A MAN IS IN CRITICAL CONDITION after he barricaded himself in a Woodside apartment, exchanged gunfire with the police and then allegedly shot himself in the chest, PIX 11 reported. If the suspect is found not guilty by reason of insanity, he will be sent to a psychiatric ward.

A TEENAGE BOY WAS CHOKE AND left unconscious by a stranger during a random attack on a Far Rockaway train earlier this month, the Daily News reports. The 17-year-old victim was on a Manhattan Bound A train leaving Far Rockaway when the incident occurred just before 4 p.m on Nov. 9. Police say the attacker wouldn’t stop staring at the teen, and then suddenly started screaming at him before running over and wrapping his hands around the teen’s neck. The teen was left unconscious by the attack, which was stopped by another commuter. The attacker fled at the Beach 25 St. Station and an arrest has not been made. He is described as being white, bald and between 30 and 40. He was wearing a yellow shirt and orange boots.

GOVERNOR KATHY HOCHEL VETOED a bill that would have seen the state study expanding the Vanderbilt Motor Parkway, a greenway trail that runs parallel to Union Turnpike between Cunningham Park and Winthrop Boulevard, in Queens, Streetsblog reports. The bill passed the state Senate and the Assembly unanimously earlier this year, but Hochul vetoed it along with other bills that were not paid for in this year’s state budget. “Without appropriate funding, these unbudgeted costs would create significant staffing and other programmatic burdens on state agencies,” Hochul wrote in her Nov. 17 veto message. “Additionally, because of the ongoing work of state agencies and authorities, a number of the proposals would result in duplication and unnecessary bureaucracy.” The veto is a blow to the fight for the Greenway, which locals have been fighting for since 2014. “It’s disappointing New Yorkers could work for over a decade on an issue, could organize and get something to the governor’s desk with the support of both houses of the legislature and get a veto,” joby Jacob, a Queens resident, told the outlet.

QUEENS COUNTY Women’s Bar celebrates the borough’s judiciary

From left to right: Queens County Women’s Bar Association President Elizabeth Newton, Queens Supreme Court, Civil Term Administrative Judge Marguerite Grays and Chief Judge Rowan Wilson at the QCWBA’s Judiciary Night event at the Queens Theater on Tuesday.

By Ryan Schwach
Queens Daily Eagle

Just before the Thanksgiving holiday, the Queens County Women’s Bar Association gathered in Flushing Meadows Corona Park to celebrate women in the courts and a few trailblazing luminaries like Count Basie, Lena Horne, Cootie Williams.

“Tonight, we celebrate the judiciary of Queens County, and the judiciary outside of Queens County,” said association president Elizabeth Newton. “We recognize your efforts, your hard work, the heavy court calendars that you handle with professionalism, poise, and judicial temperament, the large backlog of cases that you take on each day and the great effort you take towards making our judicial system work.”

Judges, lawyers and other court employees in attendance heard from honorees as well as other speakers about the role of women in the judicial system, including Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz.

“It’s an event that highlights the women of this great borough,” she said. “It was an amazing time and change that I have seen come through the legal profession over the last 30 years.”

“I want to thank the Women’s Bar for raising us up and always being there as an institution and as guidance and the women that came before us,” Katz added.

AISO discussed was the history of the association, and women in the courts, from the first women lawyers who appeared before the state’s highest courts at the turn of the century, to the history of the QCWBA.

Elizabeth Fine, who serves as counsel to Governor Kathy Hochul, served as the event’s guest speaker and noted the strides women have made in the legal profession in the past centu——-

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By Elisa Muyl
Queens Daily Eagle

In Long Island City, where gleaming towers sprout above warehouses, a line of uniform blue banners march along Jackson Avenue greeting visitors. “Welcome to LIC ONIS,” they read.

The banners have been placed throughout the neighborhood by the Long Island City Business Improvement District, or BID, which is trying to expand further beyond the neighborhod’s commercial core and into areas surrounding Sunnyside Yards. It got a step closer to that goal last week, when the Department of Small Business Services, which oversees New York City’s BIDs, said it could enter the final, legislative phase of the city’s BID expansion process. If successful, the BID, which is run by the Long Island City Partnership, aims to launch the expansion in July 2024.

The BID, founded in 2005, provides supplemental sanitation, beautification and business marketing services funded by a tax on commercial and mixed-use properties within its boundaries. It hires contractors to sweep and collect trash from Long Island City sidewalks,

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BID expansion raises questions about responsibilities of local government

Continued from page 1 and hangs festive holiday lighting to keep the district well-lit during the winter.

Laurel Robrock, the executive director of the BID, says the neighborhood’s rapid growth has driven the need for the Long Island City Partnership’s expansion.

“With all of the new development in Long Island City — and there's a lot of construction still going on — it’s kind of a bit of a traffic jam, which is great, but it also... brings the need for more services, like sanitation,” she said.

While New York’s 76 BIDs are a familiar part of the city’s landscape, they have also been controversial, particularly in Western Queens, where some see them as harbingers of development and gentrification. Though by law, city services may not be reduced because of the presence of a BID, some also worry that BIDs allow local government to divest public services to the public-private partnerships, which aren’t held to account in the same way elected officials are.

With the Long Island City Partnership’s expansion now under review, questions about the division of responsibilities between the BID and the city have begun to arise.

But while some see the BID as unnecessary, others say it provides a needed alternative to otherwise sluggish and bureaucratic processes.

During a Land Use and Housing Committee meeting on Sept. 27, members of Community Board 2 were swayed by testimony from small business owners in the proposed expansion area who said that the BID would provide essential services to support their businesses — services that are not regularly provided by the city.

A ndrew Yuan, who co-owns Knock Knock, a restaurant on Crescent Street, spoke at the meeting in favor of the BID. His restaurant is located inside the BID’s proposed expansion area.

However, he’s already been told to reach out to the BID for services.

Yuan told the committee that when he recently contacted City Councilmember Julie Won’s office about insufficient sanitation services near his restaurant, he was directed to the BID.

A spokesperson for Won’s office said that the councilmember and her staff sometimes direct business owners to the Long Island City Partnership because the BID may be able to remedy an issue quicker than the government.

“Our office shares constituent requests with LICP when they fall within the BID lines for immediate needs including litter, graffiti, and street closures and neighborhood beautification efforts,” the spokesperson said. “Many of the issues we bring to the LICP can be addressed immediately.”

J ohn Ritter, from Sholom & Zuckerbrot Realty, also testified on behalf of the BID because “it would be helpful to have a dedicated office, or at least someone who could help resolve issues plaguing its tenants, Beacon Building Products. During the meeting, he said letters and calls to the city about a sinking section of 10th Street, in front of their property, went unanswered.

Ritter, who is on the steering committee for the expansion, said, “Conversations with members of the BID have convinced him they’ll be more responsive than the city. He also said that he believed the BID could connect him with local officials who could address his sidewalk issue.

In response, members of the community board told Ritter that they could do the same for him, and encouraged him to reach out to them in the future.

“The community board is your community board — your taxes fund us, and that’s how we get stuff done for you,” committee member Morry Galoyn said during the meeting. “You shouldn’t ‘get double taxed.’”

Nonetheless, Ritter said he believes he’ll have an easier time resolving quality-of-life issues, including getting litter outside of his building removed, by working through the BID.

“The sanitation department says, ‘It’s your problem... and you clean it up, and if you don’t clean it up, you get a ticket,’” he said at the meeting.

Lisa Deiler, the chair of Community Board 2’s Land Use and Housing Committee voted in favor of the BID’s expansion, primarily to address businesses’ frustration over the alleged lack of services.

“We need people to clean the street, we need graffiti removal and we’re not getting that,” Deiler said.

But while some see the ease in which services are received from the BID as a positive, others see it as a potential problem, even if just in principle.

“In my view, what the BID is doing, the government should be doing,” Danielle Berrick, the chair of Community Board 2, said.

Berrick voted against the expansion. In addition to concerns about delegating public services to a public-private partnership, she said that many of the issues raised at the September committee meeting were infrastructure issues the BID wouldn’t be able to address. As the co-lead organizer of Empire State Indivisible, a chapter of the progressive activist network Indivisible, she said accountability for resolving those neighborhood issues lies with elected officials.

“What we should be doing is applying pressure and holding our elected leaders to account,” she said.

Susanna Schaller, a City College professor whose research area includes BIDs, said that “if the city is not responding and isn’t actually addressing what should be public service provision and sanitation, then local stakeholders may come to believe that the only option becomes perhaps a privatized option.”

“The real question is: What is the public responsibility here versus a private responsibility?” Schaller added.

A map showing the area the LIC Partnership is proposing its expansion.

During the Sept. 27 meeting, the committee voted in favor of the BID’s expansion, a decision that was approved the following week by the full board. The board vote served as a recommendation to Won. She later wrote a letter of support for the BID, as required by the Department of Small Business Services in an annual report.

In the coming months, the BID’s expansion will be put through the city’s full review, which will include a public comment period and another appearance before the community board.

Despite the support expressed for the BID’s expansion at the community board meeting and the support the BID has received from Won, several BIDs have had difficulties seeking approval in Western Queens in the past.

In 2017, a proposal to expand the Jackson Heights- Corona BID was quietly abandoned after years of sustained opposition by locals; in neighboring Woodside, a proposed BID died on the vine in 2012.

There have been eight successful expansion proposals since 2016, according to the SBS’s annual reports.

Court System appoints Antonio Seda as managing inspector general for bias matters

By Robert Abruscate

Court officials announced the appointment of a new managing inspector general for bias matters earlier this week.

Chief Administrative Judge Joseph Zayas announced the appointment of Antonio Seda to the role, which falls under the Office of the Inspector General with the Office of Court Administration.

In the role, Seda will soon oversee investigations into potential bias within the court system, taking over from Kay-A Ann Porter Campbell, who has been appointed as the OCA’s community and general, will assume his new duties on Dec. 7.

Seda’s responsibilities will include leading the OIG’s Office of the Managing Inspector General, a unit that works closely with the court system to probe claims of workplace bias based on various grounds such as race, sex, age and gender identity.

He will also serve as a liaison with law enforcement agencies, advise on anti-bias policies, develop training programs, and represent the office at statewide events.

Mr. Seda is an accomplished attorney with extensive investigative experience, strong leadership skills and a deep commitment to rooting out systemic bias and fostering diversity and inclusiveness within the workplace and beyond,” Zayas said in a statement. “He is an innovator, and a trusted guide and mentor, who is well regarded by colleagues and others for his collaborative approach, hard work, and integrity.”

Seda spent over a decade at the Metropolitan Transportation Authority- New York City Transit, where he managed investigations and training modules related to Equal Employment Opportunity and workplace inclusivity. His legal career, spanning over three decades, includes roles as an assistant district attorney, a defender in criminal cases, and a litigator in tort cases.

“I look forward to the privilege of working closely and collaboratively with Inspector General Porter Campbell, the OIG team, the OCA leadership, and all stakeholders to continue to advance anti-bias efforts and initiatives, root out and eliminate bias within the court system, and foster public trust and confidence in the courts,” Seda said.

“As a former practicing litigator, I have decades of experience in New York’s courts and believe we have reached a turning point with a new leadership team that will make the court system more equitable, diverse, and inclusive,” he added.

Seda, a South Bronx native, is a Columbia College and New York University School of Law graduate. He has been a member of various bar associations and was recently elected vice president of the Puerto Rican Bar Association. His community involvement includes nearly 30 years on the board of directors of Avenues for Justice, an organization dedicated to providing youth with alternatives to incarceration.
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NYC students want to talk about Israel and Gaza. Schools are struggling to keep up

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New York City schools Chancellor David Banks warned teachers earlier this month about violating rules for political speech, a day before a planned walkout over the war in Gaza.

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**Electric Bikes and Mopeds are Cutting Demand for Oil More than Electric Cars**

By Muhammad Rizwan Aghar and Waqas Uzair

The Conversation

We hop in the car to get groceries or drop kids at school. But while the car is convenient, these short trips add up in terms of emissions, pollution and petrol cost.

Close to half (44%) of all Australian commuter trips are by car — and under 10km. Of Perth’s 4.2 million daily car trips, 2.8 million are for distances of less than 2km. This is common in wealthier countries. In the United States, a staggering 60% of all car trips cover less than 10km.

So what’s the best solution? You might think switching to an electric vehicle is the natural step. In fact, for short trips, an electric bike or moped might be better for you — and for the planet. That’s because these forms of transport — collectively known as electric micromobility — are cheaper to buy and run. But it’s more than that — they are actually displacing four times as much demand for oil as all the world’s electric cars at present, due to their staggering uptake in China and other nations where mopeds are a common form of transport.

### How can that be?

On the world’s roads last year, there were over 20 million electric vehicles and 1.3 million commercial EVs such as buses, delivery vans and trucks. But these numbers of four-or-more wheel vehicles are wholly eclipsed by two- and three-wheelers. There were over 280 million electric mopeds, scooters, motorcycles and three-wheelers on the road last year. Their sheer popularity is already cutting demand for oil by a million barrels of oil a day — about 1% of the world’s total oil demand, according to estimates by Bloomberg New Energy Finance.

What about electric vehicles, you ask? After all, EVs have been heralded as a silver bullet for car emissions and air pollution in cities, as their tailpipe emissions are zero. If charged with renewable power, they are ac-

### What advantages do electric mopeds and bikes have?

The electric transport revolution is a great chance to rethink how we move through our cities — and whether we even need a car at all. Cars, after all, often have only one occupant. You’re expending a lot of energy to transport yourself. By contrast, electric mopeds and bikes use a lot less energy to transport one or two people. They’re also a lot cheaper to buy and run than electric cars.

If you commute on an e-bike 20km a day, five days a week, your charging cost would be about $20 — annually.

In Australia, electric bikes are very rapidly going from a hobbyist pursuit to a serious mode of urban transport. Over 100,000 e-bikes were sold here last year. Of course, you’re unlikely to use electric mopeds or bikes to drive from Sydney to Melbourne. Their real value is in short-hop trips — the school run, the milk and bread run or even the commute — where they take roughly the same time or shorter than a car.

Smaller electric options like scooters and skateboards also offer a way to overcome the last kilometer problem which plagues public transport systems. This, in short, is the inconvenience between your home and the station or bus stop. Being able to cover this distance fast can be a game-changer for public transport. If taken up, electric micromobility can cut urban emissions. A study of e-scooter riders in the United Kingdom found these trips produced up to 45% less carbon dioxide than alternatives.

US researchers estimate that if e-bike trips expanded to 11% of all vehicle trips, transport emissions would fall by about 7%.

As petrol prices increase and battery prices fall, the cheaper running costs of electric vehicles and even cheaper running costs of electric mopeds, bikes and scooters will keep eating away at the demand for oil.

Global oil demand is now projected to peak in 2028 at 105.7 million barrels per day — and then begin to fall, according to the International Energy Agency.

Electric vehicles will play a role in cutting oil demand. But it may well be that electric micromobility cuts demand faster, given how fast these cheaper, more plentiful options are being taken up.

### What does this mean for me?

If you’re looking to go electric, it’s worth taking a close look at your transport needs. If you live in an outer suburb or regional town, you may find the longer range and larger capacity of an electric car is better suited.

But for many people, it’s likely you’ll have a range of options. You might have one electric vehicle for longer trips, or group trips, as well as an e-bike for the school run or groceries.

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Revel and Lime electric rideshare mopeds are parked curbside on New York’s Upper West Side, Friday Oct. 1, 2021. Revel recently ended mopeds sharing in New York.

AP Photo/Richard Drew
NY governor says no sign of terrorism in car crash, explosion at Rainbow Bridge border crossing

By Carolyn Thompson and Jennifer Peltz

A vehicle speeding toward a U.S.-Canada bridge from the American side crashed and exploded Wednesday in Niagara Falls on Wednesday, killing two people and prompting the closure of border crossings in the area, authorities said. New York Gov. Kathy Hochul said there was "no indication of a terrorist attack." Much remained unclear about the crash, which investigators were working to understand. Hochul said it wasn’t clear whether the driver was intentionally heading for the Rainbow Bridge across the Niagara River when the vehicle hit a median and flew off the street.

"Based on what we know at this moment," she said, "there is no sign of terrorist activity." There were no visible signs of fire or smoke, flames on the paved bridge, Hochul said. A vehicle was traveling at high speed from the American side, police said.

"I never saw anything like it," Buffalo Grove, Ill., police Cmdr. Steve Widmayer said. "It was not authorized to discuss the investigation. Hochul said it wasn’t clear whether it was a U.S.-Canada border crossing, roughly 50 miles (80 kilometers) away from the popular tourist destination.

Hochul told AFP in a message that police arrived after urging visitors to disperse as a vehicle rounded off the street.

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"When it swerved to avoid an- other car, crashed into a fence and exploded," the mayor said of a truck, a sudden, he went up in the air and then it was a ball of fire like 30 or 40 feet high," he said. "I never saw anything like it.

From inside Niagara Falls State Park, Elissa Raftarof said she "saw a huge plume of smoke, saw flames on the paved bridge, roughly 50 yards (45 meters) away from the popular tourist destination. Raftarof told AFP in a message that police arrived after urging visitors to disperse as a vehicle rounded off the street.

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By Paul Wiseman
Associated Press

The number of Americans applying for unemployment benefits fell sharply last week, a sign that U.S. job market remains resilient despite higher interest rates.

The Labor Department reported Wednesday that jobless claims dropped by 24,000 to 209,000. The previous week’s total — 233,000 — had been the highest since August. The four-week moving average of claims, which smooths out week-to-week volatility, fell by 750 to 220,000.

The applications are viewed as a proxy for layoffs. They remain extraordinarily low by historical standards, signaling that most Americans enjoy unusual job security.

Overall, 1,84 million Americans were receiving unemployment benefits the week that ended Nov. 11, down by 22,000 from the week before.

By The Associated Press

A federal judge has denied a compassionate release request filed by a former Baltimore police officer convicted in 2018 as part of the department’s Gun Trace Task Force corruption scandal.

Daniel Hersl, the oldest member of the deep-corruption scandal that tainted the Baltimore police, was sentenced to 18 years behind bars for a racketeering conspiracy you will be held accountable and punished,” Russell wrote.

In his order Monday denying Hersl’s request, U.S. District Judge George L. Russell III noted the seriousness of the ex-detective’s crimes, saying they “imperiled the public safety of the citizens of Baltimore City and the State of Maryland.” They said he also ripped off taxpayers by committing rampant overtime fraud, including an entire month that he spent refurbishing his house while on the clock.

In his last-minute court filing Monday, Hersl’s attorney, William Purpura, quoted recent emails from Hersl in which he complains of “constant pain” and says he hopes to “make the trip home to spend time with my son & family before my days are done.”

Russell said the federal Bureau of Prisons will continue to manage Hersl’s medical care and allow him visits with his family during his ongoing incarceration.

The Federal Reserve has raised its benchmark interest rate 11 times since March 2022 to slow the economy and rein in inflation that hit a four-decade high last year. The job market and economic growth remained surprisingly resilient, defying predictions that the economy would slip into a recession this year.

But Hersl has slowed from the breakneck pace of 2021 and 2022 when the economy roared back unexpectedly from the COVID-19 recession. Employers added a record 606,000 jobs a month in 2021 and nearly 400,000 last year. So far in 2023, monthly hiring has averaged a still-solid 239,000, but it’s come in below 200,000 in three of the last five months.

Employers are also posting fewer job openings.

“But job growth remains strong, the unemployment rate remains historically low, and businesses have yet to start reducing their workforce in a significant way,” said Rubeela Farooqi, chief U.S. economist at High Frequency Economics. "We expect some softening in labor demand going forward as the effects of restrictive monetary policy spread more broadly through the economy."

At the same time, inflation has decelerated markedly. In June 2022, consumer prices were up 9.1% from a year earlier. Last month, year-over-year inflation was down to 3.2%, though it remained above the Fed’s 2% target.

The combination of a slowing but durable job market and tumbling inflation rates has raised hopes that the Fed can manage a so-called soft landing — slowing economic activity enough to control inflation without tipping the United States into a recession.
Sharks’ Comeback Bid Foiled By Lions

LIU Remains Winless After 77-67 Loss at Columbia

By John Torenli, Sports Editor

Freshman Eric Acker scored 20 points and junior Tana Kopa added 15 off the bench Tuesday night, but the Long Island University men’s basketball team was unable to pull off its first win of the season, dropping a 77-67 decision to Columbia in front of 622 fans at Levien Gym.

Acker, an East New York native who guided Eagle Academy for Young Men II to its first-ever Public School Athletic League championship earlier this year, buried 8-of-17 shots, including a pair of 3-pointers.

However, the Lions (4-2) ran out to a 19-point first-half lead on the Sharks (0-4) and never looked back en route to their fourth straight win.

Junior Geronimo Rubio De La Rosa poured in 19 points and sophomore Avery Brown added 13 for Columbia, which did get a second-half scare when LIU cut the deficit to 49-43 on a pair of free throws by first-year center Gezim Bajrami with 11:32 remaining.

Rubio De La Rosa responded, driving for a pair of layups and draining two big free throws down the stretch to leave the Sharks winless heading into Friday afternoon’s opener of the NKU Thanksgiving Tournament in Highland Heights, Kentucky.

LIU will take on Texas A&M Corpus Christi before meeting host Northern Kentucky on Saturday.

On the women’s side, senior guard Ashley Austin scored a game-high 18 points Saturday, but the Sharks fell to 0-4 as well with a 54-51 setback to visiting Lafayette before 175 fans at the Steinberg Wellness Center.

Sophomore Mariah Elohim and junior Amany Dowdy added 10 points apiece for LIU, which will try again to get off the schneid when it hosts CSU Bakersfield in Downtown Brooklyn on Saturday night.

In local Division III women’s basketball action, senior guard Ericka James scored 15 points and junior backcourt mate Alina Estrella added 10 Tuesday as the reigning three-time CUNYAC champion Brooklyn College Bulldogs held off borough rival St. Joseph’s in front of 88 fans at The Hill Center.

Estrella also grabbed 11 rebounds for the Bulldogs (3-1), who won their second in a row.

Fourth-year forward Sarah James had seven points and pulled down a game-high 11 boards for BC, which will visit Centenary University in Hackettstown, N.J., on Monday.

The BC men were unable to come back for their first win of the year despite a furious comeback during Tuesday’s 79-72 loss to visiting Rivier in front of 102 fans at the West Quad Center.

Junior guards Zuric Harvey and Serge Thrasybule scored 18 points apiece for the Bulldogs (0-6), who trailed by as many as 27 points before using a late 19-4 run to cut the deficit to six.

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Trying to avoid a season high-tying third consecutive loss, the Nets will be in Atlanta on Wednesday night to visit the Hawks.

Brooklyn (6-7), which has suffered a pair of late first-half collapses in back-to-back losses to Miami and Philadelphia, respectively, will once again be without leading scorer Cam Thomas (ankle) and top rebounder Ben Simmons (back).

The Hawks (6-7) are coming off Tuesday night’s 157-152 home loss to Indiana despite 38 points and eight assists from Trae Young in the highest-scoring game in the NBA this year.

Dejounte Murray scored 28 points and former Net Bogdan Bogdanovic added 26 for Atlanta, which lost its third in a row and will be trying to avoid a dismal 0-4 home-stand Wednesday.

Early season NBA Sixth Man of the Year candidate Lonnie Walker IV scored a season-high 28 points in Sunday’s loss to the 76ers for Brooklyn, which has not lost three in a row since Oct. 30-Nov. 3.
Wary bus driver spots kids on ‘target adventure’ in wee hours

By Jose Martinez
THE CITY

An MTA bus driver’s fatherly instincts kicked in early Monday when he helped reunite a 6-year-old girl and her 11-year-old brother with their parents after they boarded his bus in East New York before sunrise, wearing pajamas and shorts.

Marvin McLaurin, a dad of four, told THE CITY he was stunned when he saw the two kids alone at a bus stop near Pennsylvania and Blake avenues in Flatbush around 5 a.m. Monday before picking up just before 5:15 a.m.

“My first thought was, ‘What are they doing out here this time of the morning?’” he said McLaurin, a New York City Transit bus operator since 2017. “And why are they not with anyone and why don’t they have on any coats?”

An NYPD spokesperson said the children were in good condition and that “there does not appear to be any criminality at this time,” after they were reunited with their parents at Brookdale Hospital, where they were evaluated and the Administration for Children’s Services was notified.

An ACS spokesperson declined to answer questions about the incident, citing a law that bars them from sharing any case information or even confirming a family’s involvement with the agency.

The 48-year-old bus operator said the little boy — who had on shorts, socks and rubber slippers — politely asked if he and his little sister could have a ride after boarding the bus without paying, then guided his pajama-clad sibling to the back, where he opened up his bookbag and took out some candy.

McLaurin said he was “very intrigued” and kept an eye on the two while waiting to see if someone was waiting for them at any stop along the B33 route that terminates at the Gateway Center, a Spring Creek shopping complex.

“I wasn’t going to let them off until I knew they were safe,” he said.

“A Parent First”

Once the bus arrived at the end of the route around 5:20 a.m., McLaurin said he approached the kids and asked where they were headed. Their response: “On an adventure to Target.”

“I said, ‘Target isn’t open this time of morning, so you guys are going to stay with me for a little while because it’s cold outside,’” said McLaurin, who then notified MTA supervisors and Transport Workers Union Local 100 officials.

The bus operator gave the 11-year-old boy a jacket and handed a sweater to his sister.

“I gave her my cell phone so she could watch YouTube videos and I just told them to stay in the front with me where it’s warm,” he said. “They just kept saying they were going on an adventure to Target.”

McLaurin said the kids ditched the coat and sweater and ran to the back of the bus after police arrived.

“They were saying, ‘Why do you call the cops?’” he said. “I told them I didn’t call the cops, I said I called my friend to bring you guys some costs.”

A MTA spokesperson declined to comment on the incident or what protocol employees are supposed to follow when they encounter children who are lost or riding alone at odd hours.

“I’m still curious as to whether they are okay,” said McLaurin, whose own four kids range in age from 30 to 9.

He said he parted nicely with the siblings as they were taken to the hospital to be evaluated.

“The little girl, she waved and the little boy, he balled,” M. McLaurin said. “I told him to make sure he always takes care of his little sister.”

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By Greg David
THE CITY

Mayor Eric Adams says a “fiscal crisis” confronts the city and its budget, and laid out painful cuts that hit libraries, sanitation, education and more.

But what does a fiscal crisis mean, and what’s the context behind the numbers? Here are three important things to know to understand the fiscal situation.

Three things to know about New York City’s budget crisis

- The size of the cuts
- The fiscal “crisis”
- How other cities have dealt with a similar situation

The headlines last week told the same message: New York City is facing a budget crisis, with cuts announced in libraries, sanitation, education and more.

The city is facing a fiscal “crisis,” Mayor Eric Adams said last week, as he released an updated budget plan that includes $20 billion in cuts.

The cuts are expected to reduce the city’s budget by $20 billion, or 8% of its total revenues.

But what does a fiscal crisis mean, and what are the implications for New Yorkers?

The importance of the very rich to the city’s tax coffers is illustrated by a few data points. Taxpayers in the city with incomes of $100 million or more paid 13% of the total income tax collected in the five boroughs.

And that’s not what happens when governments institute cuts.

Budget Cuts Hit Preschools, Cops, Libraries

Mayor Eric Adams’ administration released its updated budget plan during a City Hall press conference, April 26, 2023.
City lawyers demand de Blasio pay $474K for personal police detail, warning of ‘imperial mayoralty’

By Greg B. Smith
THE CITY

By vulnerable a chilling vision of an imperial mayoralty,” the city Conflicts of Interest Board has asked a state judge to throw out the former mayor’s challenge to the six-figure bill it levied against him for the travel costs he charged to city taxpayers in his quixotic campaign for president.

In June the board demanded de Blasio pay a $155,000 fine and cough up $319,000 to reimburse the city for the travel, lodging and meals expenses of the NY PD detail that accompanied him on 31 campaign trips from Iowa to South Carolina before he bowed out of the race in September 2019.

He sued the board, arguing that the order was “beyond the Board’s authority... to regulate the mayor’s political activities while in office,” claiming it infringed on first amendment rights that “afford the person elected mayor autonomy over how to lead the City.”

“If a mayor decides that a presidential bid is consistent with, and even supportive of, his role as mayor, that is his decision to make, free from impediments,” his suit states. “It is certainly not for the Board to question a mayor’s judgment of how to conduct that singular role.”

On Friday the board’s lawyers asked acting Manhattan Supreme Court Justice Shahabuddeen of Clarick Gueron Reisbaum, the firm hired by the board, also known as COIB, to fight the suit. COIB’s insistence that New Yorkers should have access to the president-elect’s decision to run for the White House is just plain wrong — and offered with scant reference to any legal authority,” wrote Emily Reisbaum of Clarick Gueron Reisbaum, the firm hired by the board, also known as COIB, to fight the suit. “COIB’s insistence that New Yorkers should have access to the president-elect’s decision to run for the White House is just plain wrong — and offered with scant reference to any legal authority,” wrote Emily Reisbaum.

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“The timing of this request reveals that it was not a good faith attempt to question the board’s interpretation of the law,” Jeff Tremblay, COIB’s director of enforcement, stated before the Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings after de Blasio challenged COIB’s findings. “Instead it enabled the mayor to say that there was still an ‘open question’ regarding the board’s advice when he was interviewed by DOI one week later.”

In October 2021 in the final months of de Blasio’s tenure at City Hall, DOI Commissioner Meri McDermott filed a blistering report that quantified the cost of security to taxpayers for the long-shot campaign. Seven months later, the board notified de Blasio that it planned to impose penalties and demand reimbursement.

Contrary to the board’s findings, and in June the board is sued a public order demanding that de Blasio reimburse the city for the travel, lodging and meals expenses of the NY PD detail that accompanied him on 31 campaign trips from Iowa to South Carolina before he bowed out of the race in September 2019.

Mayor Bill de Blasio and First Lady Chirlane McCray announce the end of his presidential bid during a press conference outside Gracie Mansion. Credit: Ben Fractenberg/THE CITY

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Mayor Bill de Blasio is flanked by security after announcing his run for president at Battery Park, May 16, 2019. Credit: Ben Fractenberg/THE CITY

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NYC withholding $11 million from schools serving homeless students, comptroller says

By Julian Shen-Berro

Chalkbeat

Just months after New York City changed its school funding formula to funnel more aid to homeless students, Comptroller Brad Lander warned roughly 21,000 students are at risk of being left out.

The city’s school funding formula also sends additional money to schools that serve a disproportionate share of students with disabilities and English language learners. But while schools will see their budgets adjusted based on how many students from those groups they are serving as of Dec. 31, 2022, data on the city’s homeless students will not be updated the same way.

In a letter last week, the city’s chief financial officer urged schools Chancellor David Banks to reverse a decision that would calculate funding allocations based on homeless student populations as of Dec. 31, 2022.

With a persistent influx of asylum-seeking families entering the city’s shelter system over the past year, using those figures would mean schools serving higher shares of homeless students could miss out on nearly $11 million in additional funding, Lander said.

Since last December, roughly 21,000 students in temporary housing have enrolled in New York City schools, with many enrolling in schools near shelters that will need additional resources, Lander said. He added the city already uses midyear enrollment data to adjust funding based on other student populations.

“So what is the educational policy reason for DOE uniquely denying funding to schools with new students in temporary housing?” Lander said. “Without further explanation, it appears that you are purposely creating resource scarcity in schools with new arrivals.”

The city’s Education Department did not immediately respond to a request for comment. A guide explaining the school funding formula notes that although funds for students in temporary housing aren’t part of the midyear adjustment of school budgets, the city’s Education Department “remains committed to supporting schools experiencing financial hardship due to the increase in new students in temporary housing.”

Concerns over school funding come amid the city’s broader financial woes, as the Education Department is set to cut nearly $550 million from its budget, and the expiration of federal pandemic aid looms over the next year. More than 650 schools also saw midyear budget cuts after enrollment numbers fell short of projections, though a majority of schools received extra funds after citywide enrollment ticked up for the first time in eight years.

The additional funds for students in temporary housing followed a task force recommendation to revise the city’s Fair Student Funding formula, which accounts for about two-thirds of school budgets. Under the formula, schools typically receive a baseline amount per student, with extra dollars added on top for students with additional needs.

Though the city’s population of homeless students has remained high for more than a decade, it surged to nearly 120,000 with an influx of asylum-seeking families last year. That was a 14% increase from the year before and a record high for the city, according to Advocates for Children, a group that supports the city’s most vulnerable students.

Roughly 1 in 9 students were living in shelters, “doubled up” with relatives or friends, or otherwise without permanent housing at some point in the school year, the data showed.

Using more recent enrollment numbers would help account for asylum-seeking students who arrive in the city and then transfer between schools, Lander said in the letter. Advocates fear that school transfers could become even more common under a city rule implemented by Mayor Eric Adams last month. The rule requires families in some shelters to exit the system every 60 days, meaning they will need to find alternative housing or re-apply for shelter.

A dams later insisted the rule would not force children to change schools.

Students living in shelters were more than four times as likely as kids with permanent housing to transfer schools, according to data from the 2021-22 school year.

Chalkbeat is a nonprofit news site covering educational change in public schools.
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First, we eat Turkey. Then, we shop at holiday markets, stroll under astral energy, meet a playwright, boogie to electronic music, take a dance class, and get several doses of Hip and Hop.

**Astra Lumina**
*Friday, Nov. 24, 5:30 p.m.*
The opening of a one-mile-long, enchanted night walk to discover visiting stars through projections, lighting, music, and astral energy. One-hour sessions. Queens Botanical Garden, 43-50 Main St., Flushing

**QED Makers Market**
*Saturday, Nov. 25*
This 10th annual bazaar features more than 20 local artisans along with good prices on Singlecut beer and cookies by Sexy Batch Baking Company. Noon to 5 pm on both days. QED Astoria, 27-16 23rd Ave.

**Holiday Concert Series**
*Saturday, Nov. 25, 7 p.m.*
A conversation with Millie Jackson, live and uncensored.
Black Spectrum Theatre, 177-01 Baisley Blvd., Roy Wilkins Park

**Open Studio**
*Sunday, Nov. 26, 11 a.m.*
Art on display with holiday shopping options. Exhibiting participants are Deborah Barlow, Alison Cuomo, Darwin Erao, Elizabeth McAuliffe, and Jim Pignetti.
Fitzgerald Art Studio, 31-51 12th St., Long Island City

**WinC Comics & Crafts Holiday Market**
*Sunday, Nov. 26, noon*
A six-hour showcase of work by indie comic book creators, fiber artists, jewelry makers, toy-makers, and other crafters.
Fitzgerald Art Studio, 31-51 12th St., Long Island City

**A Pop-Up Hip Hop Museum**
*Monday, Nov. 27, 7 p.m.*
This museum features artifacts from Hip Hop Hall Of Fame Chair Geechie Dan, a Queens collector who was once Executive Director of the National Hip Hop Museum in Washington, DC. King Manor Museum, 153-03 Jamaica Ave., Jamaica City

**Tree Lighting**
*Monday, Nov. 27, 5 p.m.*
A night of festive cheer in the Grand Lobby.
Resorts World New York City, 110-00 Rockaway Blvd., Ozone Park

**The Annual Woody Guthrie Hoot**
*Tuesday, Nov. 28, 7:30 p.m.*
This two-hour, round-robin features songs that Woody Guthrie sang. Performers include Hil- lid Arnold, Pat Lamanna, Joel Landy, Marie Mullarzyck O’Connell, and Steve Suffet.
New York Irish Center, 10-40 Jackson Ave., Long Island City

**JH Art Talks**
*Wednesday, Nov. 29, 8 p.m.*
Kris Graves shares images of recent photography. Queens Borough President’s Office Director of Cultural Affairs & Tourism Phil Ballman gives a 10-minute talk about jazz and Hip Hop in Queens. Sherwin Banfield presents his recent public sculptures celebrating local Hip-Hop legends. An informal Q&A follows.
Espresso 77, 35-57 77th St., Jackson Heights

**Civilian Combat Photography in World War II**
*Wednesday, Nov. 29, 7:30 p.m.*
Eric Weil presents iconic WWII photos while bringing to life the photographers’ stories. Attendees also learn about cameras that were used at the time.
Bayside Historical Society, 208 Totten Ave., Fort Totten

**Route 25A: Long Island’s Country Road**
*Thursday, Nov. 30, 7 p.m.*
Michael Salvarezza and Christopher Weaver from Eco-Photo Explorers present on Northern Boulevard (aka Route 25A), which runs from Western Queens to Suffolk County.
Kingsland Homestead, 143-35 37th Avenue, Flushing

**Season Premiere: Meet the Playwright**
*Thursday, Nov. 30, 8 p.m.*
This program features semi-staged readings of new works by BIPOC playwrights and Q&A sessions. This night’s focus is Chelsea Dai, an emerging Chinese writer.
Jamaica Center for Arts & Learning, 161-04 Jamaica Ave.

**Fall Dance Concert: Terrain**
*Thursday, Nov. 30*
Choreography by faculty members of Queens College’s Department of Drama, Theatre & Dance. Thursday to Saturday at 7 pm and Sunday at 3 pm.
Queens College, Goldstein Theatre, 153-49 Reeves Ave., Flushing

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*Photo via QEDC*
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A thief in Queens was literally caught with his pants down as the NYPD arrested a suspect in an armed robbery of a Queens tobacco shop, identified partly by his unique multi-colored underwear.

Fathy Hussein, a 30-year-old from South Ozone Park, was arrested by members of the NYPD’s Joint Robbery Task Force for his alleged involvement in the Sept. 14, 2022, robbery in the World’s Borough this week. Two other suspects have yet to be arrested in the unusual case, which included not only the distinctive underwear but also a robber wearing a “Scream” mask.

The robbery, which was captured on video, shows three masked men exiting a black Mazda 3 with damage and missing hubcaps, entering the tobacco shop, and stealing approximately $4,000 worth of cash and products.

Hussein, identifiable by his dark green pants and underwear featuring a large white letter “R” and yellow text, was seen in the video footage during the robbery and later on a street without his mask but still wearing the same eye-catching underwear.

A little less than a week after the robbery, an anonymous tip was made to the NYPD detailing the alleged thieves’ attempts to sell the stolen goods near 129th Street and Liberty Avenue. The caller also pointed police to Hussein’s Instagram account.

Above, suspects in a September South Ozone Park robbery were spotted running away on surveillance footage. Left, Fathy Hussein was spotted near the location of a tobacco shop that had just been robbed while wearing the same distinctive underwear as one of the suspects.

By Robert Abruzzese

Bizarre underwear helps ID dropper in Queens tobacco shop heist

Queens Daily Eagle