART OF ORG. FILED WITH THE SSNY ON 12/16/2022. OFFICE: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL COPY OF PROCESS TO THE LLC, LEGALCORP SOLUTIONS 1060 BROADWAY SUITE 100 ALBANY, NY 12204 PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

## PLATFORM DEVELOPMENT LLC.

NOTICE OF FORMATION (LLC). NAME: PLATFORM DEVELOPMENT LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH NY DEPT. OF STATE ON 05/21/2015. OFFICE LOCATION: QUEENS COUNTY. NY DOS SHALL MAIL COPY OF PROCESS TO: PLATFORM DEVELOPMENT LLC, 36-09 MAIN STREET, SUITE 6A, FLUSHING, NY 11354. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL ACTIVITY

## NDM YUSUPOVA LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION (LLC). NAME: NDM YUSUPOVA LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH NY DEPT. OF STATE ON 11/18/2022. OFFICE LOCATION: QUEENS COUNTY. NY DOS SHALL MAIL COPY OF PROCESS TO: NINA YUSUPOVA, 107-06 QUEENS BLVD., UNIT 7F, FOREST HILLS, NY 11375. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL ACTIVITY

## 2285 NE 121 STREET LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION (LLC). NAME: 2285 NE 121 STREET LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH NY DEPT. OF STATE ON 10/03/2022. OFFICE LOCATION: QUEENS COUNTY. NY DOS SHALL MAIL COPY OF PROCESS TO: XIUYING LIU, 38 E BROADWAY, #9, NEW YORK, NY 10002. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL ACTIVITY

## CLINTON HILL LOFTS I, LLC

CLINTON HILL LOFTS I, LLC. ARTS. OF ORG. FILED WITH THE SSNY ON 07/31/01. LATEST DATE TO DISSOLVE: 12/31/2090. OFFICE: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL COPY OF PROCESS TO THE LLC, C/O ALMA REALTY, 31-10 37TH AVENUE, LONG ISLAND CITY, NY 11101. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

## DGK RIVERDALE LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION: DGK RIVERDALE LLC. ART. OF ORG. FILED WITH THE SSNY ON 01/26/2023. EFFECTIVE DATE 01/26/2023 OFFICE: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL COPY OF PROCESS TO GLENN KARMI, 26910 GRAND CENTRAL PKWY APT 20K, FLORAL PARK, NY 11005 PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE

## GG TROMBI LLC

GG TROMBI LLC. ARTS. OF ORG. FILED WITH THE SSNY ON 01/09/23. OFFICE: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL COPY OF PROCESS TO THE LLC, 1483 212TH STREET, BAYSIDE, NY 11360. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

## INDEED 168 LLC

INDEED 168 LLC. FILED 11/4/22. CITY: QUEENS. SSNY DESIG. FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL 14520 24TH AVE, WHITESTONE, NY 11357. PURP: ANY LAWFUL.

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## Our World In Pictures

A Eurasian eagle-owl named Flaco sits in a tree in Central Park in New York, Monday, Feb. 6, 2023. The owl, who resided at the Central Park Zoo, flew the coop after someone vandalized its exhibit by cutting through stainless steel mesh. Zoo officials say Flaco was discovered missing at 8:30 p.m. Thursday and remained on the loose Monday.

AP Photo/Seth Wenig



A crowd of people gather to look at a Eurasian eagle-owl named Flaco in Central Park in New York, Monday, Feb. 6, 2023.

AP Photo/Seth Wenig

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### 108 CASPER STREET LLC

108 CASPER STREET LLC. FILED 11/28/22. CTY: QUEENS. SSNY DESIG. FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL 243-36 72ND AVE, LITTLE NECK, NY 11362. PURP: ANY LAWFUL.

#203694

### HER MOVE WELLNESS LLC

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#203695

### INVENTOR RESCUE LLC

INVENTOR RESCUE LLC FILED ARTS. OF ORG. WITH THE SECT'Y OF STATE OF NY (SSNY) ON 1/4/2023. OFFICE: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED AND SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO: CHRISTOPHER LANDANO, INVENTOR RESCUE LLC, C/O NY DESIGNS, 29-10 THOMSON AVE, 7TH FL., LONG ISLAND CITY, NY, 11101. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL ACT.

#203909

### 19 LEXINGTON AVE LLC

19 LEXINGTON AVE LLC ARTS. OF ORG. FILED WITH SSNY ON 1/31/2023. OFF. LOC.: QUEENS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGT. UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO: THE LLC, 5027 FRANCIS LEWIS BLVD, BAYSIDE, NY 11364. GENERAL PURPOSES.

#203910

### 11354 NORTHERN TOWER FUND II LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: NORTHERN TOWER FUND II LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 9/27/2022. NY OFFICE LOCATION: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. THE POST OFFICE ADDRESS TO WHICH THE SSNY SHALL MAIL A COPY OF ANY PROCESS AGAINST THE LLC SERVED UPON HIM/HER IS THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY 35-06 LEAVITT STREET, STE CF-

A, FLUSHING, NY, 11354. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

#203497

### 11361 SUSHIO VERNON BLVD LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: SUSHIO VERNON BLVD LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 1/6/2023. NY OFFICE LOCATION: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. THE POST OFFICE ADDRESS TO WHICH THE SSNY SHALL MAIL A COPY OF ANY PROCESS AGAINST THE LLC SERVED UPON HIM/HER IS SIN FANG FANNY HSU 4305 215TH PLACE, BAYSIDE, NY, 11361. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

#203696

### 11412 CSL ELECTRIC, LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME:

CSL ELECTRIC, LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 12/14/2022. NY OFFICE LOCATION: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. THE POST OFFICE ADDRESS TO WHICH THE SSNY SHALL MAIL A COPY OF ANY PROCESS AGAINST THE LLC SERVED UPON HIM/HER IS CSL ELECTRIC, LLC 187-27 LINDEN BLVD, SAINT ALBANS, NY, 11412. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

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### 11415 THE HAUTE HIVE LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: THE HAUTE HIVE LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 12/10/2022. NY OFFICE LOCATION: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. THE POST OFFICE ADDRESS TO WHICH THE SSNY SHALL

MAIL A COPY OF ANY PROCESS AGAINST THE LLC SERVED UPON HIM/HER IS THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY 11860 METROPOLITAN AVE APT 5B, KEW GARDENS, NY, 11415. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

#203886

### 11427 22GRAFFICS LLC

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#203537

### 11691 SHEKEY UNLIMITED LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: SHEKEY UNLIMITED LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 11/8/2022. NY OFFICE LOCATION: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. THE POST OFFICE ADDRESS TO WHICH THE SSNY SHALL MAIL A COPY OF ANY PROCESS AGAINST THE LLC SERVED UPON HIM/HER IS KEYSHA WEST 332 BEACH 40TH ST, FAR ROCKAWAY, NY, 11691. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

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# St. John's University to celebrate "Johnnies Day" this weekend

By Ryan Schwach  
Queens Daily Eagle

This Saturday, Feb. 11, marks "Johnnies Day", honoring the history and spirit of Queens' largest educational institution.

As the St. John's Red Storm Men's Basketball team takes on Providence College at Madison Square Garden, students and fans of the college will show their school spirit.

"Johnnies Day", recently recognized as an official holiday by both Mayor Eric Adams and Queens Borough President Donovan Richards, will celebrate the university's 153-year history in New York City.

"A St. John's education elevates all aspects of our students and graduates — and Johnnies Day is a celebration of the power and promise of that commitment," said Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P., president of St. John's.

On Saturday, as the Red Storm tip off at noon against the Friars, there will be a pep rally in the Penn Station Rotunda to greet fans attending the game. The Z100 Party Patrol will give out Z100 and St. John's giveaways, St. John's T-shirts, rally towels, and treats will be available starting at 10 a.m. until the noon tip-off.

Across New York City and beyond, fans are encouraged to enter the social media contest by posting a picture showing their St. John's pride using #SJUElevates and #JohnniesDay and tagging @stjohnsu for a chance to win a \$1,000 Visa gift card.

Later that afternoon at 4 p.m. at the Queens campus, "Johnnies Day" continues when the Women's Basketball team face off against DePaul University in Carnesecca Arena.



St. John's students and fans will celebrate their school spirit and basketball program this weekend.

Photo from St. John's University.

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## Bids Accepted

A nonprofit in Northeast Queens is seeking sealed bids for the sales and installation of a security perimeter fence. Selecting criteria will be based on knowledge of security installations, adherence to work schedule, prior experience and references. Specifications and bid requirements can be obtained by contacting baysidenyproject@gmail.com.

All interested firms will be required to sign proposal documents and provide primary contact, telephone number, fax number and e-mail address.

Bids will be accepted until Feb 15, 2023 and work must be completed no later than September 15, 2023

## Bids Accepted

A nonprofit in Northeast Queens is seeking sealed bids for companies providing armed security guards. Selecting criteria will be based on knowledge of surveillance and security, adherence to work schedule, prior experience and references. Specifications and bid requirements can be obtained by contacting baysidenyproject@gmail.com.

All interested firms are required to sign proposal documents and provide primary contact, telephone number, fax number and e-mail address.

Bids will be accepted until February 15, 2023 and it is anticipated security services will commence by September 15, 2023.



# Elderly man dies on Rikers Island

*Continued from page 1*

months prior to his detainment on Rikers.

Pines was due back in court for sentencing later this month after he pleaded guilty to the charges in November. He was expected to be sentenced to a year in prison and an additional year of post-release supervision.

“Any death in custody is a tragedy,” Department of Correction Commissioner Louis Molina said in a statement. “We sincerely send our deepest condolences and sympathy to Mr. Pines’ family and loved ones.”

“As with all deaths in custody, we are working with our partner agencies to conduct a full investigation,” the commissioner added.

Pines is the first person to die in the jail facility in 2023 and the 20th person to die while in the DOC’s custody or just after being released from their custody since Mayor Eric Adams and Molina took office.

The 19 people who died last year were the most to die in the jail complex since 2013.

The spate of deaths last year and the mounting of additional crises on Rikers that came to a head during the pandemic led advocates, attorneys and lawmakers to call on federal judge Laura Swain to strip the city of its control of the jail – in a process known as federal receivership – last year. Though the request was ultimately denied, the motion can again be brought in the spring, Swain ruled.

Advocates and lawmakers have charged that Adams and Molina have not taken the necessary actions to keep Rikers detainees safe. Under the Adams administration, the jail’s population has



Department of Correction Commissioner Louis Molina. Twenty people have died in Rikers Island since Molina first took office at the start of 2022.

File photo by John McCarten/NYC Council Media Unit

grown from around 5,100 detainees to 5,800.

The growth in the population is in direct conflict with the city’s plan to close Rikers Island as a jail complex by 2027. Under the plan, which both Molina and Adams have called into question, four borough-based jails would be opened as a replacement for Rikers Island. Together, the jails would be able to hold a little more than 3,000 detainees.

The rising population has also prevented the Department of Correction from transferring over unused facilities or land to the Department

of Citywide Administrative Services every six months, as it is mandated to do by the Renewable Rikers Act.

The DOC missed the past two deadlines to transfer facilities or land, including the most recent deadline in December.

Last year, the city also faced several lawsuits over its treatment of detainees, including one that accused the DOC of failing to provide medical care to its incarcerated population.

The city was ordered to pay out approximately \$200,000 in fines failing to bring detain-

ees to their medical appointments. In December, a new legal action was brought demanding the city pay up to \$3 million in fines to individual detainees after attorneys with the Legal Aid Society said medical care issues persisted.

At the heart of the missed appointments is the DOC’s staffing shortage, officials say.

Around 12 percent of the agency’s officers per day take sick leave, according to recent data from the city’s comptroller’s office. Additionally, the agency has lost around 1 percent of its uniformed staff in the past year, the comptroller’s office says.

It is unclear whether or not staff were present at the time of Pines’ medical emergency.

Advocates condemned city officials this week following Pines’ death.

“Martin Pines was killed by a criminal legal system that has no regard for human life – from police, to courts, to DOC,” said Darren Mack, the co-executive director of Freedom Agenda. “At 65 years old, he was sent to a penal colony that is utterly failing to provide medical care or safety for anyone.”

“Mayor Adams wants New Yorkers to look away from these tragedies by telling us that people held at Rikers are ‘bad people’ but we know Mr. Pines was a human being, he should be alive, and our city failed him,” Mack added. “Dozens of families are grieving the loss of their loved ones in the custody of this city, and the mayor is still encouraging judges and prosecutors to send more people to this death camp, instead of investing in solutions for real community safety.”

# Adams ends vax mandate for city workers

By **Ryan Schwach**  
Queens Daily Eagle

Almost three years removed from the onset of the COVID pandemic, Mayor Eric Adams pulled back the vaccination requirement for city workers on Monday, repealing a measure put in place by his mayoral predecessor in the fall of 2021.

“City workers stepped up tremendously throughout the pandemic,” Adams said in a press release on Tuesday. “From our health care frontline workers and first responders who saved lives, to the city employees who kept our streets clean, our schools open, and our streets safe, we owe city workers a debt of gratitude for their service during New York City’s darkest days.”

The news of the mandate’s conclusion comes with the mayor’s announcement that 96 percent of the municipal workers the rule applied to have gotten vaccinated against COVID, as have 80 percent of New Yorkers.

“This is the right moment for this decision,” Adams said. “I continue to urge every New Yorker to get vaccinated, get boosted and take the necessary steps to protect themselves and those around them from COVID-19.”

The mandate, which began in 2021 and applied to around 160,000 city workers at the time, led to some city workers losing their jobs for refusing to get vaccinated. It also drew controversy from affected unions as well as right wing detractors, who saw it as detrimental to the city’s workforce.

Now this week, the same opponents are applauding the mayor’s choice to repeal the mandate.

“Today’s announcement to suspend mandatory COVID-19 vaccination requirements for all city workers proves that we’ve been correct all along,” said Queens City Councilmember Joann Ariola. “This is a tremendous step forward for our city, and will undoubtedly bring about benefits all across the board... What we are seeing now is proof that we should never stop fighting for what we know is right, and we should never give up on the spirit of New York.”

Ariola also called on the reinstatement of workers who lost their jobs due to the mandate.

The recently formed Common Sense Caucus, which includes the City Council’s Republican members and several conservative Democrats, including Queens City Councilmember Robert Holden, also celebrated the announcement but urged the city to begin to rehire the workers who were fired for refusing to comply with the rule.

“This is an excellent step in the right direction, but more needs to be done: let’s rehire all those who lost their jobs to the DeBlasio-era mandates and bring the city back to normalcy,” Holden said in a tweet.

The mayor said that the approximately 1,780 employees who were fired for not getting vaccinated will have to apply for positions with their former agencies, and will not be automatically reinstated.

Council Speaker Adrienne Adams, also of Queens, defended the mandate and impressed upon New Yorkers the need to stay safe and get fully vaccinated.

“We must be clear that vaccines are safe, effective, and save lives,” the speaker said in a statement.



Mayor Eric Adams ended the vaccine mandate for city workers on Monday, Feb. 6, which was put in place by former Mayor Bill de Blasio in 2021. Photo via the Mayor’s Office/Flickr

“Since November 2021, the vaccine mandate has made it possible for us to protect ourselves and others from severe illness and helped curb the spread of COVID-19,” she added. “While 80 percent of New York City residents received their primary series of the COVID-19 vaccine, only 14 percent have received a bivalent dose, which shows us that we have more work to do as a city to increase awareness and access to updated vaccine shots,” she said.

The decision to repeal the city worker mandate comes several months after the mayor ended the mandate for private sector workers back

in September.

The vaccine will officially become optional for all city workers starting on Friday, and will also pertain to visitors in Department of Education buildings.

Around 9 percent of all reported COVID tests have come back positive in the past seven days on average, according to the city’s Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Over the past week, the city has seen around 1,470 COVID cases, 76 COVID-related hospitalizations and 10 COVID-related deaths per day.