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Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 12:47 PM
To: Caitlin Girouard <Caitlin.Girouard@exec.ny.gov>
Subject: Re: movie theaters/virus spread and contact tracing?

Hey Caitlin,

I hope you're well. I wanted to follow back up on this subject, if you have a few minutes?
I know this is incredibly far from the most important subject in the world, but!

I don't understand why theaters in the rest of the state would be allowed to reopen on a county by county basis, subject to the under 2% rolling average test positivity/no covid cluster rule, while New York City is still being treated like a region, despite the fact New York, Bronx and Richmond counties don't have hotspots/micro-clusters.

Is there a reason for it? Is it just the same principle as the delay on indoor dining for NYC, the lack of enforcement capacity? Or a wait and see approach, to find out if the theaters are super spreaders in counties outside Nyc where they can reopen?

Thank you,

Laura

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> On Oct 14, 2020, at 12:06 PM, Caitlin Girouard <Caitlin.Girouard@exec.ny.gov> wrote:

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> Hey! Let me check on that last point and see who the best person is to talk to you about it. When are you writing for?

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Date : 1/21/2020 3:46:07 PM

From : "Jade Kraft"

To :

Subject : Gannett: New York state budget 2020: 9 proposals that could impact your wallet

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By Joseph Spector

ALBANY - Gov. Andrew Cuomo proposed a \$178 billion budget Tuesday that closes a \$6 billion budget gap through reducing the growth in Medicaid, limiting aid to local programs and expecting tax revenue to grow by \$2 billion.

The budget includes spending from the state and federal government, and it would limit the state spending piece to \$105.8 billion — up 1.9%, Cuomo said. Overall spending would grow 6%.

The budget would increase school aid, legalize recreational marijuana, expand a new child tax credit, reduce business taxes and continue to lower middle-class income taxes.

"This budget is a roadmap for delivering progressive results for the people of this state and addressing the imminent challenges of our time by advancing social, racial and economic justice," Cuomo said.

Cuomo, however, didn't include any expansions to gambling in New York, as the industry had hoped. A state study on whether to add mobile sports betting and allow full-scale casinos in the New York City area is expected in April.

The state Legislature will now deliberate over the Democratic governor's 10th budget proposal of his tenure in hopes of having an on-time deal for the start of the fiscal year April 1.

Here's what you need to know:

How does New York close a \$6 billion budget gap?

The budget gap is the largest since the \$10 billion one Cuomo had to close when he first took office in 2011.

About one third of the cap is due to growing costs for Medicaid, the health insurance program for the poor and disabled.

This year, he is proposing some basic, yet nebulous, ways to close most of the gap:

\$2.5 billion through Medicaid restructuring through recommendations to be announced through his Medicaid Redesign Team

\$2 billion in expected more tax receipts

1.8 billion in reduced spending to local assistance programs from "targeted actions and the continuation of prior-year cost containment."

Republicans criticized the plan for a lack of more details.

"Andrew Cuomo has run New York's budget into the red to the tune of at least \$6 billion, but all we heard from him was dishonest rhetoric, obfuscation, and his fuzzy Albany math," state GOP chairman Nick Langworthy said in a statement.

Tax cuts for New Yorkers will continue

New York started lowering middle class income taxes in 2012, and the budget would continue the planned reduction, which is expected to continue through 2025.

In tax year 2020, middle-class New Yorkers are expected to save \$1.8 billion, Cuomo said.

Under the new rates, tax rates will drop to 6.09% in the \$43,000-\$161,550 income bracket, and 6.41% in the \$161,550-\$323,200 income bracket.

Businesses will also get a tax break. The income tax rate for businesses would drop from 6.5% to 4% for businesses with 100 or fewer employees and with net income below \$390,000.

Health-care groups warned about cuts in their industry. HPA President & CEO

"We remain committed to working with the Executive and Legislature to address the structural deficit and protect the coverage and services for the millions of New Yorkers who rely on our member Medicaid plans," Eric Linzer, president of the state Health Plan Association, said in a statement.

Cuomo wants to expand a child tax credit

Cuomo proposed expanding a Empire State Child Credit.

"Too often, parents incur significant childcare costs in order to work or forego employment entirely due to unaffordable expenses," the budget said.

New York is one of only six states providing a state-specific credit, and it has been equal to 33% of the pre-2018 Federal Child Tax Credit, or \$100 per qualifying child, aged 4 to 16, whichever is greater.

The budget would expand the credit to include children under age 4 that would aid nearly 400,000 families whose income is \$50,000 or less.

Here's how much school aid would grow

Despite the deficit, Cuomo proposed an increase in school aid of \$826 million, a 3% increase.

He said 80% of the money would go to poor districts, and he proposed to overhaul the school-aid formula so less goes to wealthy school districts that rely mainly on property taxes to fund their schools.

Overall, school aid would grow to \$28.5 billion — by far the most per capita in the nation.

School advocates are pressing for \$2 billion more in school aid for the coming year.

"What we know is true is: education is the civil rights issue of our day," Jasmine Gripper, executive director for the Alliance for Quality Education, a labor-backed group, said in a statement.

"It is New York State's responsibility to use its funding to achieve equity and fund poorer schools."

Cuomo again proposes legalizing recreational marijuana

After failing to get approval in the state Senate, Cuomo again is proposing the Cannabis Regulation and Taxation Act.

The act would regulate "the production, distribution, transportation, sale of cannabis and cannabis related products."

The state estimates it could bring in \$20 million in the coming fiscal year and \$60 million in the following year -- ultimately getting to \$300 million in annual revenue when the program is fully phased in.

Heastie said he was open to legalizing the drug, but added that "communities that suffered the most under the criminalization of marijuana" must be prioritized under the plan.

New York's film tax credit program would face a cutback

New York spends \$420 million a year in incentives to have films and shows shoot in the state.

But the budget gap appears to have enough Cuomo, its staunch supporter, considering scaling it back.

The budget would reduce how much studios receive back in tax breaks for filming in New York from 30% to 25% of production costs. That's the current rate in the New York City area and its immediate suburbs; upstate productions can get 40% back.

Projects eligible would also need to spend at least \$1 million in New York City and its suburbs to be eligible, while future variety shows would be excluded from the program -- which would also be extended to 2025.

Variety shows would likely include Saturday Night Live, which has long been a prime beneficiary of tax breaks, despite critics saying it is tethered to filming in New York.

Cuomo says cash bail reform is needed

Last year, Cuomo and the state Legislature agreed to end cash bail in most misdemeanor and non-violent felonies.

But the law, which took effect Jan. 1, has been under heavy criticism for law enforcement, who contend dangerous people accused of crimes are being released from jail when they should be retained.

Advocates said people are innocent until proven guilty and cash bail only hurts poor people who can't afford to post it.

Nevertheless, lawmakers have indicated they want to revisit the law.

"Reform is an ongoing process," Cuomo said during his budget address. "Let's discuss it rationally."

The Legal Aid Society said "reversing this historic reform because of fear mongering and falsehoods from law enforcement and other critics who have always opposed any change is a direct affront to New York's progressive promise."

When asked about the governor's remarks, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, D-Bronx, had a simple response.

"It's day 21," he said. "Next question."

Heastie has not supported changes, while Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, D-Yonkers, said she is open to having discussions.

Investing in New York's infrastructure

In May 2018, Cuomo announced a plan to invest \$150 billion in the state's infrastructure through 2024.

Now he wants to expand the investment to \$175 billion to fund transportation and mass transit systems, affordable housing, schools, park facilities and energy efficiency programs.

The plan also includes the Restore Mother Nature Bond Act: a \$3 billion borrowing plan that would need voter approval this November to upgrade the state's environmental protection plans.

Local governments would face a squeeze

In addition to \$1.8 billion in reduced spending, local governments would face a squeeze on their Medicaid costs.

Cuomo railed against counties, who have had a cap on their Medicaid costs since 2015 -- which the governor and the Legislature agreed to.

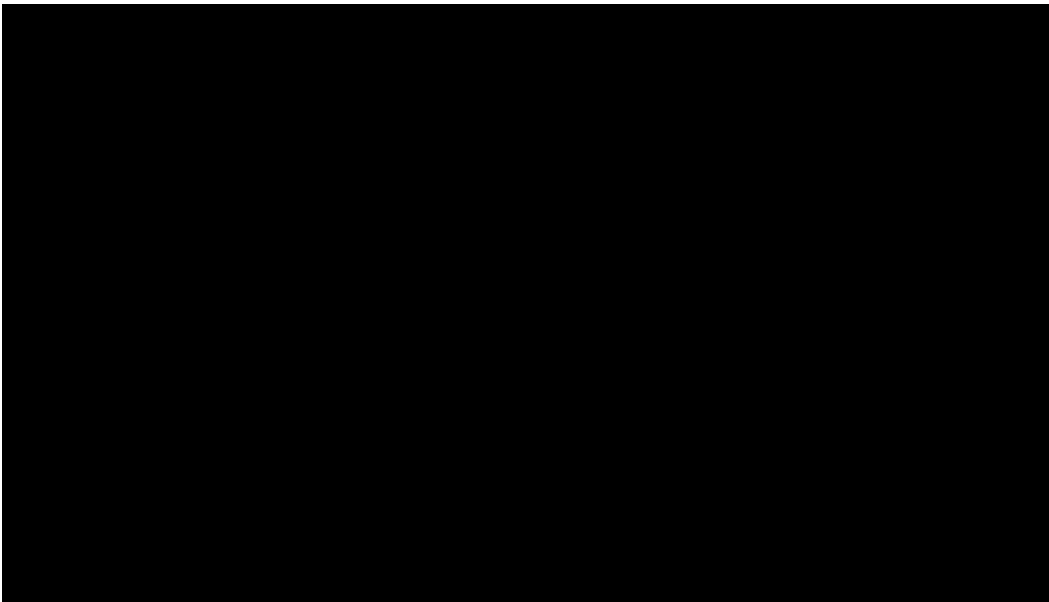
But Cuomo said with rising health-care costs, local governments need to do more to curb costs.

So he proposed that in order to keep having their Medicaid costs capped, they would have to adhere to the property tax cap and not increase their health-care spending by more than 3%.

If they don't, counties would have to pay the additional cost.

Another hit to local governments: Cuomo would eliminate the aid some receive from hosting video-lottery terminals in their communities.

Only Yonkers would be able to keep the roughly \$20 million it gets each year from Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway because the money goes directly to school aid, Cuomo said.



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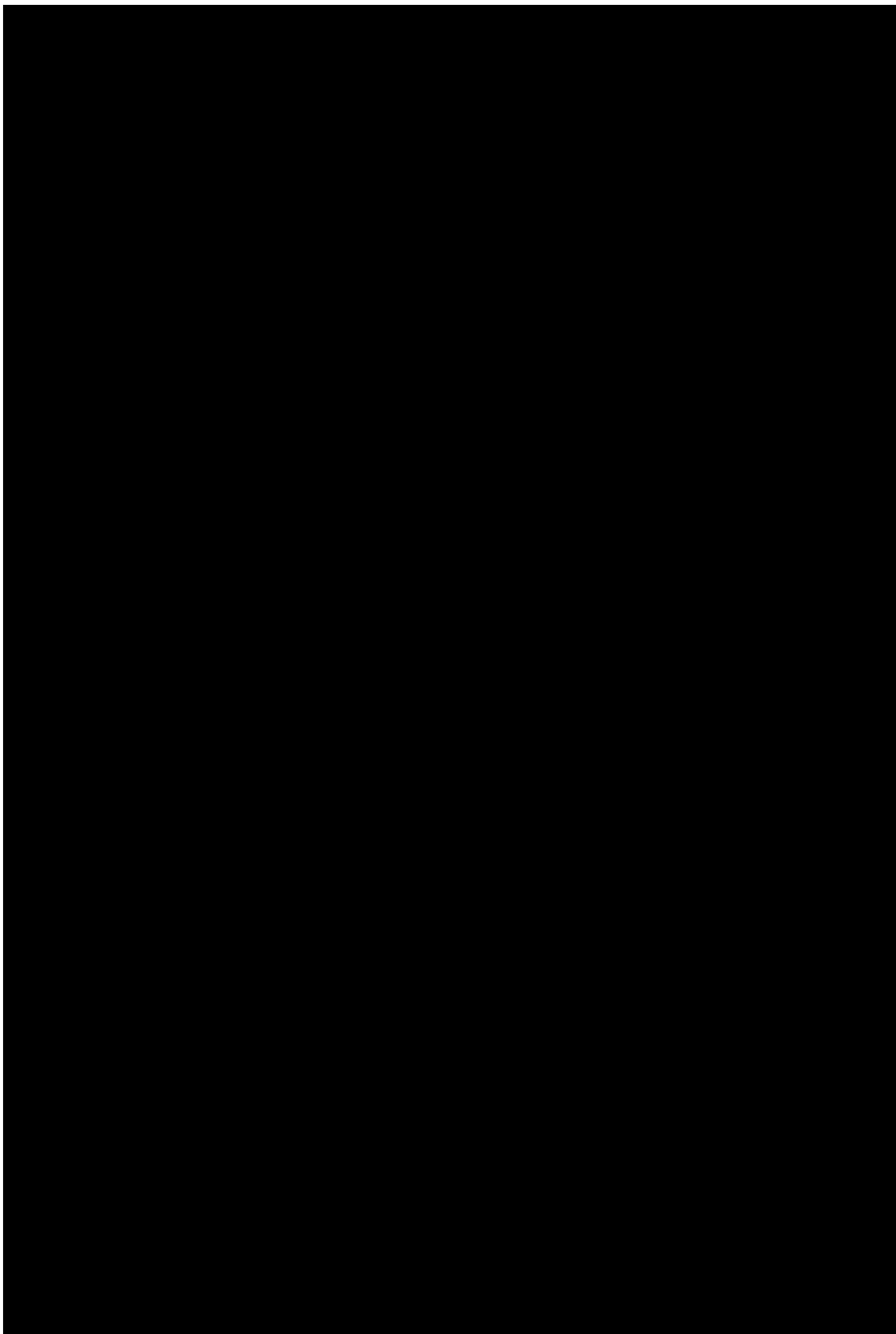
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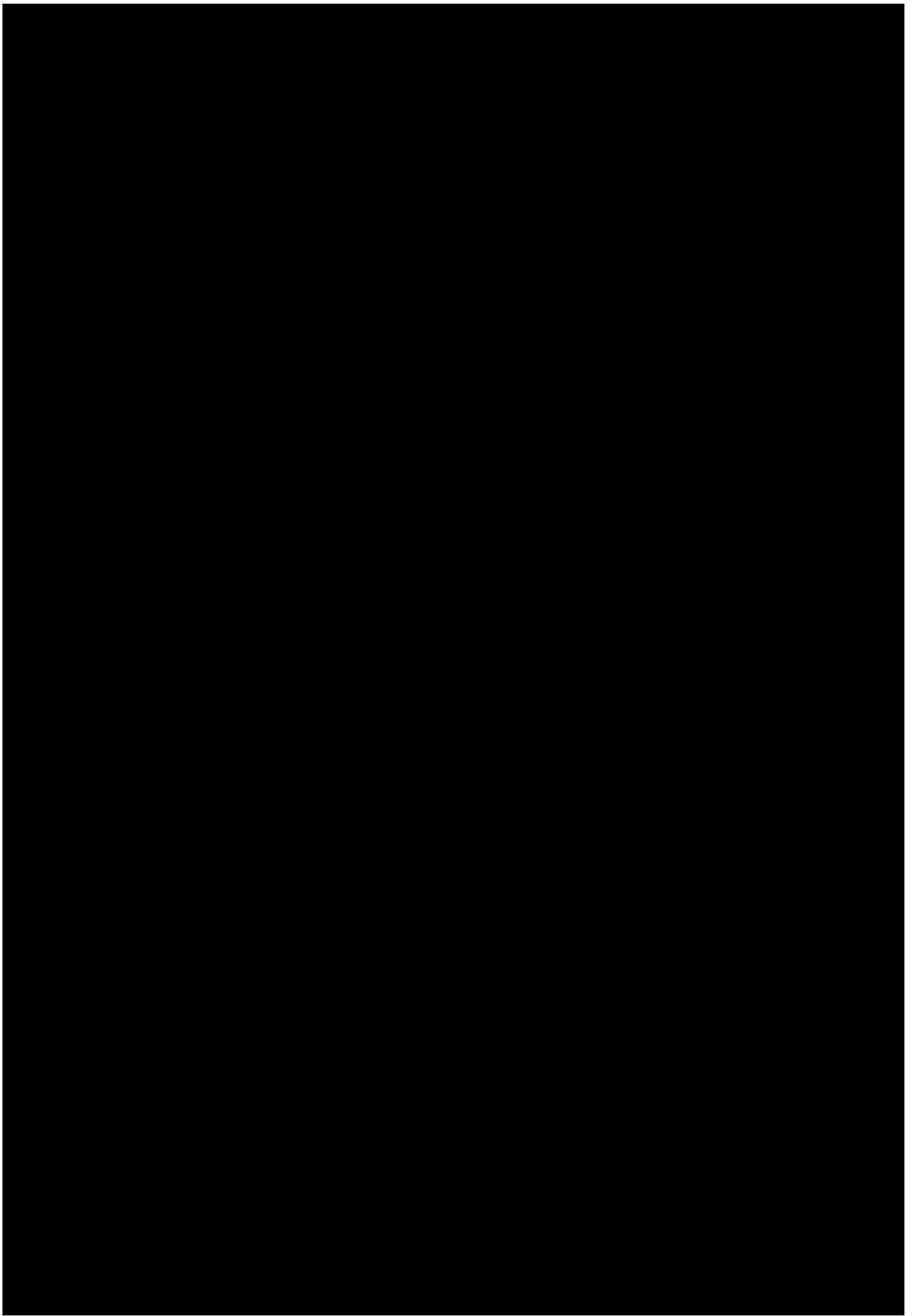
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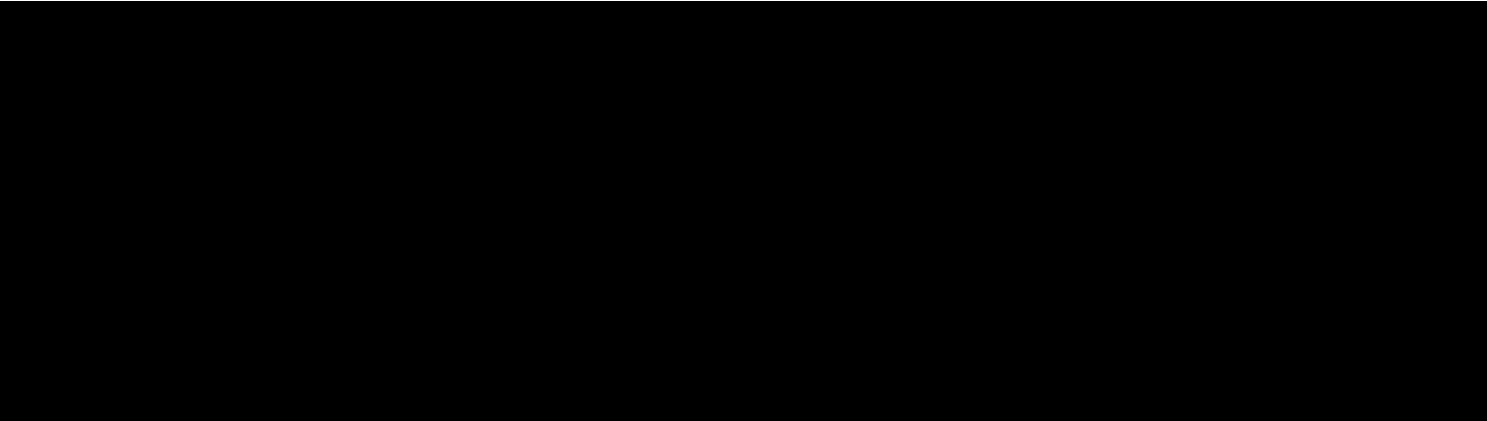
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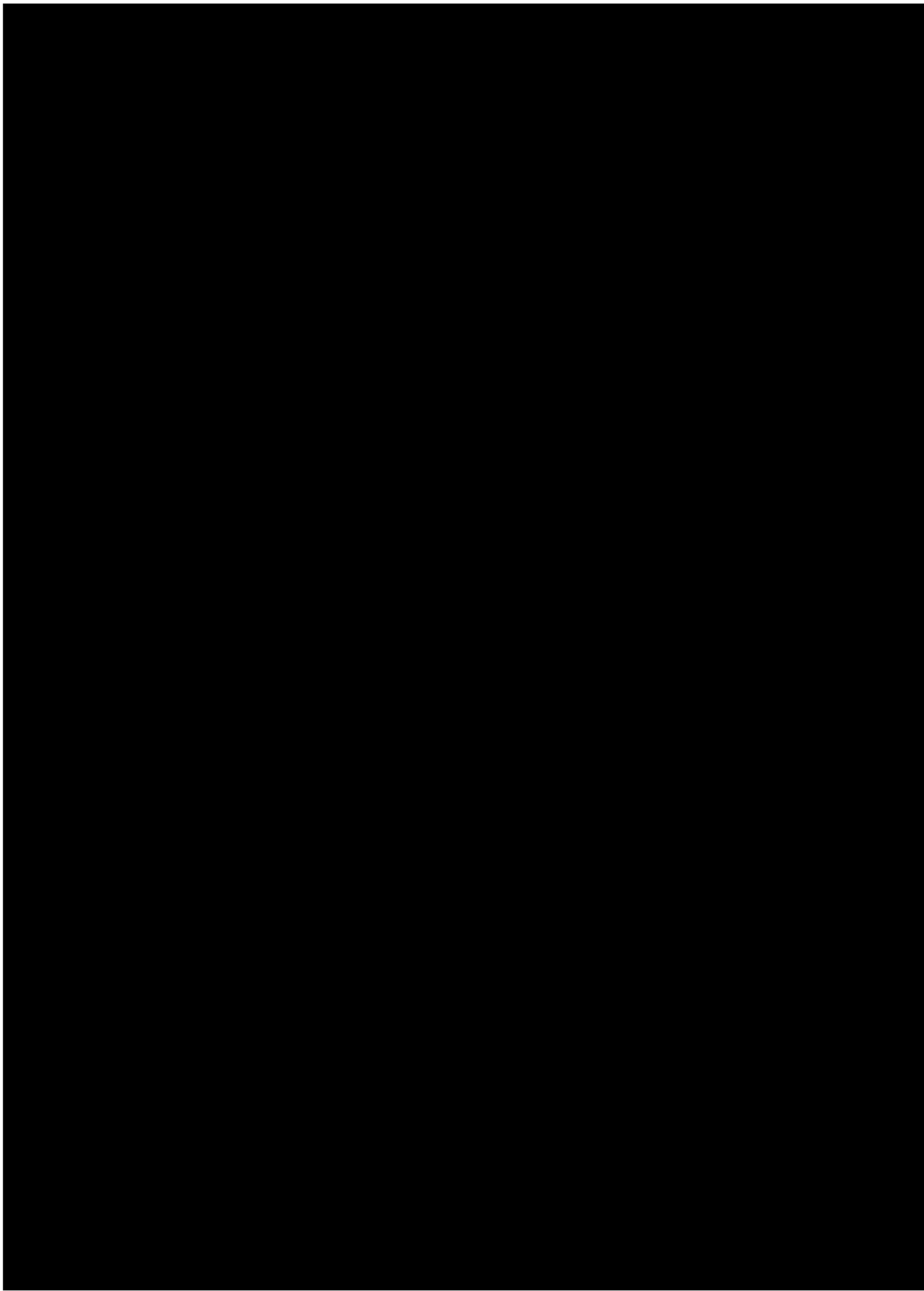
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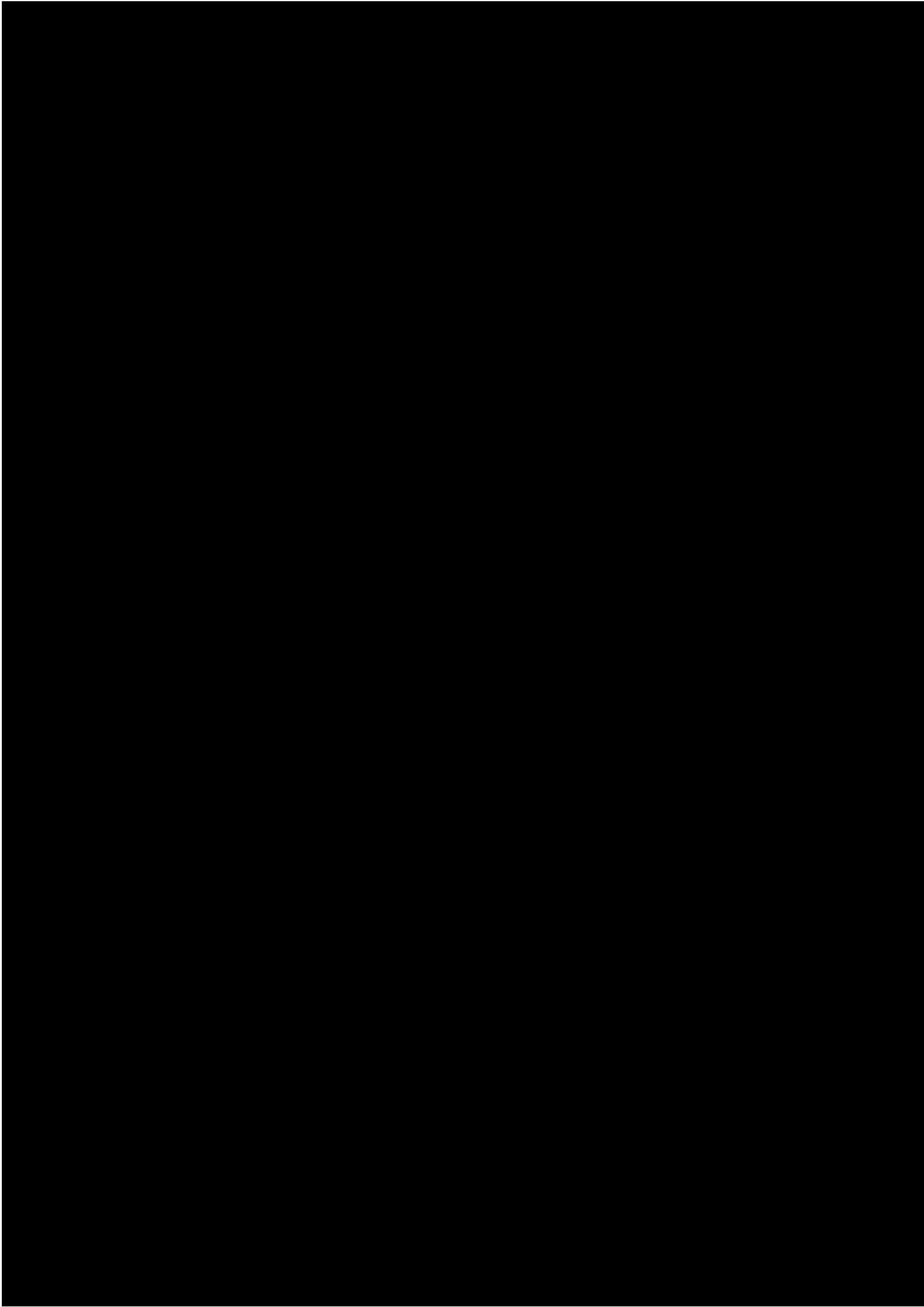
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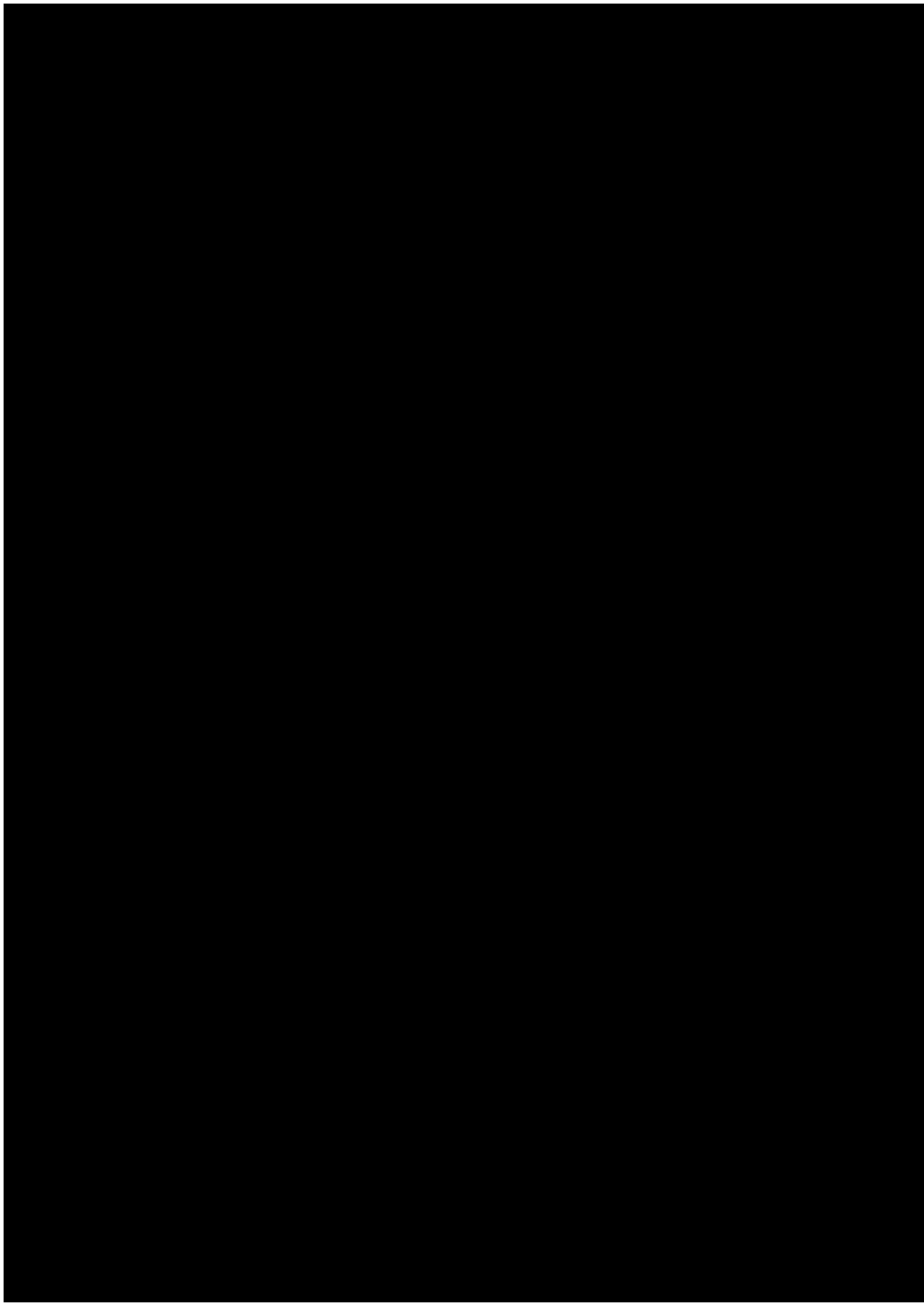
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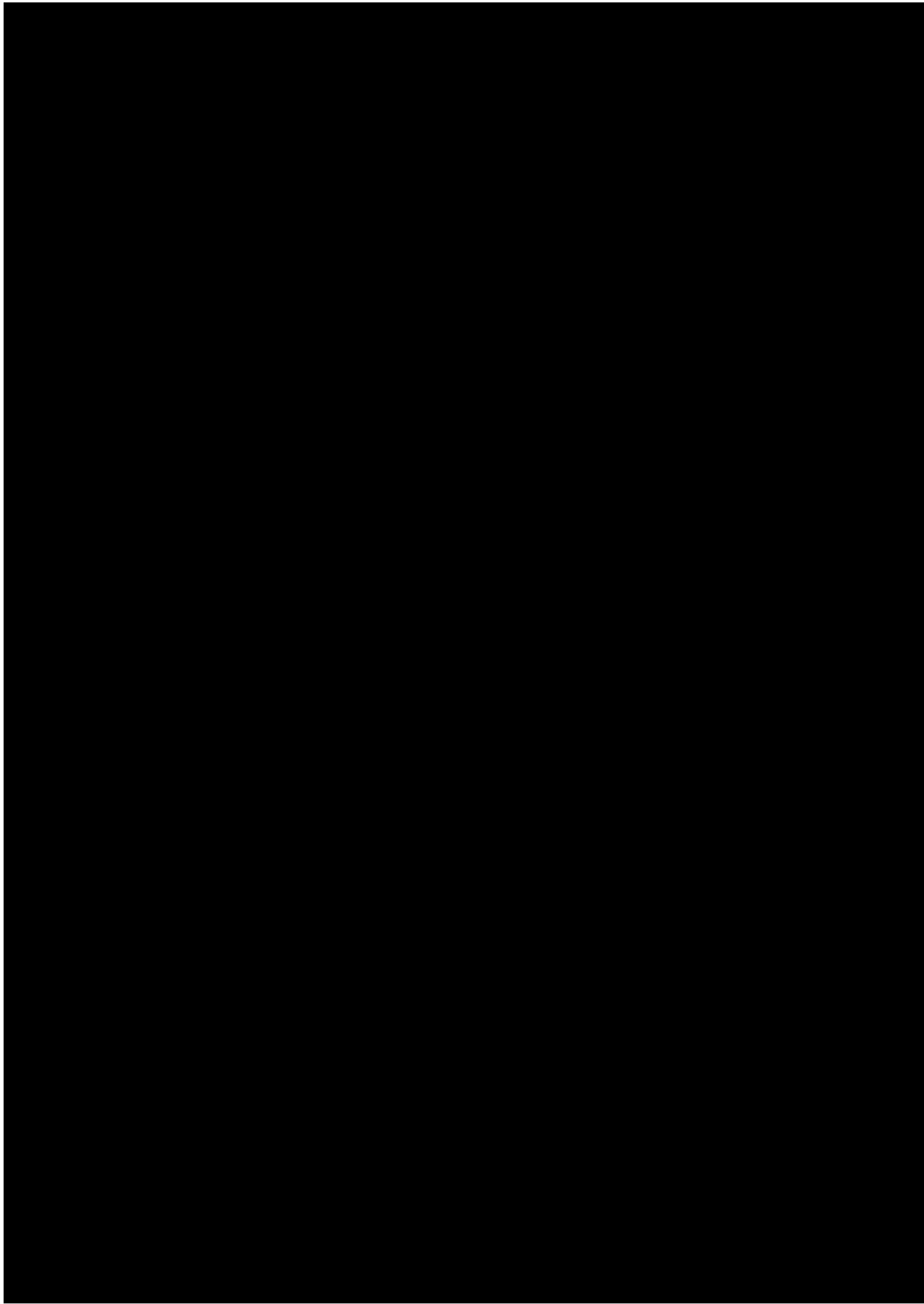
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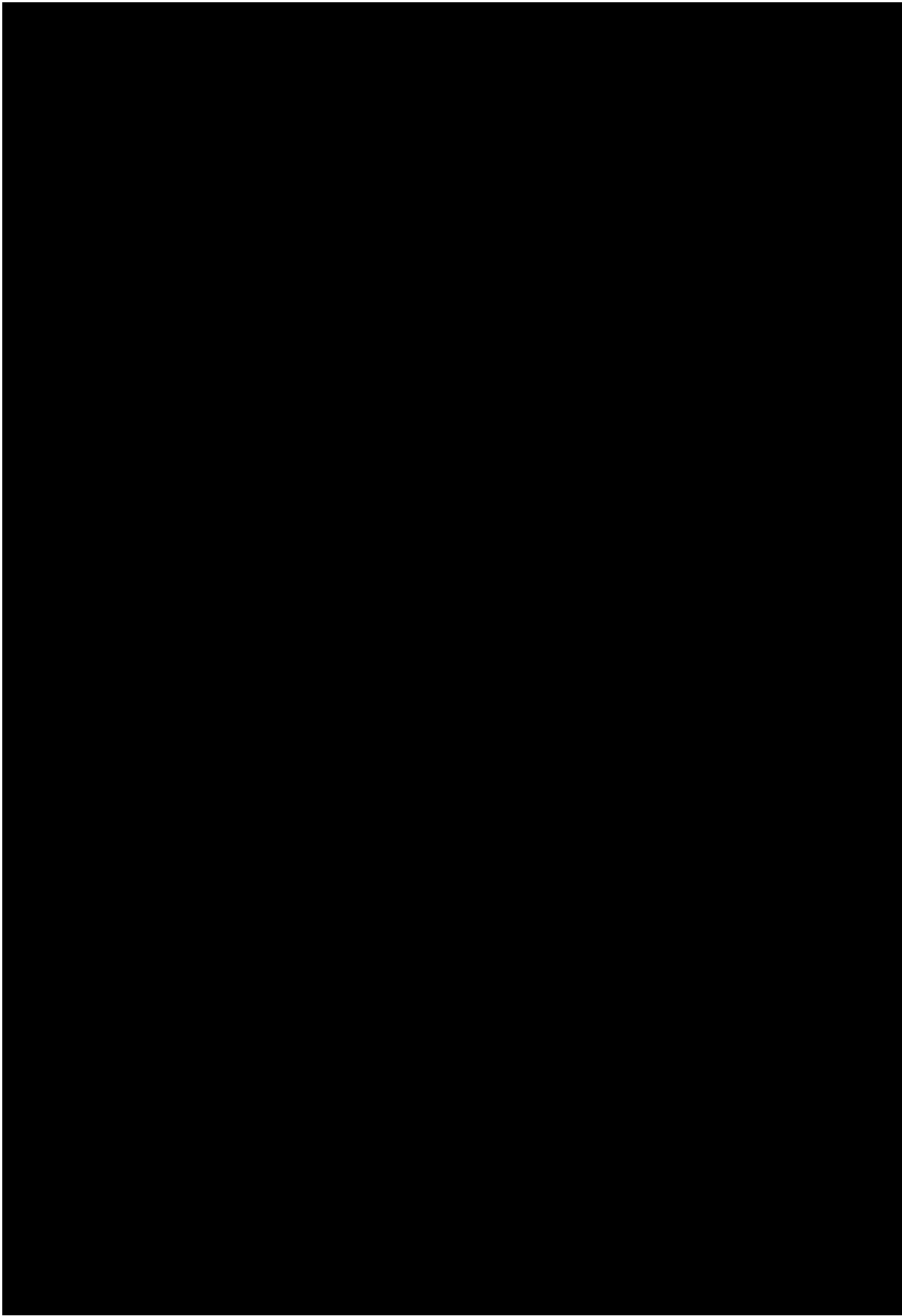












From: Seth Simons [<mailto:seth.simons@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 4:37 PM

To: Press Office <Press.Office@exec.ny.gov>

Subject: Governor's support for SNL return

Hi -- I'm a freelance journalist covering the comedy industry at [Vice](#), [Slate](#), [Esquire](#), and my [personal newsletter](#). I noticed SNL producer Lorne Michaels said in an interview with NYMag today that he's working with Governor Cuomo's office on safety protocols for the show's return next month. Since he didn't outline any of those protocols in particular, I was wondering if someone might be able to walk me through what kind of support the Governor's office is offering SNL, and any other late night shows it's working with?

Thank you!

~Seth
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Cc: Julie Jursik <Jursik@boltonstjohns.com>
Subject: Re: Urgent - Saturday Night Live

Hi Beth and Rebecca,

I hope you had a nice weekend. Following up again here on behalf of NBC and Saturday Night Live - it was great to see the major reopening announcements today at the Governor's press conference. Has there been any consideration on SNL's proposal to run a pilot with vaccinated audience members only to increase capacity for the May 8th show?

They want to reiterate they are very grateful for all the reopening support the administration has provided and are open to any solutions to make this happen.

Best,
Emily

From: giske
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Subject: Urgent - Saturday Night Live

Hi Beth and Rebecca,

I hope all is well. I'm reaching out on behalf of SNL.

I know there has been a number of discussions on this and they would like to reiterate that they are willing/happy to accommodate any guidance that would increase capacity for the May 8th show with Elon Musk and they would like to propose the following:

- Increasing the capacity on the bottom floor from 24 people --> 38 people. These people would remain (as they are now) casted and paid audience members, that are all fully vaccinated as well.
- Increasing the capacity on the upper floor - in socially distant pods (e.g. by household) - from 126 people --> 160 people, with everyone fully vaccinated *or* tested.

Of course, other precautions such as masks and contact tracing would still be in place.

If having everyone vaccinated and running it as a pilot program toward a "full reopening" would work better, that would be great too.

Please feel free to call Veronica Sullivan at (917) 903-1027 at any time today to discuss.

Best,
Emily Giske

Date : 10/5/2020 9:40:50 AM
From : "David Weinraub"
To : "Beth Garvey"
Subject : Alec Baldwin Letter
Attachment : Alec Baldwin Letter.docx;

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Subject : De-stress and earn CLE credit with Meditation for Lawyers webinar November 13

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Subject : De-stress and earn CLE credit with Meditation for Lawyers webinar September 23

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Subject : Forbes: Colbert's 'Late Show' Requires Proof Of Vaccination—Like SNL And BET Awards—As Audiences Return

Forbes: Colbert's Late Show Requires Proof Of Vaccination Like SNL And BET Awards As Audiences Return

Alison Durkee

TOPLINE

The Late Show with Stephen Colbert will return to taping in front of a full, in-person and fully vaccinated audience at the Ed Sullivan Theater in New York City on June 14, CBS announced Monday, one of a growing number of live events that are requiring proof of vaccination as a way to welcome full capacity crowds even as the issue remains controversial.

KEY FACTS

The Late Show will require all audience members to show proof of being fully vaccinated in order to attend the taping, and face masks will be optional.

Colbert's show has been taping without an audience since March 2020 the show is now broadcasting from a makeshift smaller studio at the Ed Sullivan Building and not on the show's usual stage and other late night shows have been taping either also without an audience or to limited capacity crowds.

The announcement came after Saturday Night Live played to a full crowd for the first time since the pandemic started Saturday night for its season finale, which host Anya Taylor-Joy said during the show was made up entirely of fully vaccinated people.

Radio City Music Hall will reopen to a full-capacity crowd on June 19 for the closing night of the Tribeca Film Festival, Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced last week, with all audience members required to be fully vaccinated.

The BET Awards will require vaccinations for the audience of its June 27 awards ceremony, which organizers said was also intended as a way to encourage vaccinations among Black Americans, who have disproportionately lower vaccination rates.

A number of other venues such as sports stadiums and the Hollywood Bowl have announced they will not require all spectators to be fully vaccinated, but will separate seating into vaccinated and unvaccinated sections.

BIG NUMBER

370. That's how many audience members the Ed Sullivan Theater where The Late Show is filmed holds at full capacity, the New York Times reported in 2015. The audience is the largest of any late night show.

WHAT TO WATCH FOR

Broadway shows are weighing whether to require vaccinations for audience members as shows resume performances in September, but no final decisions have yet been made.

CRUCIAL QUOTE

Over the last 437 days, my staff and crew (and family!) have amazed me with their professionalism and creativity as we made shows for an audience we couldn't see or hear, Colbert said in a statement. I look forward to once again doing shows for an audience I can smell and touch.

KEY BACKGROUND

Live performances have been one of the last activities to come back amid the pandemic due to the risk of in-person crowds gathering, but rising vaccination rates have paved the way for live shows to resume and prompted a wave of reopening announcements for venues in recent weeks. The issue of requiring people to show proof of vaccination to resume normal activities has been controversial, however. A number of Republican-led states have moved to outlaw vaccine passports showing proof of vaccination entirely, claiming requiring proof of vaccination is an invasion of privacy, and the sale of fake vaccination cards have been on the rise among those who refuse to get vaccinated. In addition to live performances, many universities and industries like cruise ships are also requiring proof of vaccination, as are many employers.

SURPRISING FACT

Colbert announced he would welcome back his full audience only three days after John Krasinski became The Late Show's first live, in-studio guest since the pandemic began.

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Subject : March 4 CLE: Meditation for Lawyers hosted by the NYCLA

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The New York County Lawyers Association is one of the largest and most influential county bar associations in the country. Our debut with the NYCLA will be an event you won't want to miss!

To view more information and register, please visit this link or copy and paste it into your browser:

https://www.nycla.org/NYCLA/Events/Event_Display.aspx?EventKey=CLE030421

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To : "Judith Mogul"

Subject : March 31: De-stress with 1.5-credit-hour Meditation for Lawyers CLE webinar

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To : "Judith Mogul"

Subject : Relax Into Summer July 28th: 1.5 Credit Hour Meditation for Lawyers CLE Webinar

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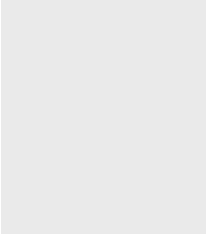
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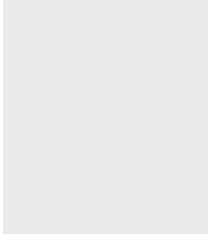


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Subject : AP: Tourists few, NY gift shops struggle but don't lose (heart)

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By JENNIFER PELTZ

NEW YORK (AP) — In souvenir shops from Times Square to the World Trade Center, shelves full of T-shirts and trinkets still line New York. But the proprietors wonder when their customers will, again.

The coronavirus pandemic has taken a voracious bite out of a slice of New York life as recognizable as a piece of pizza: the gifts-and-sometimes-electronics stores that dot tourist-friendly areas, offering Statue of Liberty figurines, toy taxis, NYPD ballcaps, Big Apple fridge magnets and anything and everything emblazoned with the famous "I (HEART) NY" logo. The memento markets are enough of a New York institution that a recent "Saturday Night Live" skit was set in one.

Like the miniature-skyline snow globes they sell, the shops are a microcosm of a city that has thrived on drawing visitors from around the world and now is feeling their near-absence.

It's a fight for survival, Ali Zaidi said one recent morning at his shop two blocks from the World Trade Center. And with coronavirus cases rising and winter approaching, what would normally be the build-up to a busy holiday season instead is getting worse and worse, day by day.

Before the pandemic, his Broadway Gifts store generally got hundreds of customers a day — many tourists, but also local office workers looking for gloves, cell phone chargers or other practical items, he said. Now, with few out-of-town visitors and many locals still working from home, an average day might bring 25 to 50 people and \$300 or less in sales, a small fraction of business as usual, says Zaidi, who has another souvenir store in midtown Manhattan.

After being closed for more than three months after the city shut down nonessential retail in March, Zaidi says he's used all the business savings to keep it going, while getting some breaks from his landlords and keeping his staff as small as possible — it's just him and three relatives. Still, he had to cut back sharply on ordering Christmas merchandise, he said.

I wish I could provide more to my customers, so they could have a nice Christmas with nice ornaments on their trees, said Zaidi, who says he's in the business not just for a livelihood, but because selling gifts brings joy to others.

Nonetheless, he says he's very optimistic that the pandemic will eventually be quashed and business will recover.

We have to give positive energy in the city to bring it back to life, Zaidi said.

After setting records year after year since 2010, travel to the United States — biggest city has plummeted since the pandemic shuttered Broadway theaters, closed many other attractions for months and ushered in federal bans on some foreign visitors and New York quarantine rules affecting many interstate arrivals.

City tourism agency NYC & Co. is now projecting visitors will total about 23 million this year, an unmatched drop from over 66 million last year, though the agency forecasts the numbers will rebound to reach new records by 2024. Hotel occupancy is currently down about 80% from normal, and traffic at metro area airports about 75%, according to the Hotel Association of New York City and the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey.

In souvenir shops around Times and Herald squares, browsers were scant on a recent midday afternoon. Workers spoke of trimmed-down staffs and, in some places, hours passing between sales.

A bit farther south, near the landmark Flatiron Building, Alper Tutus sported a New York tough face mask as he surveyed the wares he has curated during 35 years in the electronics and souvenir business.

Pointing out an extensive postcard selection, movie-star T-shirts and other specialties, he recalled the pre-pandemic days when customers lined up at the register that put his two daughters through college.

Nowadays, Tutus worries about covering the shop's expenses, with monthly rent he said is in the tens of thousands of dollars.

The situation got him down for a while, but he believes in the city's potential and his own: I never give up, he said.

Working seven days a week, the septuagenarian says he's been talking with his landlord, and he hopes the state or federal government can come up with some more aid for shops like his.

While hotels, restaurants and other businesses are important to the city's tourism, he says souvenir shops have their own special place, providing tangible connections to the city that visitors take home with them.

It reflects your love, reflects your memories, Tutus said. These little, little things, they make them so happy.

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Entertainment Tonight: 2020's Most Inspirational Stars: Chrissy Teigen, LeBron James and More

By Rachel McRady

Let's face it, it's been a tough year. From a global pandemic to a racial reckoning, 2020 has been filled with challenges and obstacles. Thankfully, there were a select group of stars who helped inspire us throughout one of the most difficult years in recent memory.

From taking a stand to putting us at ease, these folks dominated the celebrity news world for the best possible reasons. Whether they were some of the faces of the Black Lives Matter movement or provided a source of calm as we learned about the coronavirus pandemic, many stars stepped up to the plate to help 2020 be a little more bearable. Some, like Chrissy Teigen and Amanda Kloots, were able to channel their own grief into a source of comfort and solidarity, while others, like Chadwick Boseman, inspired us after their lives had ended.

Tom Hanks and Rita Wilson

In March, news broke that the A-list couple were the first reported celebrities to contract the coronavirus while working in Australia. With so much unknown at the time and fears of the pandemic around the globe, the pair understood their responsibility to use their platforms to help calm the public. They regularly posted updates on social media and encouraged their fans to continue safe practices.

◆ We are all in this together. Flatten the curve, ◆ Hanks wrote on one of his posts while sharing a health update. The Oscar-winning actor continued to donate plasma for months following his recovery to help other victims of the disease. He also hosted Saturday Night Live's first at-home episode in April, helping to bring levity to a difficult time.

"It is a strange time to try to be funny, but trying to be funny is SNL's whole thing, so we thought, 'What the heck, let's give it a shot,'" Hanks shared.

Wilson used her experience with COVID-19 to help spread awareness about flu season, encouraging fans to get their flu shot and help nurses and frontline workers, who already have a lot on their plates.

"Flu season is upon us and COVID's not going anywhere ... so for us it's really important to make sure that the nurses aren't overwhelmed to take care of the people that may have COVID and that need more care," ◆ Wilson told ET in September.

John Krasinski

At the end of March, several weeks into the coronavirus outbreak, The Office alum popped up on YouTube without any warning to bring us Some Good News. The father of two started his own at-home YouTube series, highlighting positive news and acts of kindness. From reunions of The Office cast and the original Broadway Hamilton cast, to throwing high schoolers a virtual prom, Krasinski brought the smiles with him. He had some help along the way with his wife, Emily Blunt, making cameos as well as Brad Pitt, Oprah Winfrey, Martha Stewart and many more. In May, it was announced that Krasinski had sold the idea to ViacomCBS and will continue to serve as an executive producer on the future CBS series.

LeBron James

Michelle Obama thinks you should look for LeBron James qualities in a spouse, and there's a reason why! The record-setting L.A. Lakers star doesn't just dominate on the court, where he both surpassed Kobe Bryant's all-time scoring record and helped his team to an NBA Championship win in the same year, he also gives back and uses his platform to enact real change. In May, he honored high school seniors amid the coronavirus pandemic by hosting the program Graduate Together: America Honors the High School Class of 2020. In July, amid the calls for social justice across the country and around the world, James and his fellow NBA stars redirected questions during their first press conference about their return to the game to shed light on the murder of Breonna Taylor, a 26-year-old EMT who was shot and killed in her home by police officers in Louisville, Kentucky.

Later that month, James and his teammates took a knee and linked arms during the national anthem while wearing Black Lives Matter shirts. In August, James helped organize an NBA strike following the shooting of Jacob Blake, a 29-year-old Wisconsin man who was shot in the back multiple times by police. The boycott led to the league establishing a social justice coalition and agreeing to convert several arenas into polling stations. The athlete also spearheaded initiatives to help pay for poll workers in predominantly Black communities amid the 2020 presidential election.

Andrew and Chris Cuomo

At the start of the coronavirus pandemic, all eyes were on the Cuomo brothers. New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo proved to be a calm voice of reason that helped transform NYC from the American epicenter of the virus to one of the country's lowest percentages of cases. New Yorkers and people around the world tuned in for his daily press conferences, where he was applauded for providing clear and comprehensive information in a calming manner.

The single politician also inspired the term "Cuomosexuals" for the many who were crushing on him at the time. And though he was every bit the stoic leader we needed, his younger brother and CNN correspondent, Chris, wasn't about to let him get a big ego. Chris often featured his brother on his show, Cuomo Prime Time, poking fun at him on national television, much to viewers' delight. Chris himself and several of his immediate family members suffered from COVID-19, which he documented on the show, keeping viewers up to date on his condition as he battled the disease.

Beyoncé

The GRAMMY-winning songstress started off the year using her vocal gifts to bring comfort to family, friends, and fans of Kobe Bryant following his tragic death in a helicopter accident that also killed his daughter, Gianna, and seven others in January. Beyoncé performed one of the late athlete's favorite songs, "XO," and her hit, "Halo," at the televised memorial service for Bryant. She also sat with his grieving wife, Vanessa Bryant, placing her hand on the mother of four's shoulder throughout the ceremony. Then, this summer as the nation and the world were fighting for social justice and racial equality, Beyoncé released a celebration of Black culture and beauty with her visual album, *Black Is King*. The stunning film, set to the music from the singer's soundtrack album, *The Lion King: The Gift*, was mostly filmed in Africa with an all-Black cast, providing much-needed inspiration and light to a community at a time of immense suffering.

Amanda Kloots

The Los Angeles-based fitness instructor gained a loyal following as fans watched her Broadway actor husband Nick Cordero's COVID-19 battle unfold. Kloots kept her fans informed every step of the way, encouraging them to sing and dance to his song, "Live Your Life," every night. For weeks, she was unable to visit Cordero in the hospital, but she stood outside his window every day, all while raising their infant son. Tragically, Cordero died in July following a 95-day battle with the coronavirus. Since that time, Kloots has been open and honest with her grieving and healing process. She has also been a public face of those who have lost their loved ones to the deadly disease, speaking out against President Donald Trump for his response to contracting COVID himself. In early December, it was announced that Kloots would officially become a new co-host on *The Talk* after inspiring viewers with her story.

Chadwick Boseman

Fans were heartbroken in August when it was announced that the 43-year-old Black Panther star had died following an extremely private battle with stage 4 colon cancer. Even Boseman's co-stars and directors weren't aware that he'd been suffering from the disease, which he was diagnosed with in 2016. What began as shock, transformed into an inspirational story as Boseman's friends and family came forward to honor what a real-life hero he was. The final tweet on his account, championing his life and legacy, became the most liked tweet of all time. Fans learned that he supported young cancer patients, hoping to inspire them as they fought similar health battles. It was also revealed that Boseman used his own *21 Bridges* salary to boost his female co-star Sienna Miller's pay on the film.

"He was such a beautiful individual, a soul through and through, and the bravery..." Boseman's *Get on Up* co-star, Dan Aykroyd, told ET shortly after his death, noting how Boseman especially inspired the Black community throughout his career. "This time in America, it's just like, kicking Black people when they're down. Thanks a lot. What's the universe saying? A lot of us, we have to smarten up."

Chrissy Teigen

Few celebrities are as open and honest with their fans as Chrissy Teigen. The 35-year-old social media guru, model, and cookbook author blissfully announced she was pregnant with her and husband John Legend's third child in Legend's "Wild" music video back in August. But as her pregnancy progressed, Teigen was placed on bed rest to try to offset some complications with her placenta. True to form, Teigen kept her fans updated, sharing they were expecting a little boy. When Teigen was hospitalized and forced to undergo several blood transfusions, she continued to keep her followers in the loop. Tragically, at the end of September, Teigen announced, along with a series of devastating images, that their baby boy, whom they'd taken to calling Jack, had not survived. After a month away from social media, Teigen returned, penning a moving essay about her family's loss and why she chose to grieve so publicly.

"I knew I needed to know of this moment forever, the same way I needed to remember us kissing at the end of the aisle, the same way I needed to remember our tears of joy after Luna and Miles," she wrote. "And I absolutely knew I needed to share this story." Following her admission, Teigen was praised by women and celebrities alike for her honesty and openness. Since the loss, she has continued to balance on the line between her grieving process and her lighthearted pre-pregnancy posts, showing that even those who suffer an unbearable tragedy can continue to enjoy life's better moments.

John Boyega

In June, the *Star Wars* standout put aside fears for his career and future to give an impassioned, moving speech at a Black Lives Matter rally in London.

"I'm speaking to you from my heart. Look, I don't know if I'm going to have a career after this, but f**k that," he exclaimed into a megaphone, fighting back tears. "Today is about innocent people who were halfway through their process. We don't know what George Floyd could have achieved, we don't know what Sandra Bland could have achieved, but today we're going to make sure that won't be an alien thought to our young ones."

Boyega received support from LucasFilm and many others in the industry. He spoke with ET in October about the impact of that moment and why it was important for him to speak out.

"I feel it was just me expressing how I feel about certain issues," he humbly told ET. "I just feel like it probably hit at a time where people can relate and a lot of people in that position would have probably said the same thing, so it's always good to have someone that has a stage and a position to be able to speak from a very true perspective and it was an honor to be able to do that for you all."

Naomi Osaka

The 23-year-old Japanese tennis star, who is currently the highest-paid female athlete in the world, used her platform to call for social justice in 2020. In August, she boycotted a tennis tournament semifinal to protest racial injustice and "the continued genocide of Black people at the hand of the police."

"Before I am an athlete, I am a Black woman. As a Black woman I feel as though there are much more important matters at hand that need immediate attention, rather than watching me play tennis," Osaka wrote in a statement at the time.

She also wore face masks at each of her US Open showings, highlighting Black victims of police brutality. She was thanked for her gesture by the loved ones of some of these victims, including Sybrina Fulton, the mother of Trayvon Martin.

"I just want to say thank you to Naomi Osaka for representing Trayvon Martin on your customized mask, and also for Ahmaud Arbery and Breonna Taylor," Fulton told Osaka in a moving clip. "We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Continue to do well, continue to kick butt at the US Open."

Ellen Pompeo and Patrick Dempsey

With the coronavirus pandemic only getting worse this fall, Grey's Anatomy decided to recenter the focus on frontline workers while also giving their fans the ultimate gift.

Star and producer Ellen Pompeo and her former co-star, Patrick Dempsey, came up with the plan to bring back his beloved character, Derek Shepherd, aka McDreamy. The scene came after Meredith Grey (Pompeo) had collapsed following an intense shift trying to save COVID-19 patients. In a dream-like sequence, she is then transported to a beach, where she sees her deceased love waving to her.

"There's so many souls that we have lost right now," Dempsey said on The Ellen DeGeneres Show following the big reveal. "The thought of having angels around us is very comforting, certainly to me."

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NYDN: GOP challenger holds slim lead over Brooklyn Dem Sen. Gounardes in swing district

By [DENIS SLATTERY](#)

ALBANY — Vito Bruno, a former nightclub owner who campaigned against bail and criminal justice reforms, emerged with a narrow margin over Sen. Andrew Gounardes on Wednesday as Republicans celebrated Election Day leads across the state. Bruno's lead over Gounardes in the Brooklyn race was roughly 6,757 votes following in-person voting, but the tally from the state Board of Elections does not include absentee ballots cast by those who chose to avoid the polls amid the coronavirus crisis. Gounardes, a Democrat who replaced longtime Republican senator Marty Golden in 2018 as part of a blue wave that swept over Albany, said he's confident Bruno's lead will evaporate once all the votes are tallied.

"There are several thousand in-person votes which have not been reported, nearly 13,000 mail-in ballots which have been returned already, plus additional mail-in ballots which have not been processed or received," he said in a statement. "The outcome of this election will hinge on these votes, and I am confident that once these votes are counted, we will prevail."

The Brooklyn contest was a rare competitive Senate race in the five boroughs as Dems eyed a super-majority in the State Senate. That dream appeared to be dashed based on unofficial Election Day results, but thousands of mail-in ballots still need to be counted.

Final results in many state races may not be known for weeks.

Bruno, a music industry insider with a colorful past got his start at 2001 Odyssey, the Brooklyn club made famous in "Saturday Night Fever." He first tried his hand at politics in 2017 with an unsuccessful bid for Brooklyn Borough President.

His campaign this year echoed the message Republicans blasted statewide, slamming Dems over changes to bail laws and criminal justice reforms they say have led to spikes in crime and arguing that the Legislature has lurched too far to the left.

Gounardes' campaign painted Bruno as a hypocrite for past statements about paying off cops and other nefarious dealings when he was running illegal dance parties across the city.

In 1983, Bruno implied in an interview with the New York Times that he gave large sums of cash to cops at Christmas to turn a blind eye to his illicit activities. In a book about actor John Belushi, journalist Bob Woodward notes that Bruno told him he "would get drugs" for the Saturday Night Live star.

The bitter battle culminated in a potential upset as Republicans looked to regain ground lost in 2018 and seats left open upstate in the wake of a rash of GOP retirements last year.

Several other first-term and incumbent Democrats in the Hudson Valley and on Long Island trailed Republican challengers following Tuesday's vote.

Sen. Jen Metzger (D-Catskills) issued a statement similar to Gounardes' call for patience after challenger Mike Martucci took an Election Day lead over the sitting senator.

Metzger issued a statement shortly before midnight saying that about 25,000 absentee ballots had been cast, mostly by Democratic voters.

"We expect the process of counting absentees to be an orderly process that will take several weeks, and we will patiently await the final results," she said. "I hope to have the opportunity to continue to fight for the communities I represent."

Martucci, the former owner of a school bus company, declared victory outright.

“The voters have spoken, and they have embraced my Families First agenda that is rooted in public safety and investing in our district instead of pouring endless resources into New York City,” he said in a statement. “The voters responded and they overwhelmingly rejected the policies pursued and championed by Senator Metzger such as bail elimination, single-payer healthcare, high taxes and ruinous regulations.”

Several Long Island races remain too close to call without absentee ballots being counted, but Republicans pulled ahead in several spots.

Republican Alexis Weik led Sen. Monica Martinez (D-Suffolk) by roughly 8,000 votes, according to the state BOE. The seat was long a Republican stronghold before Martinez’s 2018 win.

Incumbent Sens. Jim Gaughran and Kevin Thomas, who represent parts of Suffolk and Nassau respectively, are also both trailing Republican challengers. A large number of absentee ballots remain outstanding in all three races.

Dems, who entered Election Day with a 40-seat conference in the 63 seat chamber, did make some gains upstate, grabbing a pair of Rochester-area seats formerly held by the GOP and looked likely to win a Buffalo seat as well. The wins were not enough to give the party the super-majority they have been eyeing since taking over the chamber two years ago.

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NYT: Moynihan Train Hall: It's Stunning. And, a First Step.

By Michael Kimmelman

The \$1.6 billion Moynihan Train Hall opened at dawn on New Year's morning on budget, too, even a couple of months early. Instagram swooned. Tweeters channeled Stefon from Saturday Night Live.

In the midst of everything else, we needed this. New York needs this.

No, the huge, lofty train hall, with its soaring skylights, doesn't magically resurrect the old Pennsylvania Station or extinguish the raging dumpster fire that is the current one. It leaves all sorts of herculean challenges and tasks around Penn Station unresolved. But it delivers on its promise, giving the city the uplifting gateway it deserves. When was the last time you could say something like that about a public works project?

We'll get to what Moynihan doesn't do. First: It converts what used to be a mail-sorting hall inside the James A. Farley Building, formerly the General Post Office, across Eighth Avenue from Penn Station. If you can't picture it, Farley is that Beaux-Arts behemoth with the imperial staircase and Corinthian columns, occupying the entirety of the superblock between Eighth and Ninth Avenues and 31st and 33rd Streets.

The building was built during the early 1910s as an architectural bookend to McKim, Mead & White's gloried station. This was a time when post offices and train stations were conceived to be palaces for the people and when mail was transported by rail. Farley (this is a crucial point) sits over the end of several tracks that serve Penn.

The slightly Rube Goldbergian idea of repurposing it as a train hall was first floated nearly 30 years ago by Daniel Patrick Moynihan, the United States Senator from New York and the most architecturally engaged and sophisticated public official since Thomas Jefferson. He understood the historic station was a kind of civic barometer. An era had come tumbling down along with the soot-stained travertine walls and Doric columns when wrecking crews razed the original site in 1963. By the '60s, Gilded Age optimism and New York's leaping ambition at the start of the century had succumbed to a mean, cramped vision of the city and its prospects, which the new subterranean Penn Station exactly embodied.

Senator Moynihan wondered whether Farley's mail-sorting facility, with its access to railway platforms under Eighth Avenue, was a potential restorative for lost glory that kept things, architecturally speaking, in the family. This being a big, complicated infrastructural proposal, years passed and various attempts to make something happen foundered. Finally in 2016, Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo got it done: He promised the train hall would be built and showed renderings by the architecture firm Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, which had been working on various conversion schemes since the '90s.

You may have glimpsed Farley's mail sorting room in Miracle on 34th Street. It was a prosaic, not obviously promising thrum and mess of machinery and columns. A skylight had been covered over during World War II. A dropped ceiling hid steel trusses from which security guards kept their eyes on postal employees.

The transformation now is stunning. Full credit to the governor for bringing all the key players together. Michael Evans deserves a special shout out. He was president of the Moynihan Station Development Corporation and died, at the age of 40, in March. Mr. Evans, the team at Skidmore, Owings & Merrill and the engineering firm Schlaich Bergermann have gifted the city with a new light-filled steel, glass and Tennessee marble cathedral, nearly the size of Grand Central Terminal's main hall.

Those trusses, exposed and painted gray as is much of the hall, support catenary skylights, like inverted nets or inflated glass balloons, aerial feats of sculptural engineering and parametric design. Norman Foster's Great Court at the British Museum comes to mind (Moynihan's grid shells are actually finer), as do classic 19th century European railway sheds and of course the concourse from Charles McKim's original Penn Station.

But Moynihan doesn't pretend to exhume the concourse or compete with Grand Central. The marble recalls the stone quarried for Grand Central. Arched windows allude to the Baths of Caracalla, one of McKim's inspirations. And as in McKim's station, a clock dangles above the middle of the train hall, begging to be met under. The architect Peter Pennoyer won a competition to design it. He riffs on Farley's industrial pedigree along with Ralph T. Walker and Ely Jacques Kahn to concoct a nostalgic, Art Deco confection. I like it.

That said, the architecture is modern, sober and solid. The layout is the opposite of the current Penn Station — clear, intuitive, axial, with loads of electronic signage and wayfinding kiosks. We'll see how it functions once retail settles in. The original station, let's remember, was built by and belonged to a private, for-profit company. Moynihan, like so many public projects today, depends on retail and commercial development. Facebook recently leased 730,000 square feet in the west end of Farley. Skeptics had expressed fears that the new train hall would be just another publicly subsidized shopping mall masquerading as a railway station like the \$4 billion Oculus at the World Trade Center. (I can't think of a recent project that did more to squander public faith or sour New Yorkers on the value of architecture.)

I was worried, myself.

But Moynihan isn't a shopping mall, at least it doesn't look that way to me. The main hall seems clearly organized around passenger services and amenities. The Rockwell Group designed for it an attractive 320-seat waiting room with snaking walnut banquettes. I suspect there will be a call for even more seating, post-pandemic. The concourse is a place where people might just want to hang out. Public bathrooms are exceptionally nice. The Public Art Fund has contributed first-rate art installations by Kehinde Wiley, Elmgreen & Dragset and Stan Douglas. A midblock corridor, where mail trucks used to disgorge cargo, now leads to Amtrak's almost comically handsome Acela lounge on a mezzanine overlooking the train hall, by FXCollaborative.

As for circulation and access, an escalator and corridor tie the train hall to Ninth Avenue along what would be West 32nd Street. The metamorphosis of the neighborhood to the west of Moynihan into Singapore on the Hudson, with its rash of new office and high-priced apartment towers, including the architectural petting zoo called Hudson Yards, provided a demographic rationale for the train hall.

West Side development, even looking ahead several decades, is in fact not likely to account for more than a fraction of Penn's ridership. Like a luxury box in a stadium, Moynihan was built essentially to benefit a privileged few.

What Penn still needs are more tracks and platforms and new tunnels under the Hudson River a project called Gateway, which, fingers crossed, might at last get funded with an Amtrak fanboy in the White House. The economy of the Eastern Seaboard depends on it, and on increasing Penn Station's capacity. Before the pandemic, some 650,000 people a day used the station, triple the number it was built to handle. As many as one million or more may want to use it in the coming years, especially assuming Penn Station Access brings all of the city's major commuter railways, including Metro-North, into the station. This requires that a whole new facility, Penn South, be built south of the existing one, between Seventh and Eighth Avenues, to link with Gateway's tunnels and create new tracks to serve New Jersey Transit riders, whose misery Moynihan does next to nothing to relieve.

This is because Farley squats over the westernmost ends of tracks used by Amtrak and Long Island Railroad but over tracks that only partly serve New Jersey Transit. Moynihan is a spectacular train hall for Amtrak, providing additional access to Long Island Railroad platforms.

But Amtrak accounts for some 30,000 passengers a day. Five percent of Penn Station's (pre-Covid-19) ridership.

I still believe the hall is a useful step. Symbols matter, after all, as the original Penn Station proves. The millions of commuters who suffer the present station know that its problems aren't just aesthetic. They involve public health, public safety, environmental justice and the city's economy, which in no small measure will only recover if commuters in places like Floral Park, Hempstead and Trenton want to return to offices in Hudson Yards, Midtown and Brooklyn after the pandemic. Moynihan provides a welcoming new front door and doubles down on the future of train travel. It sends a message. And we shouldn't underestimate the hunger and political momentum it can generate for further improvements.

Momentum is our collective challenge. We have become a city of naysayers and obstructionists. But historically, New York has battled back after recessions and calamities by dreaming big. The success of Moynihan must accelerate a campaign that includes Penn South, a renovated Penn Station, Gateway all of it part of a neighborhood plan that rationalizes forthcoming development, adds bike access and prioritizes public spaces, street life and pedestrians. Governor Cuomo has said he intends to follow through. On Sunday he proposed a \$60 million plan for walking paths that would link Moynihan to an extension of the High Line and Hudson River Park.

Talk is talk, obviously. Moynihan is something else. It's proof of concept. Last week representatives for Manhattan Community Board 5, which oversees the neighborhood, agreed to consider a proposal by PAU Studio, an architectural and urban design firm, that would move Madison Square Garden across Seventh Avenue, freeing Pennsylvania Station from its entombment.

An intriguing, less costly and far likelier idea just now making the rounds involves persuading (a presently recalcitrant) Amtrak to relinquish its mezzanine space in Penn, since it has Moynihan. Demolishing that mezzanine could make it possible to raise the low ceiling now squashing the rest of the station into a subbasement, giving millions some relief.

Getting Amtrak (much less Madison Square Garden) to go along with either plan is another matter. Penn Station has been notoriously impossible to fix because it is the perfect storm of siloed interests, private properties, entrenched bureaucracies and conflicting jurisdictions.

London may provide a useful example here. King's Cross and St. Pancras are neighboring but separate railway stations in the city's King's Cross district. One station serves commuters, the other European travelers as well. For generations, the area was poor, run-down and crime-ridden. Its problems seemed intractable. Then the stations were redone and the neighborhood redeveloped. The process was costly and took many years. But now the district is one of Europe's great success stories, a thriving hub, critical to England's economy and future.

Change can happen. Moynihan is a start.

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The New Yorker: The Anti-Shutdown Lawyer Suing New York on Behalf of Small Businesses

By Eric Lach

The attorney James Mermigis specializes in business, commercial, matrimonial, estate, personal-injury, and constitutional law. He supports Donald Trump and subscribes to the medical freedom movement, which opposes vaccine mandates, including any that may be imposed for the coronavirus. Last year, Mermigis, who is based in Syosset, Long Island, made a few headlines while representing an Amish family in western New York State who objected to the state's ending of religious exemptions for childhood vaccinations. He lost that case. This year, business has picked up anyway.

Since the summer, Mermigis has filed more than a half-dozen lawsuits against New York State, Governor Andrew Cuomo, and New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio on behalf of thousands of small businesses forced to shut down during the coronavirus pandemic. His clients include restaurants, gyms, Off Broadway theatres, comedy clubs, and pool halls. In addition to asking judges to loosen or even lift shutdown orders, the lawsuits intend to seek, collectively, up to five billion dollars in damages. Judges have been skeptical of Mermigis's arguments, but Mermigis keeps filing new cases.

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I've slept three and a half hours a night since June, Mermigis told me, when I called him recently. It's like a John Grisham novel, to be honest with you. I'd asked how he'd ended up being the lawyer for all these small businesses. It's crazy how I'm the only one really that's doing this, he said. In Michigan, you have actual politicians who have sued the governor. A similar thing in Pennsylvania. I have not been approached by one politician in New York to sue the governor.

Mermigis said his anti-shutdown work began with the gyms. In mid-May, the owners of Atilis, a gym in Bellmawr, New Jersey, hired Mermigis as they prepared to stay open in defiance of their state's shutdown orders. (According to the owners, Atilis has since racked up more than a million dollars in fines.) Not long after, Charlie Cassara, a Long Island man who owns two gyms not far from Mermigis's office, called him, too.

Unlike Atilis's owners, Cassara didn't want to flout public-health guidelines. But he was increasingly desperate. His businesses had been closed for months, he told Mermigis, and, as the infection numbers went down in the state and the government announced successive phases of reopening, gyms found themselves left out of the plans. In mid-June, Cuomo told reporters at a press conference that, although the fourth reopening phase would allow tanning salons, tattoo shops, piercing parlors, and spas to open with restrictions, gyms would remain closed.

At that point in time, we were already back rent, bills coming up, mortgages, the whole nine, Cassara told me. I listened to Governor Cuomo's presser. I woke up the next morning, I called my personal attorney, asked for a recommendation. She recommended James Mermigis.

Mermigis and Cassara talked over the possibility of a lawsuit, and Mermigis suggested that Cassara find some other gym owners to help cover the cost. Cassara found ten other owners who wanted in. That number grew to a hundred, then two thousand. They formed an organization called the New York Fitness Coalition. Cassara became the president. Meanwhile, Mermigis began hunting for a venue to file the lawsuit in. I went to the Politico Web site, he said. I looked at the results of the 2018 election, when Cuomo was running for reelection. I basically looked at jurisdictions that he got demolished in. He settled on Jefferson County, where Cuomo got just thirty per cent of the vote. Half the battle is picking the right judge, Mermigis said.

The gym lawsuit was filed on July 29th. It opens with quotes from Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito and Senator Rand Paul. It takes aim at this spring and summer's Black Lives Matter protests, asking why there is no public health for marches, but someone who wants to open their gyms with CDC safety guidelines is endangering the public. It accuses Cuomo of selectively enforcing his shutdown orders; the openings of tattoo and piercing parlors are mentioned often. It acknowledges that the virus caused unease and uncertainty on a scale that has not been witnessed in many years, but does not mention the tens of thousands of New Yorkers killed by the virus. The suit also argues that the plaintiffs risk losing their businesses if things continue in the same way.

As late as August 6th, a week after the lawsuit was filed, the governor was still saying that gyms are highly problematic. On August 17th, however, Cuomo announced that he intended to allow gyms to open up with restrictions. Mermigis claims credit for the reversal, although some members of the state legislature were calling on Cuomo to open the gyms at the same time.

Either way, these developments brought Mermigis new attention and clients. In early September, Fox & Friends invited him on for an interview. A group of restaurant owners in New York City (including Lady Gaga's father, Joe Germanotta, who owns Joanne Trattoria, on the Upper West Side) asked him for help in reopening indoor dining; when it did reopen, they began to fight the city-specific restriction that capped indoor dining at twenty-five-per-cent capacity while the rest of the state was at fifty per cent. The lead plaintiff in the lawsuit that Mermigis filed on the restaurants' behalf is Il Bacco, an Italian restaurant in Queens, located just five hundred feet from the border with Nassau County. There is absolutely NO SCIENCE that will prove that indoor dining is safer one city block east from Plaintiff's restaurant, the lawsuit reads. In November, a Staten Island judge ruled against the restaurants, saying that the state government was within its rights to pass quarantine laws for the protection of the public's life and health within its limits to prevent suffering from a contagious disease. (More recently, Mermigis also represented a group of New York City parents who sued de Blasio over the latest school shutdowns. In that case, one of his plaintiffs was Joe Borelli, a Staten Island city councilman, who had eleven people over to his house on Thanksgiving.)

Perceived inconsistencies in how coronavirus restrictions have been applied to small businesses, along with a lack of government help, brought other clients to Mermigis. When I read that the bowling alleys opened, I sort of lost it, Catherine Russell, an actor and general manager at the Theatre Center, in Manhattan, said. Russell stars in Perfect Crime, the murder-mystery show that has played Off Broadway

since 1987. (She has missed just four performances since the show opened—she was once dubbed—the Cal Ripken of Broadway—by People magazine.) A guy who works in the box office at the theatre suggested that she call the lawyer who he’d seen was representing restaurants. Mermigis filed a suit on behalf of Russell’s company, as well as five other theatre companies and two comedy clubs. Russell had paid to install an air-filtration system in her space, and bought plastic masks for her actors to wear. She asked me why Saturday Night Live was allowed to go on in front of an audience—a loophole in the law allows the show to pay audience members as extras—while theatres like hers sat empty and her cast and crew went without paychecks.

—It seems like small venues slipped through the cracks, Russell said, and nobody said anything. What made opening her space with restrictions any riskier than opening restaurants with restrictions? —I’m asking to be treated equally, Russell told me.

The state government has brushed off these lawsuits. —We get sued virtually every day for virtually every action taken during this pandemic, and frankly I’ve lost track of all the frivolous suits filed against us, Richard Azzopardi, a senior adviser to Cuomo, said in October. —We are moving heaven and earth to contain this virus and we know some people are unhappy, but New York continues to have one of the lowest infection rates in the nation, and better to be unhappy than sick or worse. (The governor’s office did not respond to a request for comment for this article.)

—Unhappy doesn’t really capture what these business owners are feeling. Since March, the state has asked them to put their livelihoods on the line for the collective good, with few measures in place to help them economically. Since passing the cares Act in the early days of the crisis, the U.S. Congress has spent months debating additional rescue legislation. The state and the city aren’t in a position to help, either, and they’re asking Congress to plug their own emergency-level budget deficits. I asked Cassara, the Long Island gym owner, if he expected to win in court. —I think part of it is not really directed at Governor Cuomo, Cassara said. —I think it’s putting pressure on him now to do what he should have been doing over the last eight months. And that’s pressuring Congress and everybody else to do the right thing by New Yorkers, by Americans.

Mermigis’s lawsuits were filed at a time when New York’s infection rate was mercifully low. For the past few weeks, the numbers have been rising. Another general shutdown, like we saw in the spring, may be on its way. Mermigis’s arguments about contradictory or confusing regulations will lose their teeth in that case; Russell, for one, said that she now doesn’t want to reopen until the numbers go down again. But the economic pressures for Mermigis’s clients, and other small businesses in the state, will only increase. —A hundred per cent of your bills, and thirty-three per cent of your income—how are you supposed to do that?—Cassara said. —I think people need to know: it’s not acceptable to lose my home, to have to dip into my child’s education fund, my I.R.A., or anything like that—to have it ruined—because I did what I was supposed to do.

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WETM: Gov. Cuomo's daily COVID-19 briefings get the SNL treatment

by: George Stockburger

ELMIRA, N.Y. (WETM) Gov. Andrew Cuomo's daily coronavirus briefings got the Saturday Night Live treatment over the weekend with comedian John Mulaney recapping the months of briefings.

A lot of people were binge watching shows during quarantine. I watched a series that I absolutely loved. It was an hour long dramady called The Daily Press Conferences of Governor Andrew Cuomo's

Mullaney hit on all of the things New Yorkers have seen during Cuomo's briefings, from his family issues to his daughter's boyfriend to his energy announcing what day it is.

I am worried that when the coronavirus is over that Cuomo won't realize that his show is over.

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amNY: Ginsburg remembered by New York lawmakers as ◆unparalleled voice for our better angels◆

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Leaders across New York City mourned the loss of Supreme Court Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a Brooklyn native and champion of equal rights who died Friday at the age of 87.

Governor Andrew Cuomo said the entire state is ◆absolutely devastated◆ by Ginsburg◆s passing, noting that ◆her life was a testament that tough does not preclude acting with respect, grace, and dignity.◆

◆As an advocate, litigator, professor, and judge, Justice Ginsburg was an unparalleled voice for our better angels and a singular force for equality and justice throughout her extraordinary career,◆ the governor said in a statement. ◆In an era when women like her were asked why they were ◆taking the place of a man,◆ she fought tirelessly to ensure our country lived up to its founding ideals, especially for all those marginalized by the status quo ◆ from women and communities of color, to the disabled and the LGBTQ community.◆

Mayor Bill de Blasio followed suit with a tweet in which he proclaimed Ginsburg◆s New York toughness and tenacity in character.

◆Like so many of you, I◆m crushed that we lost an incomparable icon,◆ de Blasio tweeted. ◆A daughter of Brooklyn. A tenacious spirit who moved this country forward in fairness, equality and morality. She was Ruth Bader Ginsburg. She never backed down from a fight. Tonight her hometown and world mourn.◆

New York◆s Senatorial delegation also mourned her passing.

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand said that Ginsburg ◆lived an extraordinary life◆ in fighting ◆to ensure equal protection in our laws, fearlessly dissented and defended, and was a powerful role model for us all.◆

◆I◆m devastated to hear of her passing,◆ Gillibrand tweeted. ◆Thank you, Justice Ginsburg. Rest in power.◆

Senator Charles Schumer, a fellow Brooklynite and Senate minority leader, praised Ginsburg as a ◆giant in American history, a champion for justice [and] a trailblazer for women.◆

◆She would want us all to fight as hard as we can to preserve her legacy,◆ Schumer tweeted.

He also said that her vacancy on the bench should not be filled ◆until we have a new president,◆ following the precedent that Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell set in 2016 in not considering President Barack Obama◆s nomination of Merrick Garland to the Supreme Court.

More reaction from New York pols

◆Ruth Bader Ginsburg has left an indelible mark on this country, and her loss will be deeply felt. She will be remembered for her brilliant mind, her razor sharp wit, and her tenacious and lifelong fight to protect the rights of women in this country,◆ said Manhattan/Brooklyn Congressman Jerry Nadler. ◆In a year of incalculable loss, may we pause for a moment to honor this remarkable woman who never backed down from a fight and was never afraid to stand up for what she believed. I send my most heartfelt condolences to her family, colleagues, and loved ones. May her memory be a blessing.◆

◆Tonight we lost a titan,◆ Queens Congresswoman Grace Meng tweeted. ◆Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was a national icon who leaves behind an incredible legacy of standing up for & fighting for women◆s equality. Our country was fortunate to have her sitting on the nation◆s highest court. Keeping her family in my thoughts.◆

◆Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg spent her entire life as a fierce advocate for women◆s rights & equality for all,◆ Brooklyn Congresswoman Yvette Clarke wrote on Twitter. ◆Brooklyn has lost our hometown hero. America has lost a champion for social justice and fairness. Each day we will strive to be more like her. May she rest in peace.◆

◆Justice Ginsburg was an inspiration to countless women including me. I am privileged to have known her and my heart goes out to her children,◆ tweeted Manhattan/Queens/Brooklyn Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney.

◆We have lost a giant in the history of our nation with the passing of Ruth Bader Ginsburg,◆ Bronx/Queens Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez tweeted, pivoting to the anticipated battle over filling Ginsburg◆s seat. ◆It is heartbreaking that in her final moments she was, as are many others, preoccupied with what would happen after her passing. Now is not the time for cynicism or hopelessness. There is and continues to be political possibility to preserve our democracy & move forward. It will require each & every one of us, from the streets to the Senate, to grow in courage, strength, and strategy. But it is possible.◆

◆A daughter of Brooklyn, Justice Ginsburg spent her life tirelessly advocating for the rights of the vulnerable and marginalized in our society, from women to the LGBTQ+ community,◆ said Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams. ◆We owe her a tremendous debt of gratitude, and send our love and prayers to her family and all those devastated by this loss.◆

◆Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg◆s legacy as a jurist was incredible ◆ inspiring, progressive and just. Her impact on the court was tremendous in scope and in value as we strive for an America that lives up to its promise,◆ Public Advocate Jumaane Williams said. ◆Her resilience seemed unmatched as she worked to fulfill that promise. Her passing in this time, in this moment of history, is an unfathomable loss which

will reverberate with the volume of her legacy, her volumes of work, for many years to come. ♦

A transcendent champion of equality

Born on March 15, 1933 in Brooklyn, Ruth Bader grew up in the neighborhood of Midwood area and would go on to graduate from James Madison High School. She later graduated from Cornell University and married law student Martin Ginsburg.

In 1956, the Ginsburgs relocated to Massachusetts and Ruth became a student at Harvard Law School. Excelling in a male-dominated environment, she became the first woman named to the Harvard Law Review.

They then returned to New York after Martin was hired by a law firm, and Ruth became a student at Columbia Law School, where she graduated in 1959. Over the next 20 years, she would serve as clerks to various judges and as the director of the American Civil Liberties Union ♦s Women ♦s Rights project, arguing for cases in support of gender equality in America.

President Jimmy Carter appointed RBG in 1980 to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. She would serve there for 13 years until President Bill Clinton nominated her to the Supreme Court in 1993; the Senate overwhelmingly confirmed her nomination in a 96-3 vote.

During her 27 years on the nation ♦s highest bench, Ginsburg became an icon for equal rights cases, siding with the majority on landmark decisions promoting gender equality as well as the legalization of same-sex marriage.

♦The Notorious RBG, ♦ as fans called her, became a cultural icon in recent years for her legacy and legal rulings. A feature film, ♦On the Basis of Sex, ♦ dramatized her career as a civil rights attorney on the silver screen, and in 2018, she was the subject of the biographical documentary ♦RBG. ♦ Saturday Night Live ♦s Kate McKinnon also popularized her further with a hilarious imitation.

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TOPLINE


Comedian Jim Carrey will lend a hand to the Saturday Night Live cast this season by playing Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden, the show announced Wednesday, and is set to become part of a long history of the sketch comedy show parodying political figures.

KEY FACTS






For its upcoming 46th season, slated to begin next month, Carrey will reportedly join familiar faces like Maya Rudolph and Alec Baldwin, who are set to reprise their roles as Kamala Harris and Donald Trump, respectively, Saturday Night Live executive producer Lorne Micheals told Vulture.

 You  will see the same people,  Micheals told the outlet.  Maya Rudolph is coming back, and Alec [Baldwin] will be back. And Jim Carrey is going to do Biden.  Micheals said Carrey had expressed interest in the role.

Carrey will be the fourth actor in just two seasons to play Biden  on the previous season of Saturday Night Live, actors Woody Harrelson and John Mulaney had stints playing the former vice president, along with Jason Sudekis who also portrayed Biden during the Obama administration.

The show will work with Gov. Andrew Cuomo to safely have a limited number of guests in-house as part of Saturday Night Live  s traditional live audience, according to a release.

KEY BACKGROUND

SNL is famous for poking fun at politicians. A few of the show  s most well-known impersonations include Tina Fey  s take on Republican vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin as a bumbling candidate from the backwoods in 2008, and both Amy Poehler and Kate McKinnon  s stints as a high-strung, ultra-ambitious Hillary Clinton. Maya Rudolph was nominated for an Emmy for her role as Harris this year. Baldwin  s portrayal of Trump was enough to apparently get under the president  s skin. Trump has repeatedly attacked the actor and Saturday Night Live over the impersonation.

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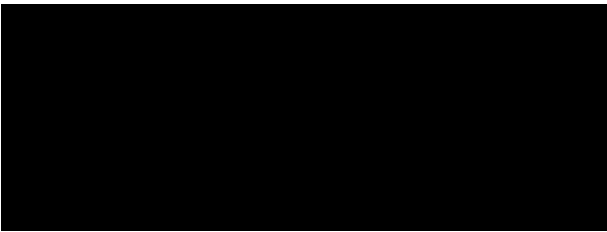
Hi—just following up on this. Thank you!

On Wed, Sep 16, 2020 at 2:37 PM Seth Simons  wrote:

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From: James Nani [mailto:james.nani@law360.com]

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Subject: Looking for comment on NY Supreme Court decision in self-storage tax case

Hello, this is James Nani with Law360. I was hoping you might be able to comment today, please, on this decision from a New York state court which tossed a case which challenged a new law repealing property tax breaks for self-storage facilities in New York City. The court found the law wasn't retroactive and therefore didn't violate the due process rights of SNL Capital Partners.

I'm writing about this decision today and I was hoping you may be able to comment on the decision, please, its impact, any thoughts or background and what may happen from here. Any other general thoughts or comments would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your time and hoping to hear back by my deadline today of 6 p.m. EST. please. The decision is attached.

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THE CITY OF NEW YORK, THE NEW YORK CITY
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, JACQUES JIHA, in his official
capacity as Commissioner of the New York City Department
of Finance

Defendants.

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The motion by plaintiff for a preliminary injunction is denied and the cross-motion by defendants to dismiss is granted.

Background

Plaintiff runs self-storage properties in New York City and seeks injunctive relief relating to the state's repeal of certain tax benefits for self-storage projects. Under the Industrial and Commercial Abatement Program ("ICAP"), properties receive tax abatements under certain circumstances (such as where the buildings were expanded, improved or modernized). Plaintiff says it has previously obtained ICAP benefits on six sites throughout New York City. In April 2020, the state legislature modified the program to exclude self-storage properties in connection

with the passage of the state budget. It provided a period by which self-storage properties could still receive ICAP benefits, but only if they got a permit before July 1, 2020.

Plaintiff contends that it is developing five projects in New York City and its entire business plan was developed in reliance upon getting the ICAP benefits “as of right.” It contends that it won’t be able to secure a permit for these projects before the July 1, 2020 deadline. Plaintiff argues that it only found out about the change in the law *after* it was enacted. It argues that the change in law will apply retroactively to its projects and destroy them. Plaintiff attaches the affidavit of John Geraci (a building code consultant) who details each project and contends that the Department of Buildings (“DOB”) will likely have (or has already stated) objections that will make it impossible for plaintiff to secure permits before the July 1, 2020 deadline (NYSCEF Doc. No. 39). It also attaches the affidavit of the managing director of a private equity firm invested in plaintiff’s projects who claims that his firm will withdraw from its agreement with plaintiff if the projects are unable to receive ICAP benefits (NYSCEF Doc. No. 48).

In this motion, plaintiff asks for a preliminary injunction preventing defendants from applying the April 2, 2020 law to plaintiff’s self-storage development properties. Plaintiff claims it is likely to succeed on the merits because the law passed by the legislature has retroactive effect on its projects. The imposition of an unforeseen tax obligation, according to plaintiff, violates plaintiff’s substantive due process rights. It complains that it had no forewarning about the change and that it will be unable to finance any of its projects. Plaintiff details how it entered into numerous agreements over the last few years related to these projects in reliance upon the fact that it would receive ICAP benefits. It argues there is no public purpose served by retroactively eliminating its right to tax abatements.

Plaintiff next argues that it will lose its properties if a preliminary injunction is not issued by this Court and that this constitutes irreparable harm. It also insists that a balancing of the equities weighs in its favor because it stands to lose money, property and professional capital. It argues that defendants will only lose tax dollars, money which defendants had no expectation of receiving. Plaintiff maintains it reasonably relied on the receipt of ICAP benefits, and that these benefits promote the public interest. Allowing the amendment to apply to its projects would “deprive the City’s underserved outer boroughs of a much-needed amenity.”

In opposition and in support of its cross-motion to dismiss, defendants insist that the law has no retroactive effect and points to the text of the law which states it applies immediately, except for projects where a “first building permit” is issued before July 1, 2020. They point out that it appears investors in plaintiff’s projects were under the mistaken impression that ICAP benefits were guaranteed. Defendants note that letters from plaintiff’s own advisor, New York Real Estate Tax Services (“NYRETS”), specifically state that future benefits should not be viewed as “warranties” and that the law could change (*see e.g.*, NYSCEF Doc. No. 14). They note that receiving benefits under ICAP is subject to numerous facts and circumstances, including a change in the law.

Defendants contend that a preliminary injunction should not be granted and that anticipated ineligibility for property tax relief does not constitute irreparable harm. They point out that the harms plaintiff contends will occur will not be caused by defendants: the loss of properties, relationships with funders and a credit hit will arise from interactions with third parties. Defendants emphasize that plaintiff’s alleged entitlement to anticipated and potential ICAP benefits cannot be the basis for a preliminary injunction.

With respect to a balancing of the equities, defendants contend that plaintiff created its own mess. It leveraged its entire business model on getting ICAP benefits despite the fact that these tax abatements were not guaranteed. Defendants point out that the change in ICAP applicability was made due to the precipitous decline in state and local revenues cause by Covid-19. They maintain that in order for plaintiff to state a viable substantive due process claim, it must show it has already acquired a property interest, something that plaintiff cannot do.

In support of their cross-motion to dismiss, defendants insist that plaintiff has not stated a cognizable cause of action. They argue plaintiff has not alleged a viable substantive due process claim based on anticipated benefits it could have received at some future date. Defendants observe that there is no basis for plaintiff's claim that an entity who has yet to qualify for a tax abatement program can request injunctive relief to prevent the elimination of the program.

In reply, plaintiff emphasizes that it will lose millions in non-refundable deposits if its projects are no longer eligible for ICAP benefits, it will be forced to abandon its properties and it will not be able to obtain money damages for its losses. Plaintiff argues it has stated a substantive due process claim based on the retroactive effect of law in question. It asserts its properties are facially eligible for these benefits and it completed the application processes in good faith. Plaintiff attaches the affidavit of its co-founder, Aryeh Goldman, who details how plaintiff might lose a property in Queens. It also attaches the affidavit from its tax advisor from NYRETS who claims he is not aware of any eligible property failing to receive ICAP benefits and his language about laws changing was not meant to imply that there would be a denial of ICAP benefits.

In reply to its cross-motion, defendants argue that plaintiff's reply papers do not change plaintiff's inability to establish a substantive due process claim. They emphasize that ICAP

benefits have always been subject to terms, conditions and requirements. Defendants maintain that plaintiff is essentially arguing that the submission of a preliminary application is sufficient to guarantee ICAP benefits. They observe that the application specifically states that it does not confer any right or benefit.

Preliminary Injunction

“The party seeking a preliminary injunction must demonstrate a probability of success on the merits, danger of irreparable injury in the absence of an injunction and a balance of equities in its favor” (*Nobu Next Door, LLC v Fine Arts Hous. Inc.*, 4 NY3d 839, 840, 800 NYS2d 48 [2005] citing CPLR 6301). “Entitlement to a preliminary injunction depends upon probabilities, any or all of which may be disproven when the action is tried on the merits” (*Destiny USA Holdings, LLC v Citigroup Global Markets Realty Corp.*, 69 AD3d 212, 216, 889 NYS2d 793 [1st Dept 2009] [internal quotations and citation omitted]).

The Court denies plaintiff’s request for a preliminary injunction. As an initial matter, plaintiff has not shown a probability of success on the merits. The program at issue—ICAP—is a tax abatement program used to encourage certain types of property improvement. The fact that plaintiff has projects that *might* have received ICAP benefits at some point in the future is not a basis for the Court to enjoin defendants from enforcing a duly enacted law.

The Court also finds that the law at issue does not have a “retroactive” application. “A statute has retroactive effect if it would impair rights a party possessed when he acted, increase a party's liability for past conduct, or impose new duties with respect to transactions already completed, thus impacting ‘substantive’ rights. On the other hand, a statute that affects only ‘the propriety of prospective relief’ or the nonsubstantive provisions governing the procedure for

adjudication of a claim going forward has no potentially problematic retroactive effect even when the liability arises from past conduct” (*Regina Metro. Co., LLC v New York State Div. of Hous. & Community Renewal*, 2020 NY Slip Op 02127, *11 [2020] [internal quotations and citation omitted]). The law at issue here provides that changes to RPTL 489-cccccc “shall take effect immediately; provided that section one of this act shall apply to projects for which the first building permit is issued after July 1, 2020 or if no permit is required, for which construction commences after July 1, 2020.”

Here, there is no question that the loss of ICAP benefits relates to the “propriety of prospective relief” rather than impairing rights that plaintiff actually possessed. While the change in the law certainly has an effect on agreements plaintiff may have previously reached with third parties, that does not mean this legislation has retroactive effect. The plain language of the statute clearly states that the act has immediate effect and even provided a grace period by which self-storage projects that obtained a permit before July 1, 2020 could still get ICAP benefits.

The fact that plaintiff claims it will be unable to get permits for its five projects before July 1, 2020 is of no moment. As plaintiff points out, DOB often has objections to proposed permits. The Court cannot direct DOB to abandon its usual procedure for approval of certain permits so that plaintiff can fall within the grace period. The legislature was entitled to pick a deadline. It could have, for instance, not provided any grace period and simply ordered that the changes have immediate effect. But simply because plaintiff’s projects won’t get a permit within the prescribed time period is not a valid basis upon which to find that it had retroactive effect.

And plaintiff’s reliance on *Regina* is misplaced. In *Regina*, the Court of Appeals ruled that provisions of the Housing Stability and Tenant Protection Act (“HSTPA”) that expanded the lookback period for overcharge calculations and imposed treble damages on landlords for past

conduct violated landlords' substantive due process (*Regina*, 2020 NY Slip Op 02127 at *17-22). *Regina* dealt with a law that clearly involved retroactive effect predicated on past conduct. The basis for treble damages would potentially arise from acts (overcharging tenants) that occurred years before the HSTPA was enacted. In other words, HSTPA provided for potentially greater liability against landlords based on landlords' past conduct; that situation presents an obvious example of retroactive application.

That is not the case here, where the legislature eliminated certain projects from eligibility for tax benefits going forward (and even included a grace period). The Court also observes that simply because an act is retroactive does not mean that the law automatically violates due process rights (*id.* at 13-14; *see also see MSK Realty Interests, LLC v Dept. of Fin. of City of New York*, 170 AD3d 459, 95 NYS3d 191 [1st Dept 2019][finding that retroactive elimination of plaintiff's eligibility for a tax abatement did not violate due process rights]).

And, of course, the retroactive issues raised by plaintiff are closely related to the question of whether plaintiff's substantive due process rights were violated. The Court of Appeals has "set out the two-part test for substantive due process violations. First, claimants must establish a cognizable property interest, meaning a vested property interest, or more than a mere expectation or hope . . . they must show that pursuant to State or local law, they had a legitimate claim of entitlement. . . Second, claimants must show that the governmental action was wholly without legal justification" (*Bower Assocs. v Town of Pleasant Valley*, 2 NY3d 617, 627, 781 NYS2d 240 [2004]).

Plaintiff's attempt to distinguish *Bower* as inapposite because it was a land use case is misplaced. The test elucidated in *Bower* has been utilized in substantive due process cases

involving other issues (*e.g.*, *Matter of Raynor v Landmark Chrysler*, 18 NY3d 48, 59, 936 NYS2d 63 [2011] [applying the *Bower* two-prong test in a workers' compensation case]).

Plaintiff failed to meet either prong of the two-part test. It has not shown that it has a vested property interest in the ICAP benefits it has yet to receive for the five projects at issue. Rather, it had a “mere expectation” that it was going to receive ICAP benefits. In fact, the preliminary application for ICAP benefits states, in bold, that the application “does not confer the right to any benefit” (NYSCEF Doc. No. 62 at 1). The Court is unable to conclude that plaintiff obtained a cognizable property interest by submitting a preliminary application.

And defendants had a legitimate justification for eliminating tax abatements. They attach a copy of press release concerning the passage of the state budget (which included the changes at issue here), which notes that the “state’s financial situation has been thrust into a true economic crisis due the coronavirus pandemic” (NYSCEF Doc. No. 54). It does not matter whether the Court agrees with the elimination of these tax abatements. The standard is whether changing the law was “wholly without legal justification” and “not supported by a rational legislative basis” (*Raynor*, 18 NY3d at 59). The fact is that the legislature decided to end tax abatements for self-storage projects as part of an effort to address the dire financial situation facing the state. That is a rational basis for ending ICAP benefits for self-storage properties.

And it bears pointing out that the status quo ante is that property taxes have to be paid. The ICAP program was used to incentivize certain projects through tax abatements, but it did not eliminate property taxes. There is no doubt that a state can choose to eliminate a tax benefit; simply because plaintiff expected that the tax abatement would continue in perpetuity is not a ground to block its application.

Moreover, a review of plaintiff's investment proposals reveals that investors were told that "the site *will* benefit from certain real estate tax incentives ("ICAP")" (NYSCEF Doc. Nos. 13, 17, 22, 28, 32 [emphasis added]). It was not defendants' decision to represent to investors that the site was going to benefit from tax incentives despite the fact that it was receiving analyses from NYRETS that the law could change (*e.g.*, NYSCEF Doc. No. 14). Obtaining ICAP benefits was anticipated by plaintiff but it was not guaranteed. The fact that plaintiff had received these benefits in other projects does not make its application to its current projects a retroactive application. Plaintiff readily admits it has not received a permit yet for these projects.

Plaintiff failed to show that it would likely succeed on the merits of its claims, that it would suffer irreparable harm caused by defendants or that a balancing of the equities is in plaintiff's favor. Instead, the record before this Court demonstrates that plaintiff is unhappy that it will not be able to receive ICAP benefits for certain projects and that *investors* may pull out. While that outcome is unfortunate, unhappiness with the state's action is not a ground to impose injunctive relief.

Cross-Motion to Dismiss

A Court considering a motion to dismiss for failure to state a cause of action "must give the pleadings a liberal construction, accept the allegations as true and accord the plaintiffs every possible favorable inference. We may also consider affidavits submitted by plaintiffs to remedy any defects in the complaint" (*Chanko v American Broadcasting Companies Inc.*, 27 NY3d 46, 52, 29 NYS3d 879 [2016]).

Plaintiff's complaint alleges two causes of action. The first, brought pursuant to 42 USC § 1983, seeks declaratory and injunctive relief based on the due process clause of the Fourteenth

Amendment to the United States Constitution. The second claim seeks similar relief predicated on defendants' violation of the due process clause of New York State's Constitution. Both claims fail to state a cognizable cause of action. As stated above, plaintiff does not have a vested property interest in tax benefits it has not yet received. The mere expectation or anticipation that a tax abatement program would continue is not an interest that implicates substantive due process concerns, especially where the elimination of those tax benefits is implemented prospectively.

Summary

In times of financial crisis, it is understandable that the state might end tax abatement programs. That plaintiff's investors might back out of these projects does not constitute a due process violation nor is it a guarantee that it won't be able to find alternative financing that incorporates having to pay taxes that plaintiff would ordinarily be required to pay. These properties might be less profitable but the parade of horrors advanced by plaintiff is, at this point, mere speculation. Under plaintiff's theory, simply because it had secured financing and was moving towards getting permits, ending ICAP before it received any benefits somehow constitutes retroactive application. That interpretation would eviscerate the text of the statute and force the state to give benefits based on agreements to which it was not a party.

Plaintiff decided to take a risk; it predicated its entire business model on receiving a tax abatement. It told investors that it *was* going to get the ICAP benefits and it did not factor in the possibility that the state might end ICAP for self-storage properties. That was plaintiff's strategic choice to make but it does not constitute a vested property interest in projects that had yet to receive ICAP benefits. There is no question that the state can, at any time, decide to end a program as it did here. Although plaintiff is certainly correct that state actions that have

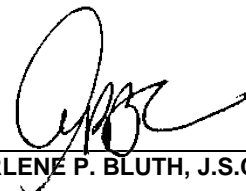
retroactive effect are closely scrutinized, its effort to characterize the state’s actions here as retroactive defy a plain reading of the statute. In fact, the law specifically indicated it had immediate effect and even included a grace period. Unfortunately for plaintiff, its projects were not far enough along to obtain the necessary permits to qualify for the abatement within the grace period.

Accordingly, it is hereby

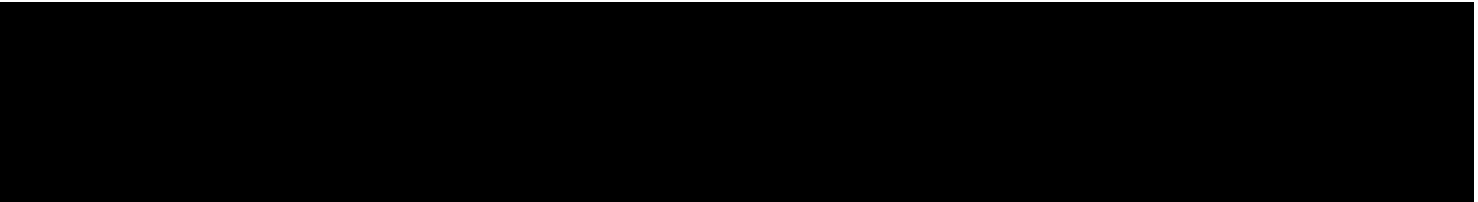
ORDERED that the motion by plaintiff for a preliminary injunction is denied; and it is further

ORDERED that the cross-motion by defendants to dismiss is granted, the Clerk is directed to enter judgment when practicable, with costs and disbursements, upon presentation of proper papers therefor.

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Subject: NBC News Inquiry / Saturday Night Live

Good morning,

I am a reporter at NBC News Digital, and I am writing an article about "Saturday Night Live" returning to live broadcasts.

In a recent [interview with New York magazine](#), Lorne Michaels said the show had been getting support from Governor Cuomo's office. Can you provide any information on the support the Governor's office has offered?

Happy to discuss on the phone, if that's easier.

Thanks very much — and hope your team is staying safe!

Best,

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Subject: NYP: John Mulaney riffs on Cuomo's daily COVID-19 briefings in SNL monologue

NYP: John Mulaney riffs on Cuomo's daily COVID-19 briefings in SNL monologue

By David Meyer

While you bozos passed quarantine time with **Tiger King** and **The Last Dance**, John Mulaney was glued to Gov. Andrew Cuomo's daily COVID-19 briefings.

I watched a series that I absolutely loved, it was an hour-long drama he called the daily press conferences of Governor Andrew Cuomo,' Mulaney joked during the opening monologue of TV's **SNL** on Saturday.

It told the story of an Italian American father who, after being an empty nester finds himself quarantining with his two daughters,' he said. Hijacks ensure.

The 38-year-old comedian said he loved Cuomo's press conferences, while ribbing the third-term Democrat for being a little too excited for the briefings, which the governor held for 111 consecutive days during the height of the pandemic in New York.

He'd get out there and he'd start his rhythm, you know, he'd be like, 'We are New York, and we are New York tough. And we are New York tough because we are New York strong. And we are New York strong because we are New York kind,' Mulaney riffed, imitating Cuomo's distinct staccato speech patterns.

Mulaney called the divorce governor's infamous digressions into his family life brilliant' then imagined an argument between Cuomo and his brother's wife over whether the governor's elderly mother can see her grandkids.

She says, 'Well it's important for the kids to see that Grandma,' Mulaney said, mimicking Cuomo.

I go, 'You gabone, b h. If you bring your kids even into the mud room of my mother's house, I will break your neck and bury you in the Rockaways.'

I am worried that when the coronavirus is over that Cuomo won't realize that his show is over,' Mulany joked.

I'm scared he'll take it on the road and try to play stadiums and come out and be like, 'Hey, who wants to hear about my daughter's boyfriend,' and everyone's like 'play COVID!'

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Subject: NYT: Eight Small New York Theaters Sue Cuomo Over Pandemic Restrictions

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By Michael Paulson

A group of eight small theaters and comedy clubs in New York City has filed a lawsuit challenging the closing of their venues during the coronavirus pandemic.

The lawsuit, filed Friday in Federal District Court in Manhattan, argues that the orders shutting down theaters “shock the conscience and interfere with plaintiffs’ deeply-rooted liberty and property rights, including the right to work, right to contract, and right to engage in commerce.”

The theaters filing suit include the Theater Center, the Players Theater, Actors Temple Theater, SoHo Playhouse, the Gene Frankel Theater, the Triad, Broadway Comedy Club and New York Comedy Club, all of which are in Manhattan and have 199 seats or fewer, and most of which are commercial operations. They sued Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo and Mayor Bill de Blasio.

In the lawsuit, the theaters argue that pandemic restrictions have been enforced arbitrarily, noting that bowling alleys, casinos, catering halls, gyms and shopping malls have been allowed to reopen, as have schools, colleges and “Saturday Night Live.” They ask a court to overturn the executive orders barring theaters from holding performances.

The lawsuit was put together by Catherine Russell, an actor who is the general manager of the Theater Center, which has already installed an improved air filtration system in hopes of reopening to masked, socially distanced, temperature-tested audiences. She said she was inspired by reading about the production of “Godspell” at the Berkshire Theater Group and decided to pull together a group of theaters to press for an easing of restrictions in New York.

“Small theaters are much more capable of doing this safely, and if people walk into our theaters and feel safe and protected, they’ll be more likely to see ‘Hamilton’ or ‘Six’ next summer,” Russell said in an interview. “Also, people need to go back to work. We were closed with restaurants and bars, but they’ve been open for a while, and it’s actually safer to be in a theater because you keep your mask on.”

Some of the venues present their own programming and some rent their spaces to other producers; at the time of the shutdown the Theater Center had a long running production of “Perfect Crime,” starring Russell, as well as “The Office! A Musical Parody.”

One-person shows are typical fare at the SoHo Playhouse, including Phoebe Waller-Bridge in “Fleabag” in 2019 and Drew Droege in “Happy Birthday Doug,” which had its run cut short this spring by the pandemic.

Other businesses and organizations have tried to challenge New York’s pandemic protocols, including the Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn, bars, restaurants, gyms and strip clubs. In several of the cases, the plaintiffs were represented by James G. Mermigis, the lawyer who is now representing the theaters.

“We get sued virtually every day for virtually every action taken during this pandemic, and frankly I’ve lost track of all the frivolous suits filed against us,” said Richard Azzopardi, a senior adviser to the governor. “We are moving heaven and earth to contain this virus and we know some people are unhappy, but New York continues to have one of the lowest infection rates in the nation, and better to be unhappy than sick or worse.”

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Subject: People: Tina Fey Tears Up as Telethon Raises \$115M for New Yorkers Affected by COVID-19: 'Is This Real?'

People: Tina Fey Tears Up as Telethon Raises \$115M for New Yorkers Affected by COVID-19: 'Is This Real?'

By Dave Quinn

Tina Fey was brought to tears over the generosity of Americans who reached out to help New Yorkers affected by the coronavirus pandemic on Monday night.

The Emmy winner and Saturday Night Live alum, 49, was hosting Rise Up New York! The Robin Hood Relief Benefit — a star-studded virtual telethon raising money for the city's leading poverty-fighting organization — when she got emotional while reading the final tally.

"Is this real?" she asked producers, seeing the number for the first time. "Okay. \$115 million. We did this. You did this. We are difference makers. \$115 million! What a great day for New York."

"Thank you, for everyone, who gave and gave and gave, all over the world," Fey said, holding back tears. "There's so much more to do. Please visit robinhood.org. Donate. Share it. Tell your friends. Please. Let's keep this going. Robin Hood's site will say open after this telethon is over because this battle is far from over. Thank you."

Fey, who hosted the relief benefit from her old stomping grounds of 30 Rockefeller Center, was accompanied by A-listers like Jennifer Lopez, Robert De Niro, Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker, Matthew Broderick, Chris Rock, Jake Gyllenhaal, Sutton Foster, Rosie Perez, Jimmy Fallon, Salt-N-Pepa, Fab 5 Freddy, Trevor Noah, Danny Meyer, David Chang and Beastie Boys rappers Mike D and Ad-Rock.

"COVID-19 has been an unprecedented global event, but no place has been hit harder than New York," Fey explained. "Hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers are out of work and 2 million of our neighbors are now going hungry. We're going to honor this incredible city and show how we can rise up and help our neighbors in need."

Lopez chimed in, "New York, I know your strength. We're going to get through this, but we need to make sure we take care of all our neighbors, including our children."

"Our city is under attack, but we've been here before," added De Niro. "In the last 20 years, both 9/11 and Hurricane Sandy. You can take your best shot but you cannot break our spirit."

The special had already raised \$1.5 million since it was announced in March and the additional \$113.5 million came in as a result of the benefit special.

The event also featured some A-list performances. Mariah Carey kicked things off by singing her 1992 hit, "Make It Happen," after assuring those in her native state, "We can make it through this together."

Sting took on The Police's 1979 hit, "Message in a Bottle," while Jon Bon Jovi performed his band's 2000 tune, "It's My Life." Students from Staten Island's PS22 Chorus also gave an emotional rendition of Andra Day's "Rise Up," while Alicia Keys sang her new single, "Good Job."

Barbra Streisand, Audra McDonald and Patti LuPone led a tribute to Broadway, which LuPone theorized would likely be the last industry in the city to come back.

Their words introduced a performance of the Kander and Ebb classic "New York, New York" — the anthem made popular by Liza Minelli (and later, Frank Sinatra). This time, theater stars Lin-Manuel Miranda, Andrew Rannells, Cynthia Erivo, Karen Olivo, Ben Platt and Christopher Jackson covered the hit.

Spike Lee spoke optimistically about the return of sports, while New York Giants greats Eli Manning, Michael Strahan, Justin Tuck and Phil Simms announced a sweepstakes that would allow one fan to get a Super Bowl ring and play a game of touch football with an NFL star of their choosing in their own backyard.

Stories of courageous frontline workers and those affected by the crisis were told throughout the benefit and Mayor Bill de Blasio, Governor Andrew Cuomo, along with former mayor Michael Bloomberg also made appearances.

The evening ended with Billie Joel performing a touching tribute to the Big Apple with his song "Miami 2017." The performance featured a corresponding light show on the Empire State Building.

All donations from the virtual telethon, which was broadcast across multiple networks and iHeartMedia radio channels, will go to Robin Hood's efforts to provide food, shelter, mental health, education, financial and legal services to those in need.

As for Tuesday morning, more than 1,354,300 people in the United States have been infected with the coronavirus and at least 80,600 have died, according to a New York Times database.

In New York City alone, there have been at least 190,546 cases and 19,563 deaths.

To donate to Robin Hood, visit robinhood.org.



From: E-Clips Application <clips@its.ny.gov>

Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 6:54 AM

To: dailyclips

Subject: SI Advance: Island restaurant owners outraged governor and mayor at odds on Phase 2

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By Sydney Kashiwagi and Pamela Silvestri :

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Staten Island restaurant owners are standing by, but are planning to reopen for outdoor dining on Monday June 22 as the city and state appear to be at odds on when New York City can move into Phase 2 of reopenings.

On Wednesday, Gov. Andrew Cuomo was adamant that New York City could move into Phase 2, which includes outdoor dining, by Monday. However, that same day, Mayor Bill de Blasio said a decision on when the city can enter Phase 2 of reopenings remains a day to day discussion.

De Blasio previously said outdoor dining likely would not happen until the beginning of July.

But as many restaurants across the city have already started to offer outdoor dining to patrons, regardless of the rules, the mayor has been unable to set a date for Phase 2, though he has said Monday, June 22 would be the earliest day the city could start Phase 2 openings.

On Staten Island, Rob DeLuca, the owner of DeLuca's Italian restaurant and the unofficial leader of I.R.O.A.R. -- the Independent Restaurant Owners Association Rescue, a band of food brethren who recently appealed to the Governor to get back into business.

But he expressed frustration over the lack of clarity from the mayor and governor on when restaurants can reopen.

The mayor's office needs to get their act together and get on the same page as the governor's office so we can go forward, said DeLuca.

Massimo Felici, who owns VINUM and The Richmond in Stapleton, likened the city dragging its feet to a bad Saturday Night Live skit.

Ultimately, Felici said he's going to go with whatever guidance the state provides.

We're going to follow what the State says. But is this mayor going to send out city agencies to police us? The main fear we have is losing our liquor licenses, Felici said. By Cuomo saying New York State will reopen for alfresco we take this as OK for the whole state.

De Blasio laid out a plan for outdoor dining earlier this month, but on Wednesday, he said there were still a lot of different options on the table on how restaurants can reopen.

Instead, he said the city would put out a policy for restaurants very, very soon, without setting a date.

Outside is going to be the big hope, we have to maximize it. So we're looking at a variety of options, but again, the announcement will be very, very soon because obviously people are preparing for a Phase 2 and we need to get that out immediately, we're just fine tuning it, but very, very soon, De Blasio said during a press conference Wednesday.

Stavros Bakousis, the owner of the Annadale Diner in Annadale, said he wants his customers to be able to make a choice whether they want to come out or not, but he wants the city and state to be more clear with its guidelines.

The city and state should have more proper guidelines on reopening. As a small business owner, I would want to have a safe and healthy environment so that my customers and employees feel comfortable being in this type of environment, Bakousis said.

De Blasio said that Phase 2 reopenings would be dependent on the city's daily health indicators this weekend and whether weeks of police reform protests across the city have caused an uptick in coronavirus cases.

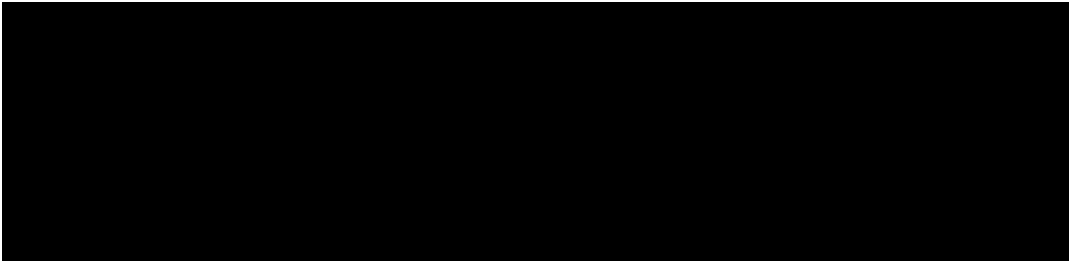
The city's infectious disease specialist Dr. Jay Varma said the earliest a person can test positive for the virus is three days after contracting it.

And last Friday, de Blasio said he would need to wait until the end of the month to see whether the protests were having an impact on the city's coronavirus case count.

The earliest date we could go is Monday. It's a decision we're going to make very closely with the state, de Blasio said.

We're all mindful that we had a very unusual situation with the protests and we're going to see, we believe the fuller impact, if any, of the protests, in terms of our health indicators around this weekend, maybe into the first few days of next week - that's an important factor here, he continued. Also seeing the impact of Phase 1 itself, obviously, which is much bigger than the protests in the sense of, several hundred thousand people each day, going back to work every day for the full workday.

New York City moved into Phase 1 of reopenings on June 8, which includes manufacturing, construction, wholesale, and retail such as clothing and office supplies, but restricted to curbside pickup or in-store pickup.



From: Agnew, Megan [mailto:megan.agnew@sunday-times.co.uk]
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 6:53 AM
To: Press Office <Press.Office@exec.ny.gov>
Subject: Re: The Sunday Times Magazine (London) + Governor Andrew Cuomo

Hi

I hope you're well. I thought I would give it one final shot on our interview offer with Governor Cuomo. This weekend we ran an interview with Dr Fauci – it did brilliantly, our readers loved him and the engagement rate was huge.

I know an interview with Governor Cuomo would do the same.

It would be great to discuss options. I'm attaching some further examples here.

Best wishes
Megan

On Thu, 14 May 2020 at 15:49, Agnew, Megan <megan.agnew@sunday-times.co.uk> wrote:

Hi

I hope you are well and safe. I just wanted to follow up on our interview request – have you had a moment to consider our offer for the Governor? We would love to have him in the Sunday Times Magazine. It would be a real honour.

Let me know if we have options.

Best wishes
Megan

On Thu, 16 Apr 2020 at 11:27, Agnew, Megan <megan.agnew@sunday-times.co.uk> wrote:

Hi

I hope you are well and safe. I am emailing from the Sunday Times in London, where I am a commissioning editor for the Magazine.

I can't begin to imagine the Governor's schedule right now, but it would be great to talk about a potential profile interview with him, when the time is right. The Governor has emerged as the ultimate beacon of hope during this crisis, showing the strength of leadership so many people are looking for. We would love to interview him for the Magazine.

The interview would be a great chance to clear up any factual inaccuracies that might have appeared in the press in the recent weeks, and to explain, in longform, with space and time, his decisions, in the previous weeks and to come. It is a well rounded interview – depicting a real person, their family life, hobbies, past – with emotional depth.

We would need 90 minutes with the Governor on video call, and we can buy in imagery. Our lead time is long, so we can work ahead into the future if needs be.

For context, The Sunday Times is the most widely-read quality broadsheet in the UK with over 1.5 million readers across print and digital every week.

I am attaching the PDFs here so you can get an idea of what it might look like. Let me know what you think.

Best wishes
Megan

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There's a rare honour in Washington, bestowed upon any hardy official who appears on all five of the big Sunday talk shows in a single day. They call it the “full Ginsburg” after Monica Lewinsky's lawyer William Ginsburg, who first scaled this political Everest back in 1998.

Near the height of the coronavirus pandemic, this distinction took on a new name. “The full Ginsburg became the full Fauci,” says Dr Anthony Fauci when we meet over Zoom, with pride only a seasoned resident of the Washington beltway could feel.

For a while you couldn't turn on a television without seeing the diminutive doc. “In Fauci we trust” became the pandemic's clarion call, plastered on bumper stickers and coffee mugs. The director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases was dubbed “America's doctor”, his face adorning everything from T-shirts to doughnuts. A Fauci bobblehead doll was created. Thousands signed a petition for People magazine to anoint him the sexiest man alive. He became a meme — and a hero.

Through the long painful months of the pandemic, Fauci has been America's healer-in-chief, his calm, experienced pragmatism presenting a stark contrast to the volatile president. Fauci has been Donald Trump's foil, injecting science and sanity into the chaos of the now defunct daily coronavirus task force briefings. They will live long in the collective memory.

One poll in April gave Fauci a national approval rating of 78%, with just 7% disapproving, numbers that any president would kill for. Then Fauci disappeared. There was speculation of a rift with the president. Had he committed the cardinal sin of any Trump-era official: becoming more popular than the boss?

Was he sidelined? “Absolutely,” he laughs in typically blunt fashion. “What changed is that the focus is now on economic reopening, so I am on the bench.”

For Fauci to appear on prime time, he has to be cleared by the White House, which means no more full Ginsburgs for him. “I still get the same number of requests from all the networks and all the cable channels,” he says. “I just don't get cleared.”

It's difficult to imagine anything more damning in Trump's mind than taking someone off television. But there is an “advantage” to being dropped, Fauci points out, which is more time to focus on developing a coronavirus vaccine, the mission that now consumes him. A lesser benefit is that he finally has an hour to spend on a video call with me, reflecting on all that has happened to him — and the world — in the past few months, and what might come next.

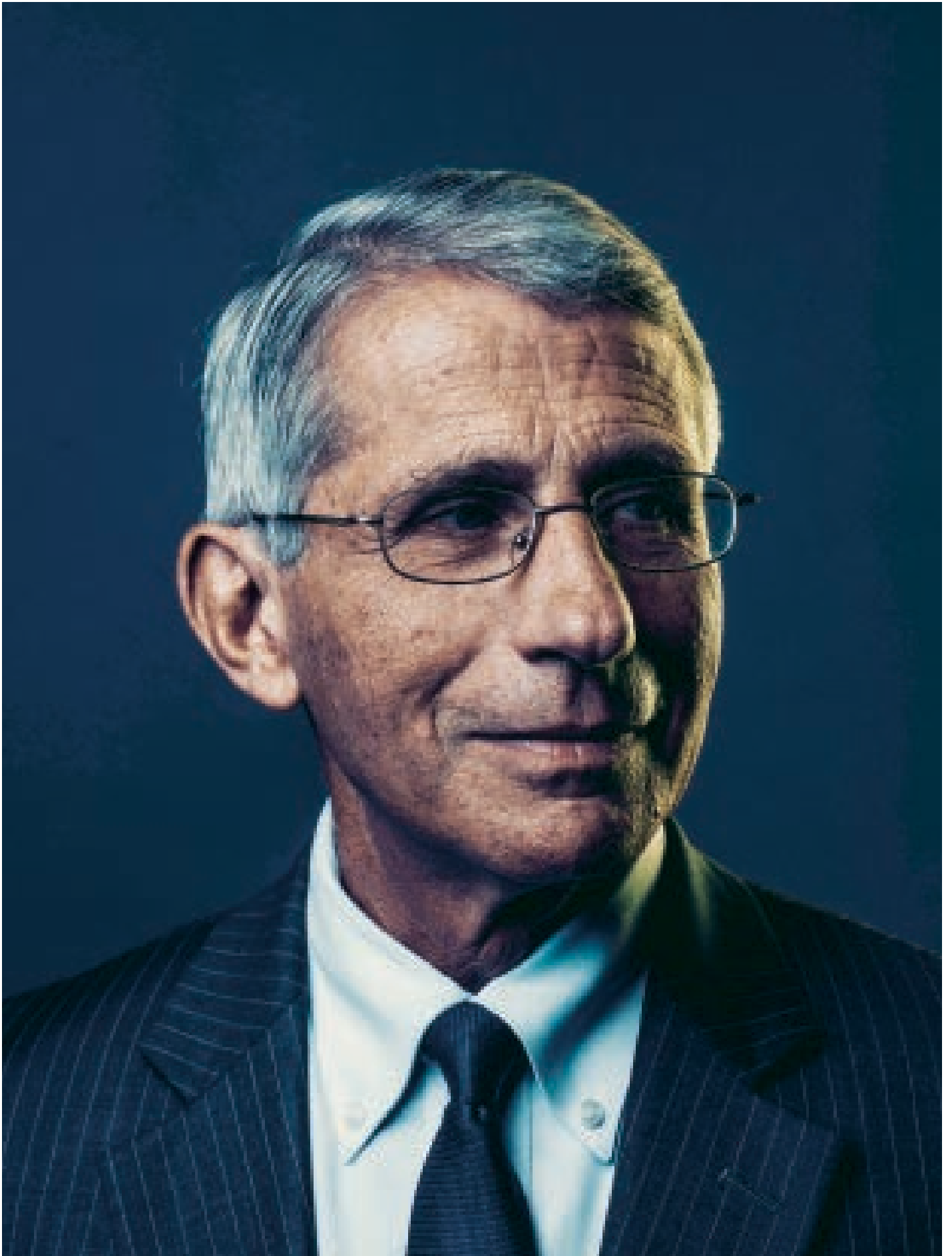
It's 7am when we meet — mid-morning for the famously industrious doctor. He is at his desk in Bethesda, Maryland, trim and compact as he is on the telly, wearing a crisp button-down shirt and thin blue tie. At first glance Fauci's office looks a lot like your average doctor's lair: pictures of his three daughters on the wall, medical dictionaries and case files on the shelves. In another life Fauci would have made a splendid family GP.

Then you spot framed photos of him with presidents Bush, Clinton, Obama and Trump — and you realise that this man has carried the health of a superpower on his shoulders for almost five decades, never more so than in 2020, at the age of 79.

“It's been extraordinary,” he says, in his familiar husky Brooklyn accent. “My life was untenable at one point. I was literally getting three or four hours' sleep a night. I was constantly in front of the cameras, dealing with a deadly outbreak that's devastating the planet, with all the political undertones, constantly walking on eggshells.”

Sometimes those shells cracked. For all Fauci's popularity, a small minority of Americans view him as the devil incarnate, “Dr Doom”, the bureaucrat who hoodwinked Trump into shutting down the country ➤➤➤

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Fauci's "facepalm"
moment during a
White House press
briefing in March.
Below: accepting the
Presidential Medal
of Freedom from
George W Bush in
2008; his daily run



for no good reason. Wild conspiracies have circulated about his ties to Big Pharma and the “deep state”.

What came next were “credible” threats to his life along with persistent harassment of his wife, Christine, and their daughters. “They hack into their emails and iPhone accounts and send threatening obscene emails,” Fauci says. “They know where they work, where they live, writing to say, ‘You’re at this address’, ‘I see you walking your dog’, really bad stuff.” He doesn’t go anywhere now without secret service protection.

It’s not the first time the doctor has found himself under attack. As a newly qualified physician, in 1966 Fauci was drafted for Vietnam and served his military obligation as a “Yellow Beret” at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). He’s been there pretty much ever since, advising six presidents all the way back to Reagan, working on ebola, zika and swine flu. Back in 1981 a baffling new virus emerged that attacked the immune system and was particularly prevalent among gay men. Then a young immunologist, Fauci threw himself into researching HIV/Aids within weeks of the first cases being reported. It “transformed” his life, but also made him the poster boy for the medical establishment’s intransigence over HIV. “Anthony Fauci, you are a murderer,” wrote Larry Kramer, the playwright, film producer and LGBT rights campaigner, as furious gay activists marched on the NIH chanting “F*** you, Fauci”.

“Aids was a bigger challenge [than the coronavirus] over time,” Fauci reflects, describing the 1980s as a “very dark” period in his career. “The ultimate death toll was enormous, about 38 million accumulating over almost four decades. We still have over one million deaths a year.” Yet progress on treatments was made and Kramer, who died last month, became a close friend.

Over the years it has been the possibility of a coronavirus such as Covid-19 that has truly kept Fauci up at night; a highly transmissible, deadly respiratory

“The WHO dropped the ball a few times, but it’s better to improve it than eliminate it”

virus that jumped from animals to humans. This pandemic was his “worst nightmare coming true”.

Media-hyped public figures rarely live up to expectations, but Fauci’s company really is a tonic. It’s nice to be reminded what a model public servant is like: genial, accomplished and devoted. Even his family is work: Fauci and his wife, Christine Grady, are the Brangelina of public health, with Grady leading the bioethics department at the NIH clinical centre. They met while taking care of HIV/Aids patients in the 1980s and have worked together, run marathons together and brought up their three daughters.

“Chris is very special,” Fauci says. “She understands the subtleties and stress of all that’s going on.” In mid-May he took a rare night off to celebrate the couple’s 35th wedding anniversary. “We had spaghetti carbonara with some salad, a little wine and a little bread,” Fauci recalls like a true Italian-American. Who cooked? “I’m the sous sous chef,” he laughs.

Being the spokesman for a once-in-a-century pandemic is undoubtedly a challenge, but doing it at the behest of Donald Trump has been uniquely demanding. One of the enduring images of the pandemic is the Fauci “facepalm”, when he reacted in despair as Trump used a coronavirus press conference to lambast his own state department. The president has recommended injecting disinfectant, persistently touted hydroxychloroquine (on thin medical grounds) and treats science like a ball of Silly Putty, to mould as he sees fit. Does it bother Fauci?

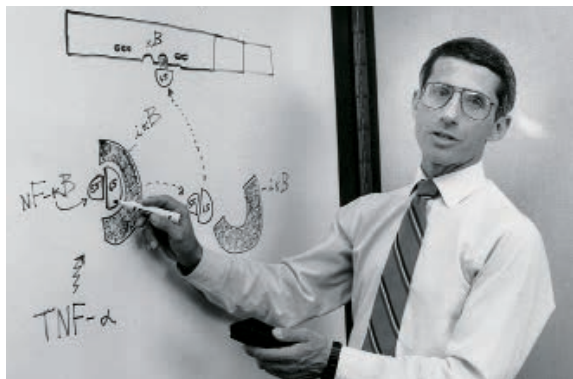
“Of course it’s frustrating,” he says. “Obviously that makes you very uncomfortable. My job and my identity is science. You have to go with the science, so when you hear statements like that made apart from the science, it gets frustrating. At the end of the day, though, the science and the evidence will always prevail.”

During the early days of the virus, Fauci says, he was “pushing” the White House to lock the country down before the decision was made. He was “very concerned” about the British experiment with herd immunity. Does he now view the delay as a fatal error? “If you lock down at a certain time and you see cases start to get controlled, you almost have to make the conclusion that if you locked down earlier you’d be better off,” he says. “It’s a no-brainer of course.”

“It would have been better to do it earlier,” he adds. “But the information we had at the time was not as compelling. It’s always easy to look in the rear-view mirror. [But] I can assure you that if we tried to lock down America with 12 cases and one death, the country would have thought we were crazy.” It’s worth noting that other, smaller countries did manage the task.

Fauci has spent his life as a scientist butting heads with careerist politicians. He has a motto, drawn from *The Godfather* — nothing personal, strictly business — that describes his pragmatic approach to managing presidents. His relationship with Trump, he says, is “really quite good. We’re both from New York, we’re both from the same generation, we both have a no-nonsense style about us. There is that kind of closeness.”

Professionally, though, they are apples and oranges. Trump recently announced that America would withdraw from the World Health Organisation (WHO), for which it has long been the primary funder. Fauci believes this is a serious error. “The WHO made some mistakes, they’ve dropped the ball a few times, but the world really needs a WHO,” he says. “As imperfect as it is, it’s better to improve it than eliminate it. My concern



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nothing comparable to the idolisation of Fauci. How does he explain it?

“It certainly surprised me,” he says, viewing it through the prism of the two Faucis: real and symbolic. “There’s Tony Fauci, me, who my friends and people know. Then there’s this symbol, which the country and the world actually needed. They needed someone who was honest, who had high integrity, who would tell it like it is during a period of great stress. By accident I was thrown into a very visible position.”

During one April interview Fauci was asked who he wanted to play him on *Saturday Night Live*. His answer, naturally, was Brad Pitt. Following the immutable laws of American show business, Pitt then quickly appeared as “Fauci” on the sketch show, reportedly making the president jealous.

“This figure isn’t really me,” Fauci insists. “I am not a sex symbol. I don’t look like Brad Pitt, even though I wish I did. The one thing I don’t do is take that seriously. If I started to take that seriously I wouldn’t be me. I think I’m a pretty humble guy. I know it’s just symbolism and not me.”

Fauci certainly seems to enjoy the spotlight and the celebrity chitchat, but the conversation always comes back to science and, of course, the pandemic, which at our time of speaking has claimed some 110,000 American lives. “Obviously this is a very, very difficult situation we’re in,” he says, expressing concern that the protests ripping through America’s streets might cause a coronavirus “resurgence” and “set us back”. Come winter, he believes we may have “another resurgence, which could really be terrible”.

Even as the coronavirus rages on, many scientists are busy predicting another pandemic in the years to come. Does Fauci think we’ll see further disaster? “I fear we will,” he says. “With all of the other distractions in the world, our memory is short-lived.” He recalls failed attempts to build the strategic stockpile for protective equipment and ventilators following bird flu in 2005. “You wouldn’t imagine the pushback we were getting — ‘You’re overreacting, you don’t need it.’ Our memory for bad things is short.”

Given Fauci is approaching his ninth decade, someone else may have to spearhead that next battle. How, I wonder, does he reflect on his long reign in public health? “I hope I’ll be remembered as somebody who devoted their entire life to bettering the health of my nation and the world,” he says. “I am going to have to stop one of these days. I just hope I do it willingly.”

It was Hippocrates, father of medicine, who said “the life so short, the craft so long to learn”, which sums up Fauci’s time on earth thus far rather well. It’s been a “full and challenging” life, he reflects, working, running, striving and learning his craft even today. If he helps to develop a coronavirus vaccine, that would be a crowning achievement. After a fortifying hour with Dr Fauci, I realise that I’d better let him go to get on with doing just that ■

IN THE LIMELIGHT
From top: Brad Pitt’s portrayal of Fauci on *Saturday Night Live*; researching HIV/Aids in 1990; his bobblehead likeness

is that if the US pulls out as a member, that would not be good for the health of the world. So I’m very concerned about that. I want us to continue to have a strong relationship with them.”

Fauci isn’t given to mindless boosterism, so when he says he hopes to have 200 million coronavirus vaccines by the start of 2021, that is cause for real — if cautious — optimism. Why is he so confident? There has, after all, never been a vaccine developed for HIV, which Fauci has been working on for almost 40 years.

“A big clue as to whether you’ll be successful in developing a vaccine is what the body is able to do against natural infection,” he says. “There are no instances of the body completely clearing HIV of its own accord. Then you come to the coronavirus and the vast majority of people who get infected ultimately clear the infection, which means that the body is capable of making a good response. This tells me that, even though there’s no guarantee, it is likely we will be able to develop a vaccine that induces the kind of response that protects you from infection.”

Over his many decades of waging war on infectious disease, Fauci credits running with keeping him sane. It’s a “meditative” process for him. As the years have advanced, he’s now more likely to be found power-walking whenever his schedule permits, which can often be in the middle of the night. Tales of Fauci’s pavement-pounding have become a media cottage industry in America, taken as evidence of his discipline and iron will, but also part of a strange fetishisation that has played out during the pandemic.

Gripped by fear of the virus and the emotional turmoil of lockdown, Americans found comfort and assurance by latching onto the running doctor instead. Dr Deborah Birx, co-ordinator of the White House coronavirus task force, also received adulation, but



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Justin Trudeau

Prime minister of Canada

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On a warm afternoon, the Canadian prime minister, Justin Trudeau, a man who wore a Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy T-shirt on national television, rides a unicycle and welcomed 40,000 Syrian refugees with open arms, takes off his suit jacket and we settle into two ornate chairs in a corner of his office on Parliament Hill, Ottawa. His sleeves are pushed up, his tie blue, his shirt white, his socks festooned with moose.

Trudeau reminds me of, well, Obama as he listens patiently to me droning on about my Canadian wife as if it is actually interesting. For Trudeau, listening is seducing. But as soon as I start asking questions, he snaps into place, admirably forthcoming on his life journey and frustratingly on message when it comes to political answers. As we chat, he smiles and locks in with his blue eyes, but Trudeau, whose mother’s side is of Scottish descent, swats away all Trump-baiting questions with a look that says, “Not today, laddie.” Trudeau’s sceptics have declared him “emotionally intelligent”. This is Canadian for “the man is a mimbo”. But that’s not the case.

Trudeau is the son of Pierre Trudeau, a 15-year prime minister and Canada’s iconic 20th Century Man. There are things he should have learnt at the knee of Papa, as he called his father. But sometimes Justin doesn’t think things through. Upon Fidel Castro’s death, he declared the dictator “a larger-than-life leader”, making little mention of the unseemly portions of the Cuban despot’s tenure. On Canada Day last July, Trudeau’s speech praised all of Canada’s provinces, but somehow he forgot Alberta, Justin and his father’s greatest provincial nemesis. Trudeau jumped back on stage and tried to make things right. “Let me just start by saying I’m a little embarrassed — I got excited somewhere over the Rockies. Alberta, I love you. Happy Canada Day.” But within hours, some Albertan politicians were saying the slight was intentional.

He can come across like a modern dauphin; as a child, he travelled the world with his father, practically as a member of the prime minister’s official envoy. He likes himself. A lot. (His critics call him “shiny pony”.) Once, before a boxing match that would make or kill his career — more on that later — he was caught babbling Obama-like about his personal destiny. His glamorous wife, Sophie, grabbed his arm, looked him in the eyes and said: “Be humble.” Sophie and Justin met in their hometown of Montreal, and Justin decided by the end of their first date that they would eventually marry. They now have three young and photogenic children.

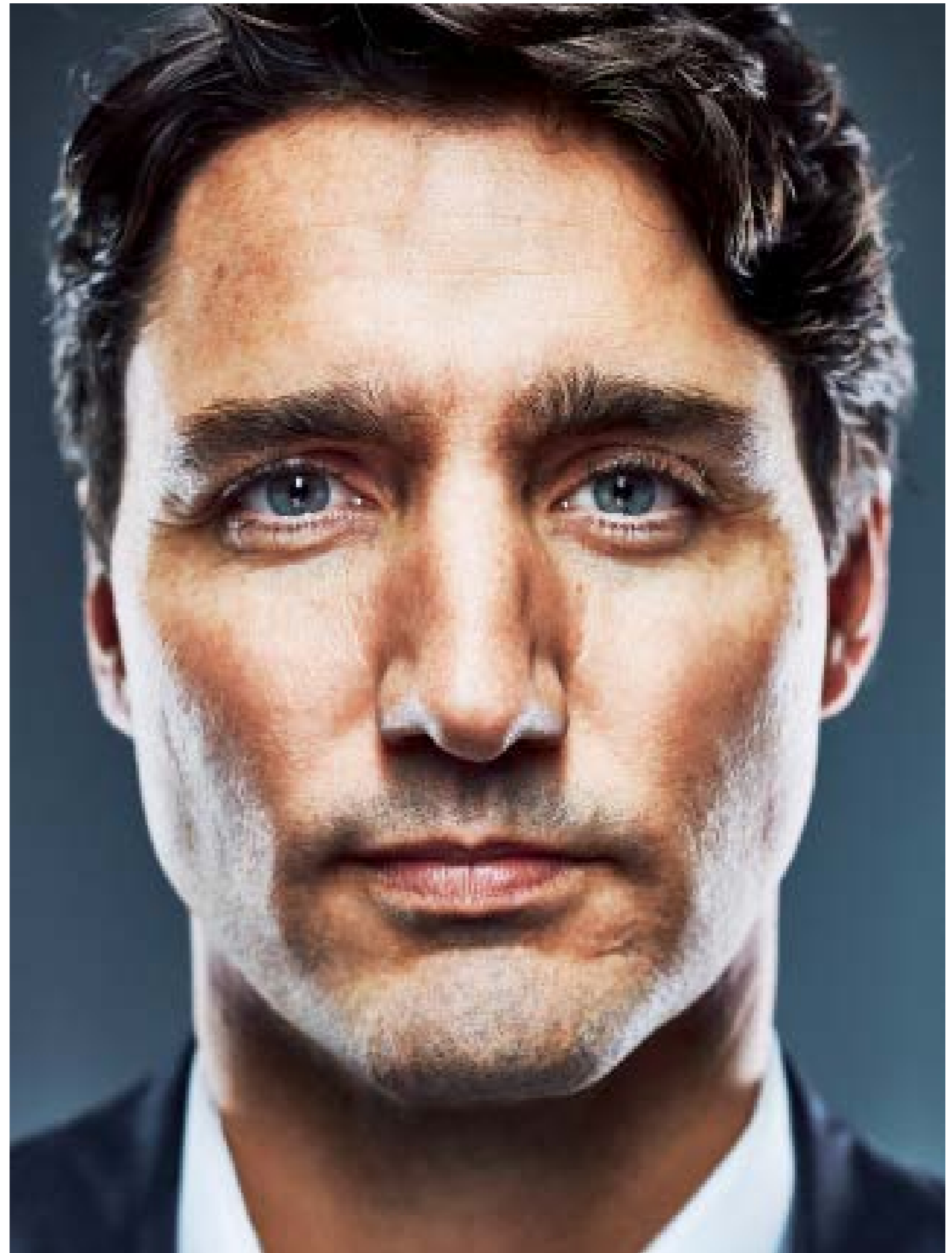
Trudeau doesn’t play golf; he snowboards. There is a real person inside him. A longtime dork, he used to throw himself down flights of stairs at parties for laughs. He went trick-or-treating last year dressed as the pilot from *The Little Prince* by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry; his son Hadrien went as the prince.

As PM, Trudeau is often snapped surprising everyday Canadians as he kayaks or jogs across his vast land. Somehow, his official photographer always happens to be nearby. When abroad, the photo ops come just as thick and fast. On a trip to India last month, he and his family were mocked for dressing up repeatedly in ethnic gear. A Trudeau critic told me if he was running against him he’d have the homeless and the dispossessed pose holding signs saying “Where’s my selfie?”

His country has some problems. Canada’s immense size makes it a slave to fossil fuel in both usage and trade. I ask him how he squares that with his evangelical support of the Paris environmental accord.

“It’s a great question,” Trudeau says, while giving the distinct impression it’s not a question he is psyched to answer. “One of the things that we have to realise is we cannot get off gas, we cannot get off oil, fossil fuels tomorrow — it’s going to take a few decades.” He shrugs a little bit. “Maybe we can shorten it, but there’s going to have to be a transition time.” ➤➤➤

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**TO THE
MANOR BORN**
Pierre and Margaret
Trudeau with two of
their sons, Justin, 5,
and Alexandre, 3, in
the mid-1970s.
At the time, Pierre
was serving his
second term as
prime minister

Despite these contradictions, the prime minister is a progressive, rational, forward-thinking leader who ran on returning an optimistic “sunny ways” to governing. Yes, he was manor-born, but a majority of Canadians believe he genuinely has the interests of his country’s 36m inhabitants at heart. In 2015, Trudeau met Syrian refugees at the airport and handed out winter coats. One of the refugees thanked him a year later in person on Canadian radio. Trudeau wept. Another named his son after the PM. “If we take in 40,000 Syrian refugees, it wasn’t because the government sent a couple of planes and signed a decree,” Trudeau tells me. “It was because communities opened up their homes, their churches, their community centres. Everyone said, ‘Let’s do our part to give some people in a terrible situation a better future.’ We understand that bringing people here to build a better life for themselves makes the world a better place and makes our communities better as well. But I’ve only been able to do this because Canadians are open, generous and dream big for the country.”

The following evening, we are in a ballroom at Rideau Hall, the home of Canada’s governor general. The prime minister is clad in black tie with Sophie next to him in a tan evening gown. The Italian president is in town for a dinner of northeastern suckling pig and Quebec wildflower panna cotta with Niagara cherry-and-apricot compote.

Canadians will hate this, but at times Trudeau and his young staff give off the aura of a Netflix adaptation about a young, idealistic Canadian prime minister. Trudeau even has an aide who draws comparisons with Gary, the Tony Hale character on HBO’s *Veep*.

Trudeau, unlike his father, doesn’t seem to mind the small talk of the cocktail crowd. He works the room, giving a wink here and a shoulder grab there. He was born into this world. He grew up half a mile away at 24 Sussex Drive, the official prime minister’s residence. (The residence is being remodelled, so his family lives in a 10,000 sq ft “cottage” a few hundred yards away.) His birth — Christmas Day, 1971 — was front-page news. It came at the end of a shocking year that saw Pierre Trudeau, a 51-year-old walk-to-work introvert who happened to be prime minister, secretly marry his 22-year-old girlfriend, Margaret, who then instantly became pregnant. A jubilant Pierre strode out of an Ottawa hospital to announce his son’s name to a slew of cameras.

“He was in the public eye from the minute he popped out,” says Terry DiMonte, a close friend and Montreal DJ who first came into contact with Justin when the PM’s son called his radio station looking for movie tickets in the late 1980s. The comparisons to a Canadian Camelot are inevitable. Sitting in his office on Parliament Hill, Trudeau shows me a secret hole in the wall where he used to hide. “When I first came in here, I thought the walls used to be brighter when I was a kid,” he recalls, “but I saw photos and it’s the exact same colour.”

“His birth in 1971 was front-page news. He was in the public eye the minute he popped out”



Two brothers soon joined Trudeau, but it was Justin who began travelling with his father. There’s Justin showing off his yo-yo to the Swedish prime minister. There’s Justin listening as Ronald Reagan recites the Canadian cowboy poem *The Shooting of Dan McGrew* to him, a verse his classics-loving father found lowbrow. And there’s Justin ogling Diana when the princess hit the residence for a secret swim during a state visit.

Behind the public facade, however, there was strife in the Trudeau home. Much of Pierre’s public flair was to cover up a wounded man obsessed with regimentation, who told Justin and his brothers on which floors of their house they would speak English and on which they would speak French. Pierre famously did a seemingly spontaneous pirouette behind the Queen in 1977 at Buckingham Palace, but even that was planned — a signal of Canadian disdain for British pomp.

“My dad lost his dad when he was 15, and it knocked the life out of him,” Trudeau tells me, not 5ft from where his father once governed the country. “It left a mark on him that would stay with him for the rest of his life.”

Meanwhile, Margaret chafed as a twentysomething showpiece and acted in ways that, much later, were diagnosed as symptoms of bipolar disease. His parents split when he was six, and Justin became a too-young companion for his father on those foreign trips and a consoler to his mother, who once showed up at his school in despair about a boyfriend that had left her.

“My mum has always been so generous and so sensitive and so vulnerable and yet exudes so much strength,” Trudeau says. “Even through her tremendous, real challenges with mental health.” He pauses and smiles. “She understood people and got interpersonal relationships to a better degree than perhaps my father did.”

As a kid, Justin endured headlines about his mum partying with the Rolling Stones and dancing at Studio 54. When Justin began making his way into politics, his critics sniped that he was more Margaret than Pierre. It didn’t bother the boy heir.

“My dad was an incredibly tough, brilliant, strong figure in all the classic senses of strong, but also with the weaknesses that come with being a sometimes emotionally distant person,” Trudeau says. He smiles sadly. “People used to try and insult me by saying, ‘He’s not his father’s son — he’s his mother’s son.’ And I’d immediately say, ‘Thank you very much.’”

He lets me travel with him in a sedan to an appearance at the Acadian Games in Fredericton, New Brunswick. When we arrive, I try to exit, but my door won’t open. Trudeau looks over with a “be patient” expression. ➤➤➤



CHARM OFFENSIVE
From top: meeting the Queen at the University of Edinburgh last July; with Prince Harry in Toronto last September; cosying up to the children's TV character Gary the Unicorn last June — a moment that led to him being pilloried in memes

"You have to wait for them to open it," he says, pointing to his Royal Canadian Mounted Police detail. He grins. "It took me six months to figure that out."

Trudeau emerges from the car and is swarmed. He is supposed to watch a badminton match, but that's not going to happen. Instead, he swims through a crowd of kids swaying and pulling, and producing what seems like 6,000 phones. Trudeau feeds on the energy.

His style is to focus on individuals to make the crush of constituents slightly less frightening, and today he tries to engage some camp counsellors in conversation. No chance — a wave of teens pushes him into the gym. Trudeau insists there's a reason for the up-close approach besides the massive ego boost.

"I have a deep conviction that you cannot do this job unless you stay connected to the people," he says back in Ottawa. "And that means being close enough that they can feel close to you."

The rest of the day is equally upbeat, although there's more than a little stagecraft involved. His next stop, at a Fredericton fire station on its 200th anniversary — where he jokes that his wife was angry that she was never allowed to accompany him around firemen — is buoyant, with the youthful Trudeau climbing to the top of a truck and mucking about with rescue equipment. An hour later, he jumps onto a picnic table to eat ice cream with supporters along the shores of the Saint John River in postcard-perfect Grand Bay-Westfield, New Brunswick. He's still taking pictures as his staff gently push him towards a waiting car. The day goes without a hitch until the motorcade detours onto a dirt road after leaving the ice cream social. I wonder if there is a crisis or a security threat. And then I see the prime minister roll down his window and daintily drop his ice cream cone in the dirt. He doesn't want to be seen littering on a Canadian highway.

The personality cult and cone disposal speak to the choreographed way that Justin Trudeau rose to power, which began with an avalanche and a funeral procession.

After Pierre's retirement from politics in 1984, he moved his three boys — Justin, Alexandre and Michel — back to Montreal and into Cormier House, a cold, art-deco home. Pierre occupied an off-limits floor filled with books and his memorabilia, while the three boys had wrestling mats down on the ground floor. The four guys would gather for supper, where Dad would query his kids on Shakespeare and Thomas Hobbes. Trudeau attended a prestigious Jesuit high school, hanging out with an eclectic group of Protestants and Jews in a predominantly Catholic school. His classmate Marc Miller describes him as "more of an acrobat than an athlete", who once arrived at school on a unicycle while juggling. "He wasn't a fan of that locker-room mentality, where it's a bunch of alpha males," says Miller, now an MP from Quebec.

Among Trudeau's best memories were days spent with his dad and brothers roaming the Canadian countryside, hiking and kayaking. Much like he was at the dinner table, Pierre, perhaps sensing at his

His childhood ended, aged 26, when he learnt his brother had been killed in an avalanche

advanced age that he wouldn't live to see his kids reach 30, was obsessed with teaching his sons everything he could before he was gone.

"He taught us we needed to know how to build a fire in the rain, needed to know how to portage a canoe," says Justin. "All these things, trying to make us as well rounded as we possibly could be."

After graduation from McGill University in Montreal, Trudeau headed west, first working as a snowboard instructor and then as a schoolteacher in Vancouver. His extended childhood ended when he was 26. Trudeau received a call that his brother Michel had been killed in an avalanche while skiing near British Columbia's Kokanee Lake. The slide carried his body into the water, and though his friends were rescued, Michel was never found. The nation watched as helicopters and divers searched fruitlessly and Justin flew to Montreal to be with his father. The weather turned dangerous, and the family made the decision to call off the search.

Trudeau moved back to Montreal at the end of the following school year, after learning that his father had prostate cancer, a fact Pierre hid from him because he didn't want the young teacher to abandon his students in the middle of the term. Justin watched his father slowly slip away over the next few months. While it was cancer that killed his father's body, Justin is convinced it was the loss of Michel that extinguished his spirit.

"I watched it kill my dad," Trudeau tells me, his eyes watery. "He just lost it. He couldn't understand why God had taken his son away from him like that."

There had long been a buzz around Justin entering politics, even before his father's death, but he bided his time. Liberals were in the process of plummeting from a parliament-controlling 172 seats in 2000 to 34 in 2011, as old left-leaning war horses fought and squabbled over the party's carcass.

He did not make a political move until 2007, when he announced that he was running for parliament. One of the quirky things about the parliamentary system is that party organisers ultimately decide which "riding" (district) candidates should run in. It might not even be in the same province. Trudeau was dispatched to the Papineau section of Montreal.

Papineau is full of African and Haitian immigrants and an increasing sliver of gentrifiers. A Haitian separatist held the seat, and Trudeau wasn't given much of a chance. But he outworked everyone.

"If somebody was opening an envelope and invited [Trudeau] to be there, he was there," DiMonte says.

Trudeau won in an upset in 2008, made all the more significant because his Liberal Party took another national thrashing. Even now, as prime minister, Trudeau gets excited about his first race.

"I beat the Greek candidate from the Greek community," he says. "I beat the Italian candidate, even in the Italian community. My main adversary was a Haitian woman, and the Haitians voted for me."

Before I could ask why, he has the answer.

"Canada's a place where people don't always vote on surface identity, but vote on values," he says. "My vision of the country reflected the community."

There have been recent chilling moments when Trudeau and Canada's live-and-let-live ethos has been violently punctured. In January last year, a 27-year-old Canadian murdered six Muslims inside a Quebec ➤➤➤



KEEPING HIS GUARD UP
A tattooed Trudeau in training. Against the odds, he defeated the Conservative senator Patrick Brazeau in a charity bout in 2012

City mosque. Trudeau took comfort in the nationwide evening vigils, but the country and its leader were clearly traumatised.

“People of the Muslim faith are all too often, unfortunately, victims of terror,” he says.

Trudeau’s journey from backbencher to prime minister was less elegant, but perhaps more calculated, than it appears. Reporting this story, I stayed in the Ottawa Hampton Inn, where Trudeau’s life changed in a boxing ring.

In 2012, he seemed to walk right into a trap when he agreed to box the Conservative senator Patrick Brazeau for a cancer fundraiser.

On a March night screens in bars across Canada were turned from ice hockey to the bout. The odds were 3-1 against Trudeau. Brazeau, an indigenous Canadian, had long black hair and a slew of fierce tattoos. (Trudeau has a tat of a raven and, sigh, the planet Earth.) Brazeau looked like a guy who could manage a dozen heavy boozers at a strip club. At first, the crowd seemed like it would get what it wanted: Trudeau on the floor inhaling smelling salts. But Trudeau weathered Brazeau’s early storm and began making the shorter man eat his job. Brazeau took a couple of standing eight-counts before the ref finally ended it in the third round.

The victory was twofold. It showed that Trudeau could back up his words, and that the stereotypically weak-kneed Liberal Party could take a punch. Five years and a few miles away, Trudeau mischievously smiles when I ask how much of the boxing match had been planned out. “It wasn’t random,” Trudeau says. “I wanted someone who would be a good foil, and we stumbled upon the scrappy tough-guy senator from an indigenous community. He fit the bill, and it was a very nice counterpoint.” Trudeau says this with the calculation of a CFO in a company-budget mark-up session. “I saw it as the right kind of narrative, the right story to tell,” he says.

The Sunday before I met Trudeau, the prime minister was in Toronto dancing and marching in the city’s gay pride parade, wearing socks marking the end of Ramadan. It was a twofer talisman to downtrodden minority cultures that would make alt-righters sick in their shoes. But this is how Trudeau became prime minister.

He became party leader in 2013 and immediately began the Obamanisation of the Liberals: reaching out to the young and minorities, and utilising social media. He even imported one of Obama’s deputy campaign managers. Trudeau’s party swept into power on October 19, 2015. A few days later, his cabinet — an exquisite sample of Canada’s multiculturalism — marched together into Rideau Hall to be sworn in. A reporter asked what message he was trying to send with his cadre of female advisers. Trudeau just smiled.

“Because it’s 2015.”

Trudeau’s tenure has sometimes been like watching a preschooler ride a bicycle by himself for the first time: so much promise, so many wipeouts. He still can act like a brat on occasion. In 2016, he barrelled through the

His opponents see an inexperienced selfie addict blessed with a Teflon coating

Canadian House of Commons in an effort to stop the stalling tactics of his opponents, and his elbow grazed the breast of the MP Ruth Ellen Brosseau. This became known as Elbowgate. More recently, Trudeau’s star has dimmed a bit as the realities of governing sets in. Policy wise, there have been missteps. He was criticised for accepting holiday helicopter rides from the billionaire religious leader the Aga Khan, a longtime family friend.

He was then hammered by both the Canadian and American right wing for agreeing to a payment of \$10.5m to the Canadian Omar Khadr, who as a 15-year-old was involved in a 2002 Afghan firefight that left an American soldier dead. Trudeau’s statement that “the measure of a just society is not whether we stand up for people’s rights when it’s easy or popular to do so, it’s whether we recognise rights when it’s difficult” was met with eye rolls, as it seemed profoundly out of step with the view of the average Canadian.

Trudeau’s Liberals have also fumbled on some campaign promises, including electoral reform and help for Canada’s 1.5m indigenous citizens. The resulting headwind from these and other mishaps has led to a dip in his approval rating from 61% at the end of 2016 to a more earthbound 52% by the end of last year. While a significant decline, in Canada’s three party-system Trudeau’s party would win another term, albeit with tighter majorities. All this has frustrated Trudeau’s opponents, who see an inexperienced selfie addict blessed with a Reaganesque Teflon coating. A photo of Trudeau hugging a stuffed unicorn became a meme and then a T-shirt, mocking his utopian governmental style. It also allowed the Conservative MP Michelle Rempel to carp that the media allows Trudeau’s team to act like “Prince Charmings who can do no wrong, all while flying through a rainbow on a unicorn”.

Trudeau wants me to see his vision of Canada. We don’t ride unicorns, but instead make a 30-minute drive out to Berrigan Elementary School in Nepean, an Ottawa suburb. As the Mounties do a security check, I stand at the back of a room.

It feels like I’ve wandered into an ad hoc year 4 plenary session of the United Nations. The principal told me later that the school of 900 featured more than 20 languages and children from 35 countries. Trudeau waltzes in and listens as an Indian boy talks of a country where he feels welcome as a Canadian, but also feels no fear in singing the Indian national anthem.

The prime minister takes the mic and speaks in both English and French. “When you look at a community, or a country, divisions within the country can lead to weakness, can lead to fights, can lead to arguments,” he says. “We have differences in Canada, different backgrounds, different stories, different religions, different languages.” He gives the kids his old schoolteacher look. “We figured out how to make this a source of strength, a source of creativity, a source of resilience for our communities.”

Trudeau heads back toward his three-car motorcade. In the hall, kids grab his sleeve and then skitter away wearing giant smiles. It would have been corny if it had not been so goddamned beautiful ■

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Mum's the word

Hillary and Chelsea Clinton on Bake Off, Boris, Greta, Meghan and Trump
— and the mother-daughter bond that powers them through adversity



LIKE MOTHER, LIKE DAUGHTER

What happens to the mother-daughter bond when you grow up in the White House? Hillary and Chelsea Clinton talk to *Decca Aitkenhead* about their fears for each other's safety, being an emergency nanny to the grandchildren — and the guilty pleasures that keep them sane

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o have been a global household name since one's early teens is an experience ordinarily confined to child stars and sporting protégés. The few who owe their fame to their parents' jobs belong to an even smaller category; those whose celebrity endures to the age of 39 are fewer still. To owe it more to the work of one's mother rather than one's father places Chelsea Clinton in a category so vanishingly tiny, she may well be its only member.

I have interviewed Chelsea before, and also Hillary, but never met the two together. What has struck me most about both was how temperamentally ill-suited they seemed, in many ways, to the glare of media attention. They are two of the most guardedly private public people I've ever met, and share a glassy air of unknowability. After decades of pitiless exposure, this isn't exactly surprising; at 71, Hillary has endured brutal scrutiny of everything from her marriage to her hair and her private emails, while Chelsea has had "vitriol flung at me for as long as I can literally remember". I'm not sure they were ever really cut out for fame, though.



PUBLIC FACES
From the Clinton family album: mum and daughter, 1992. Below: the Bake Off team has Chelsea hooked



deprivation had she not talked in the same clunky policy-wonk register the last time we met.

Her mum is sassier and blunter, but the pair mirror each other's strikingly contained body language, sitting perfectly still save for the occasional slow, studied nod. They carry themselves so exactly as they always do in public that, even though this is the fourth time we've met, I still can't tell what they're like in private. Chelsea comes across as the most strenuously earnest of the two, so when I ask them to name their guilty pleasures, I'm surprised to see her face light up.

"I'm one of the millions of Americans who is obsessed with Bake Off. Oh my gosh, *obsessed!*" she giggles. "It is torturous right now that we're only getting one episode every Friday night. My husband and I want to binge-watch it. And now my husband and I, we bake more thanks to Bake Off. Oh my gosh, it's my favourite show."

And Hillary? "Oh," she smiles, looking self-conscious. "Spending time with my friends, going to the movies, hanging out with my gorgeous

"I'm one of the millions of Americans who's obsessed with Bake Off," says Chelsea. "My husband and I, we want to binge-watch it. It's my favourite show"

Yet here they are, bang on time, arriving straight from a daytime TV appearance, ready to talk about the book they've just written together. I think they regard public life less in terms of ambition than vocation — which would explain why they're so impressive to their fans, and so gratefully pious to their critics.

We meet in an industrial loft studio near Hell's Kitchen in Manhattan, all whitewashed concrete and exposed cabling. The former first lady's secret service agents stationed by the rickety lifts cut comically incongruous figures in this hipster warehouse, but the Clintons make themselves at home, and Hillary immediately starts quizzing me about the latest developments in the Brexit crisis.

Chelsea gave birth to her third child just two months earlier, and apologises for having to take herself off to pump breast milk. With a five- and three-year-old as well, she must be shattered, but you wouldn't guess it from the sleek grooming and focused poise. She talks softly and carefully, in curiously convoluted multi-clause sentences that I might have put down to sleep

grandchildren, taking long walks." Those don't count, I laugh, as guilty pleasures. How about Love Island? Hillary's smile instantly cools. "No, I am not a Love Island fan." Chelsea looks puzzled. "What's Love Island?"

You won't find the show's contestants in *The Book of Gutsy Women*, which the pair have co-authored. It's a celebration of courageous female pioneers throughout history, from all over the world, selected to inspire women today. They say they loved writing the book together — although Hillary drove her daughter mad by writing her parts in longhand. Other than that, though, it's hard to find anything the pair disagree about. When I ask if the Duchess of Sussex is a gutsy woman, they exclaim "Yes!" in unison. "Yes. She. Is." Hillary beams. "I'm a huge Meghan Markle fan."

I wonder what they make of Meghan suing the Mail on Sunday for publishing her letter to her father; both have been similarly vilified in the media, but never sued for character assassination. "Oh, but our laws are so different," Hillary says. "But I do want to say that the way she's been treated is inexplicable." ➤➤➤

Plenty of people think the explanation is obvious. “Well, I think if the explanation is that she’s biracial, then shame on everybody.” Does Hillary think that’s it? “It’s certainly part of it.”

“I also think,” Chelsea adds, “it’s because she proudly had a career first and has a voice that she thankfully continues to use. Anyone who has the temerity to break the mould of what has previously been established and expected often, unfortunately, receives criticism and bile that I don’t understand. We’ve seen this pattern repeatedly. I don’t know her, but as someone who respects her, I’m so grateful that she persists, and is unbowed, and is doing work she feels called to do. And also isn’t willing to be bullied.” Some commentators say she will pay a price; the lawsuit may be successful, but she can never win. Chelsea shakes her head. “But Decca, you have to do what you feel is right.”

I notice that not once in the entire conversation do this mother and daughter interrupt each other. Chelsea tends to use five words where one would do, but if her mother ever gets impatient she doesn’t show it. They sit side by side on a sofa, and while each one talks the other turns to gaze with rapt pride.

From almost any other family, such flawlessly choreographed fealty would make me smell a rat in a flash. Frictionless maternal adoration seldom exists outside fairy tales — so at first I mistake it for yet more evidence of the inauthenticity of which the Clintons



You know, Word — or WordPerfect — or Google Docs. I’m agnostic,” she laughs. “Just any one of them.”

When Hillary told a TV interviewer last week that “the gutsiest thing” she’d ever done was to stay in her marriage, Chelsea laid a hand on her knee, momentarily uncomposed, and gasped: “I’m so overwhelmed by my mother’s answer that I’m a bit out of words. I’m just so proud to be her daughter.” I ask why she’d been so surprised by her mother’s answer.

“It’s clearly an incredibly painful time in our family’s history and not one that we have spoken about together publicly, though of course we’ve talked about it a lot privately. So I just didn’t expect that to be the answer in that moment. But on reflection it seems obvious that it would have been.”

I would guess their fierce bond of loyalty has a lot to do with the legacy of President Clinton’s affair with Monica Lewinsky. It’s often the case that children of parents besieged by external attacks cannot countenance creating any internal drama of their own, and Chelsea’s biography reads like a case study in aversion to rebellion. Having grown up in the White House, she studied at Stanford and Oxford universities, and worked for a while as a management consultant and an analyst for a hedge fund, but her heart wasn’t in it, and she is now vice-chair of the Clinton Foundation. “It is frustrating, because who wants to grow up and follow their parents?” she has said, adding she’d “tried really

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have so often been accused. The more they talk about their relationship, though, the less this cynicism feels plausible.

Where, I ask Hillary, does being a grandmother rank on her list of life priorities? “Oh my gosh, it ranks at the top,” she gurgles. “It’s just the most wonderful experience. I literally had no idea how overwhelming it would be to see my child become a mother, to meet my grandchildren, to be part of their lives. It’s an incredible life journey and I’m thrilled that we’re making it together.” Is “emergency nanny” now one of her roles? She bursts out laughing. “I have played that role, yes.”

Hillary is “very good about sticking to the schedule”, says Chelsea. “I don’t worry at all about the reading lessons, going to bed on time, getting their bath when they’re supposed to. But I definitely notice treats happening. And I just have to let that go.” There’s a playful mischief in her mother’s voice I’ve never heard before as she protests, “Well, I mean, when your grandchildren want pizza for lunch and dinner, I don’t see anything wrong in giving them pizza for lunch and dinner.”

But neither can come up with a single difference in their parenting style. When I ask for one thing they would change about the other if they could, both exclaim, “Oh, wow!” and laugh. “Depending on the day,” jokes Hillary, “I have either a very short list or a very long list,” but at the top of either would be a wish that she could ease her daughter’s burden of responsibilities, “so she could get more sleep”.

Chelsea seems surprised. “I definitely thought my mother was going to say she wished I was less of a perfectionist. She’s been trying to mature that out of me for more than 25 years, and I’m still working on it.” For herself, “I wish my mother used a word processor.

hard to care about things that were very different from my parents”, but felt “called to this work both as a daughter and also as someone who believes I have contributions to make”.

For all her status and success, there is a vulnerability about Chelsea indiscernible in her mother. I ask what’s the gutsiest thing she’s ever done. “I think I was protected from having to be gutsy as a kid, really until my dad ran for president. And then I had to navigate why these older men were attacking me. I had to find the gutsiness to live my childhood, which I believed was my right as a 12-year-old. I think that was the first time I realised I had to be gutsy.”

The one thing she and her mother don’t appear to agree on entirely is the question of transgender self-identification. Their book features Danica Roem, the first trans woman elected to a US state legislature, and when I ask if someone with a beard and a penis can ever be a woman, Chelsea peers at me as if I’ve just ➤➤➤

HIGH FLYERS
Above: Meghan Markle in South Africa earlier this month. Right: visiting Tokyo as first lady with husband President Bill Clinton, 1996



asked if the sun rises in the east. “Ye-esss. Yes.” Hillary is looking uneasy. “Errr. I’m just learning about this. It’s a very big generational discussion, because this is not something I grew up with or ever saw. It’s going to take a lot more time and effort to understand what it means to be defining yourself differently.”

A lot of British feminists of Hillary’s generation, I say, have a problem with the idea that a lesbian who doesn’t want to sleep with someone who has a penis is transphobic. “Right,” Hillary nods. Chelsea stiffens and stares at me. They’re also uncomfortable with people who are physically male sharing women’s refuges, and with the NHS’s decision to assign patients to single-sex wards according to the gender they identify as rather than their biological anatomy. “I would say that, absolutely,” Hillary nods firmly. “Absolutely. Yes.”

Chelsea is now fixing me with a furious stare. When I point this out, she laughs — “I’m a terrible actor” — and says quietly but emphatically: “I am *thrilled* by the NHS’s decision. Because how can you treat someone if you don’t recognise who they feel and know in their core they are? And I strongly support children being able to play on the sports teams that match their own gender identity. I think we need to be doing everything we can to support kids in being whoever they know themselves to be and discovering who they are.”

I turn back to Hillary, who is looking conflicted. “I think you’ve got to be sensitive to how difficult this is,” she says. “There are women who’d say [to a trans woman], ‘You know what, you’ve never had the kind of life experiences that I’ve had. So I respect who you are, but don’t tell me you’re the same as me.’ I hear that conversation all the time.”

She says the pair don’t argue about it, but I get the impression they don’t like to present anything less than a united front to the world.

Bill is now pretty absent from public life. He and Hillary live between Little Rock, New York and Washington, and appear to lead quite separate lives; the days of Billary are long gone. It seems incredible that we know so little about their marriage now, when its dramas were once played out so publicly, the most intimate details of Bill’s extramarital sex life — the stained dress, the cigar — all over the media. Even though the couple are seldom seen together nowadays, we hear no reports of anyone new in either her or Bill’s

LINE OF DUTY
Chelsea and Hillary have had to endure vitriol and threats, like the activist Greta Thunberg (below)



Chelsea lives in a Manhattan apartment with her private equity manager husband of nine years, Mark Mezvinsky, and their children. Although fabulously wealthy, she talks about riding on the subway and going to the grocery store like anybody else. I’m not sure her life would pass as normal in many people’s book, but notice how she becomes most confident when the conversation turns to her field of professional expertise. Chelsea has a master’s degree in public health, and *The Book of Gutsy Women* features pioneers of vaccines. On the question of whether schools should refuse to accept children who haven’t been vaccinated, the pair are unanimous.

“One hundred per cent yes,” says Hillary. “I think Andrew Wakefield is one of the most awful people of recent history,” Chelsea concurs. “I just think he is an evil man.” Chelsea gets more animated on the subject than anything else we discuss, and cites detailed statistics about herd immunity. It’s funny to see Hillary

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life. Whether this says more about his self-restraint, or the family’s power to control the narrative, is just one of the many Clinton mysteries. It’s a startling truth that there will now be an entire generation for whom both Chelsea and Hillary — and even Lewinsky, who campaigns these days against online public shaming — are the names they know, rather than the man who first brought them to our attention.

That generation includes Chelsea’s oldest daughter. Her youngest two — Aidan, 3, and baby Jasper — still have no idea of their grandparents’ public profile, but Charlotte, 5, “has some sense of her grandmother as a real advocate and person who’s dedicated her life to public service. She understands that because her grandmother features in picture books we read, more than her grandfather.”

for once not the policy expert but the layman, huffing: “I just don’t get it, this hostility to scientific advance. I mean, I like modern toilets! I mean, my God, I don’t know where this ends.”

Chelsea can talk about the anti-vax movement until the cows come home. What Hillary, on the other hand, really wants to discuss is Donald Trump. She knows half her country probably won’t listen. “And it’s not only people who might disagree with me who don’t want to hear any point of view from the other side. We are all suffering from the refusal to listen to one another. So this is an equal-opportunity problem. But I think it is my obligation as a citizen to provide as accurate an assessment as I can of what’s going on.”

One of the women profiled in their book is Greta Thunberg, who the week before we meet had ➤➤➤



GRIPPING RIVALRY
Left: with Donald Trump after the first presidential debate, 2016. Right: with Boris Johnson, then the mayor of London, 2015



delivered a coruscating speech to the UN climate change summit, prompting some commentators to worry about her mental stability. Do they worry for Thunberg?

“I don’t worry for her in herself,” Chelsea says, “she is clearly strong of purpose and full of joy. But I worry for Greta like I worry for my mom. There are, sadly, a lot of very angry people who are very threatened.” Does she worry about her dad too? “Less so. I think my mom is more threatening to people.”

Hillary worries about her daughter’s safety “all the time. Unfortunately, we currently have a spate of leaders in countries like yours and mine who whip people up, whip up their fears and their anger, and their rage and their ignorance — and they weaponise it. We’ve never had a president who explicitly catalyses this kind of divisiveness. It’s part of the playbook of authoritarians: distract, divert and scare. Get people scared and they’re more manipulatable. The leader tries to keep you confused and off balance, saying things so outrageous that you can’t believe it, until the next one comes, and it sort of normalises it and sadly desensitises you to what’s happening. It’s a real pattern.”

Chelsea agrees: “Trump is a master manipulator.” “And it works!” Hillary exclaims. “The thing I keep trying to tell people is that he is not the first to have done this. If you read Timothy Snyder’s book *On Tyranny*, it’s a chilling description of how authoritarian mindsets work. And this is what we’re dealing with.”

She met Boris Johnson when he was mayor of London and sees clear parallels. “I thought he was a grandstander and very full of himself. I knew Trump [before he became president] and I thought the same thing. A kind of blowhard, a blustering guy. But they both clearly harboured great ambitions for themselves.”

Has the UK mistaken Johnson for a bit of a laugh, and landed itself with another Trump? “Yes. It’s the same pattern. The total disregard for facts — or ‘My assertion should be your facts. Don’t question me, how dare you question me?’ It is part of a real undercurrent of authoritarianism. You get rid of people who disagree with you. You surround yourself with cronies. You begin to degrade every institution that could possibly hold you to account. You go after the press. This is all part of the playbook of wannabe authoritarians.”

Do they worry about complacency among voters? “I think that has ebbed,” Chelsea says of Americans. “I think the cascade of cruelty, the meanness, has just become so undeniable.” In the UK, I point out, Johnson is being championed as the people’s hero in a battle of the people versus parliament. Hillary looks aghast.

“Well, then I fear for your country. If anyone says he’s a hero to anyone other than himself, I really worry. We don’t know what’s going to happen with Brexit, or

impeachment, or our upcoming election — and I don’t care what your political ideology is. If you invest your support in people who will try to take advantage of it to promote themselves to become authoritarian leaders, then we are headed for an even worse outcome.”

Does she see parallels in Johnson’s government warning of violence on the streets if we don’t “Get Brexit Done”? “One hundred per cent. That’s who these men are. They want to be authoritarian rulers in democracies.” She pauses. “We are in a crisis. A crisis of our democracy that is deep and broad and frankly existential. We need to recapture our democracy.”

Exactly how is a question that raises so many of the old problems with her political approach. She’s right that authoritarians distract voters from facts with an eye-catching circus of fireworks — but her enduring faith in the power of facts to defeat fireworks doesn’t appear to recognise evidence from the last campaign that, when faced with an opponent like Trump, facts lose.

Hillary thinks Trump will be easier to beat this time — “Yes. Absolutely” — but her grounds for confidence essentially boil down to: this time there’ll be more facts.

“Because now he has a record. He. Made. Promises. That he has never even tried to fulfil. So there is a narrative now about *him*.”

On the day we meet, *The New York Times* ran a column headlined “Will Trump Ever Leave the White House?” The columnist quoted a number of eminent scholars expressing concerns that, if defeated in 2020, Trump could deploy Republican senators, his “armed to the teeth” popular base, and/or the military to keep him in office. Does she share that fear? “Absolutely,” Hillary nods. “That’s the pattern. That’s who he is. And he is in a class of leaders who behave like that. Putin didn’t leave office — and Putin is his role model. If he could manoeuvre our government in such a way, he would.” Or manoeuvre the military? “Who knows? Nobody! The other day he tweeted that there could be a civil war. Now who says something like that?”

The interview ends precisely on the hour; the operation has the precision timekeeping operation of a Swiss watch, and after elegantly efficient goodbyes they are in the lift and off to their next engagement.

The following day they are back on the trail again, signing books for a queue of fans for more than three hours. It has gone 9.30pm by the time Chelsea can leave to get back to her baby; for Hillary the night isn’t over yet, she is catching a train to Washington.

They could be doing anything else in the world — or more to the point, nothing — and yet they keep going. I don’t think they know how to stop ■

The Book of Gutsy Women by Hillary Rodham Clinton and Chelsea Clinton is out now (Simon & Schuster £25)



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From : "Katherine Hazen"

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Subject : Gannett: Saturday Night Live's COVID-19 plan? \$150 checks for audience members to meet restrictions

Gannett: Saturday Night Live's COVID-19 plan? \$150 checks for audience members to meet restrictions

By Jon Campbell

ALBANY – Audience members who attended Saturday Night Live's much-anticipated season premiere last weekend received a welcome surprise on their way out the door: A check for \$150.

The venerable NBC sketch comedy show opened its 46th season live from Studio 8H in New York's Rockefeller Center on Saturday, welcoming a live audience in a state that has some of the most restrictive COVID-19 rules in the country.

New York's coronavirus restrictions for media productions such as SNL make clear media productions can only have a live studio audience if it consists entirely of paid cast, crew or employees.

That's where the check came in.

By paying the studio audience, NBC was able to count the audience members — who requested free tickets through a third-party website earlier in the week — as employees. That put the show in compliance with the state's coronavirus rules, according to the state Department of Health.

"SNL has confirmed that they followed the reopening guidance, including selecting audience members through a third-party screening and casting process and compensating them for their time as paid audience members," Health Department spokesman Jonah Bruno said in a statement.

SNL's plan had previously drawn concern

Alec Baldwin as Donald Trump and Jim Carrey as Joe Biden during the "Saturday Night Live" "First Debate" Cold Open on Saturday, October 3, 2020.

The television show's plan to have a live audience amid the COVID-19 pandemic drew concern from the Department of Health in the days leading up to Saturday's premiere, with the agency questioning whether SNL was violating the state's current ban on ticketed entertainment events.

SNL had been distributing free tickets to the show through a third-party company, 1iota, which bills itself as an audience-casting agency. But 1iota's website made no mention of any compensation for audience members, which led the state to issue a public warning through a spokesperson Thursday evening.

NBC, however, maintained throughout the week it was following all state guidelines and protocols.

"We are working with the Department of Health and following all guidelines," a spokesperson said.

Sean Ludwig, a freelance writer from Brooklyn who runs barbecue-focused newsletters, attended Saturday's show.

Ludwig said he and his fellow audience members were caught by surprise by the checks, which were handed out as they left the studio. They were not notified in advance they were being paid, he said.

"We were very pleasantly surprised to be handed a \$150 check as we left the theater," he said.

Rapid testing, strict protocols at show

Audience members were subject to strict coronavirus protocols during the live taping and a dress rehearsal earlier in the day, according to SNL's ticketing website.

Each person was given a rapid COVID-19 test upon entering Rockefeller Center and had to test negative before entering the studio. Audience members were required to wear masks for the duration of the show and were placed in "pods" of seven, eight or nine people who requested tickets together

State COVID-19 rules allowed a paid live audience of no more than 100 people or 25% of the studio's capacity.

NBC plans to follow the same protocols for upcoming show. SNL's ticket page on 1iota's website has remained down for maintenance since Saturday but is expected to relaunch soon, according to the network.

Ludwig said he felt safe during the taping, noting each group of people were kept at a distance. He estimated there were about 100 audience members.

"It was much more intensive than any other activity I've done during COVID in terms of safety," Ludwig said Tuesday.

"The fact that we had to pass a rapid test before we even went in to a 25% capacity theater where everyone was required to wear a mask and then to be paid at the end — to me, they followed all the rules they were supposed to follow."

Movie theaters, concert venues angered by state rules

Similar entertainment venues, meanwhile, have raised issue with the state's coronavirus restrictions, which have kept concert halls, movie theaters and similar spaces closed since March.

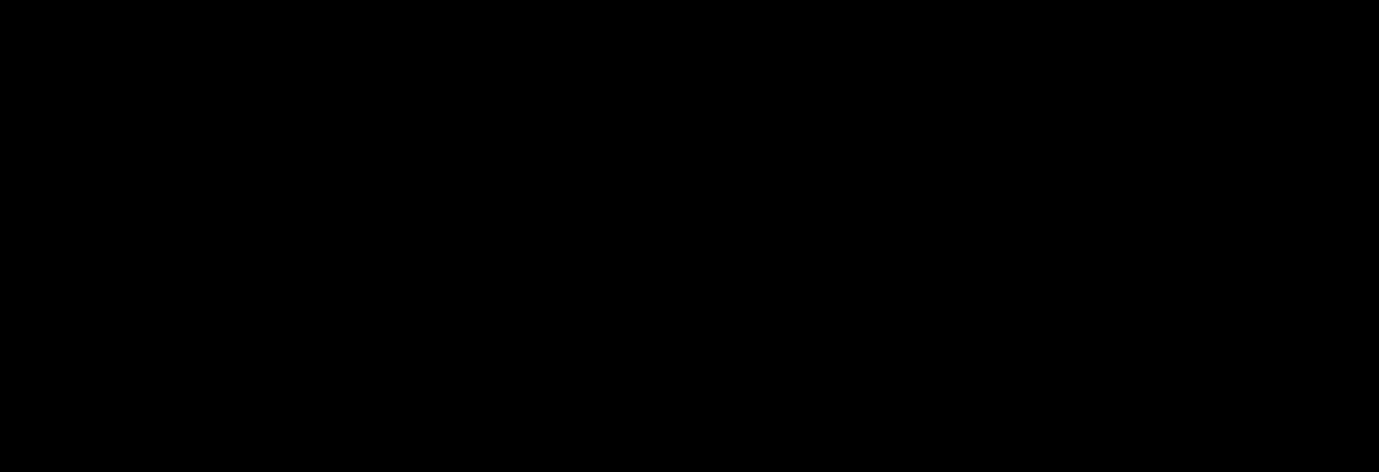
On Monday, Regal Cinemas announced it would close all its 536 movie theaters across the country indefinitely, in part citing New York's continued closure order as setting off a domino effect that has left theaters across the country struggling.

Rich Azzopardi, Gov. Andrew Cuomo senior adviser and spokesman, said the state is trying to prevent a second wave of COVID-19.

"We understand some people are unhappy but you know what? Better unhappy than sick or worse," Azzopardi told the Times Union of Albany.

Bruno, the Health Department spokesman, said the state has no reason to believe SNL didn't follow the state's COVID-19 guidelines.

"There is no evidence of non-compliance — but if any is discovered, we will refer that to local authorities for follow up," he said.



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Thank you!

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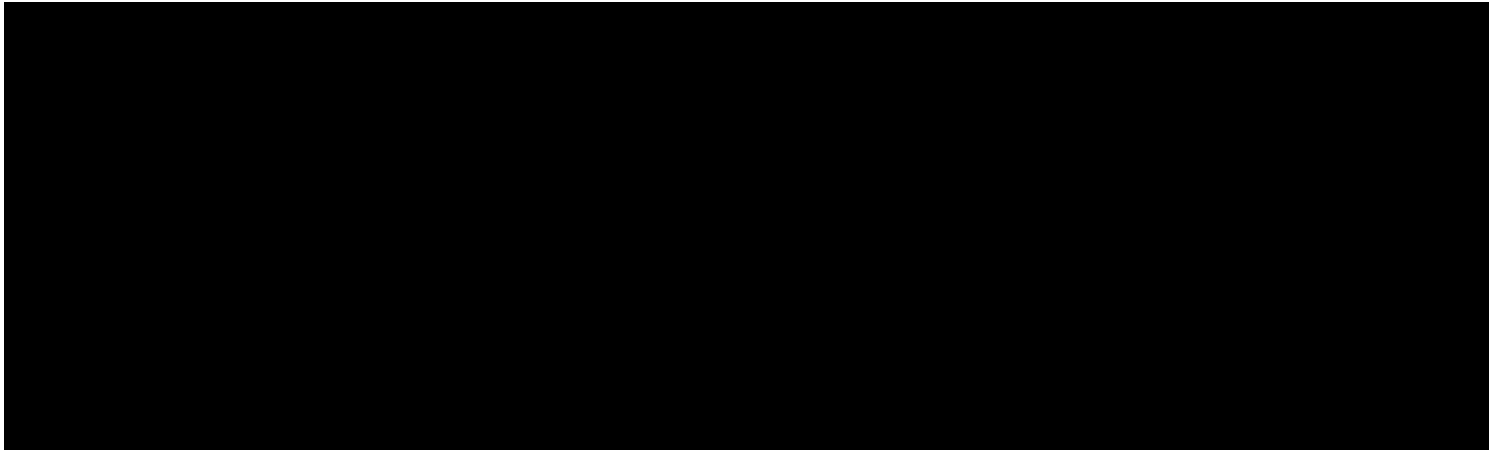
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Subject: NBC News Inquiry / Saturday Night Live

Good morning,

I am a reporter at NBC News Digital, and I am writing an article about "Saturday Night Live" returning to live broadcasts.

In a recent [interview with New York magazine](#), Lorne Michaels said the show had been getting support from Governor Cuomo's office. Can you provide any information on the support the Governor's office has offered?

Happy to discuss on the phone, if that's easier.

Thanks very much — and hope your team is staying safe!

Best,

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By NARDINE SAAD

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo is snuffing out the promoters behind a Chainsmokers concert for violating his executive order in July by hosting a concert that violated public health law.

Cuomo announced Wednesday that the promoters will face a \$20,000 fine for holding a large gathering in Southampton, a direct violation of New York's executive order following the state's devastation from the COVID-19 pandemic.

He also barred the Town of Southampton from approving permits for group gatherings without state approval, Cuomo said on Twitter.

The promoters In the Know Experiences and Invisible Noise Productions declined to comment Wednesday on the governor's announcement.

However, after facing intense backlash following the July 25 concert, the promoters told Billboard in July that they followed guidelines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, such as conducting temperature checks upon guests' arrival, distributing face masks and cleaning bathrooms at the event every 10 minutes, among taking other safety measures.

The Safe & Sound event took place in Southampton at a 100-acre outdoor sculpture park and was billed as a charity drive-in show. In addition to the Chainsmokers, Goldman Sachs CEO David Solomon, who performs as DJ D-Sol, and Southampton Town Supervisor Jay Schneiderman's band also performed, according to the Associated Press.

Admission for the event ran between \$1,250-\$25,000, Billboard reported, with all profits going to local charities including No Kid Hungry, Children's Medical Fund of NY and Southampton Fresh Air Home.

Cuomo previously said he was appalled by the event and promised to conduct an investigation. In a video he shared on social media a few days later, crowds of people were seen standing and swaying near the stage. Though many attendees appeared to be wearing masks, many individuals were standing closer than 6 feet to each other.

Other artists have been lambasted for performing for crowds and holding large gatherings during the pandemic as well. Country artist Chase Rice was called out for performing to roughly 1,000-person crowd in June, and 7 Summers' country star Morgan Wallen was dropped from last weekend's Saturday Night Live for COVID-19 safety violations. WAP rapper Cardi B was also blasted this week for holding a massive birthday celebration in Las Vegas.

And don't even get us started on Lana Del Rey's see-through mask.

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Plaintiffs,

**AMENDED
COMPLAINT**

Against

Index No.: 007139/2020

ANDREW M. CUOMO, in his Official
Capacity as Governor of the State of New York,
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,
and **THE STATE OF NEW YORK,**

Defendants.

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And Billiards Corp. d/b/a Skyline Bar & Billiards, SR City Entertainment, LLC. d/b/a Society Billiards and Bar, Chickies Billiards Corp d/b/a Status Q, IMJ Inc. d/b/a Diamond Jims Billiards & Pub, (collectively, “Plaintiffs”), for their Complaint against Defendants Governor Andrew M. Cuomo (“Governor”), Attorney General of the State of New York (“Attorney General”), Mayor Bill de Blasio (“Mayor”) and State of New York (collectively, “Defendants”), allege as follows:

NATURE OF THIS ACTION

1. This civil rights action challenges the executive “shut down” orders issued by Defendants Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and enforced by the Governor, Defendant Attorney General of the State of New York and the State of New York and the numerous extensions and continued enforcement of the executive orders issued by Defendant Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, which continue to be enforced by them, and by Defendant Attorney General of the State of New York, *now 232 days* after Governor declared a state of emergency on March 7, 2020.

2. This action seeks declaratory and injunctive relief for deprivations sustained and continued to be sustained by plaintiffs and for violations committed by Defendants, acting under the color of state law, against Plaintiffs’ rights as guaranteed by the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments of the United States Constitution, and for violations of the New York Constitution Article 1, § 11.

3. This is also an action for just compensation required by the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution. The Fifth Amendment to the Constitution requires that the government pay for

property it takes: “Rights of Persons.....nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.” U.S. Constitution, 5th Amendment.

INTRODUCTION

4. It is legal right now in New York to play pool in a bowling alley. But it is illegal to play pool in a billiard hall. This is random and arbitrary. Billiard halls are as safe or safer than bowling alleys, ping pong parlors, tattoo parlors, indoor gymnastics and gyms.

5. It is almost November and almost every indoor activity has been allowed to re-open statewide. Bowling alleys, gyms, casinos, restaurants, tanning salons and even ping pong parlors are open. But billiard halls have not been allowed to open. There is no science that proves that playing pool in a bowling alley is safer than playing pool in a billiard hall. There is no science that proves that bowling in a bowling alley is safer than playing pool in a billiard hall.

6. Billiard halls are large open spaces where social distance is easily attainable. Billiard Halls can offer the same or safer social distancing measures as gyms, casinos, bowling alleys and ping pong parlors.

7. Plaintiffs are billiard hall owners in the State of New York.

8. Plaintiffs have been shut down since March 18, 2020 or for 222 days.

9. Casinos, Malls, Bowling Alleys, Aquariums, Ping Pong Alleys, Restaurants, Gyms, Catering Halls for weddings, christenings and bar mitzvahs, schools and colleges have been allowed to re-open but the *billiard hall* industry remains shuttered despite its large open spaces and that the industry can offer the same or safer social distancing measures.

10. “One percent is an unbelievably low infection rate.¹ New York has had an infection rate at about one percent for the last ten weeks. New York is the outlier in all of these international and national trajectories.² We are the exception to the rule.”³ Governor Cuomo was bragging that how New York is the exception to the rule because New York has flat infection rates but infection rates are climbing throughout the country and the world.

11. The borough of Manhattan has had an average covid-19 infection rate of substantially below 1% since June 13, 2020.⁴ Manhattan has had a lower infection rate than most of the state of New York since June 13, 2020 and remains the safest borough in New York City.

12. New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio has stated publicly, “With our record low infection rate, New York City is the safest major city in America.”⁵

13. In short, Plaintiffs bring this lawsuit to define the limits of a State’s and the City’s police power. Whatever its limits, this legal term of art is not a principle that unlocks absolute executive power and casts our constitution to the wind. The issues raised in this Complaint are novel, and they will not be rendered moot if the executive orders are lifted before the Court issues judgment. The issues presented are capable of repetition and are of such importance that they cannot evade judicial review.

¹ Governor Cuomo, Press Conference, October 5, 2020. [governor.ny.gov](https://www.governor.ny.gov)

² *id.*

³ *id.*

⁴ covid19tracker.health.ny.gov

⁵ Official Website of the City of New York, August 24, 2020.

PARTIES

14. Plaintiff, **3707 Brewerton Rd, LLC. d/b/a Brick House Billiards Bar and Restaurant**, is a New York Limited Liability Company with its principal place of business in the County of Onondaga, New York. Plaintiff owns and operates a *billiard hall* named Brick House Billiards Bar & Restaurant in Syracuse, New York. Because of Defendants' executive orders, Plaintiff's *billiard hall* has been shut down since March 18, 2020 through the date of the filing of this Civil Action.

15. Plaintiff, **Rack Them Inc. d/b/a The Billiard Company**, is a New York Corporation with its principal place of business in the Borough of Queens, New York. Because of Defendants' executive orders, The Billiard Company has been shut down since March 18, 2020 through the date of the filing of this Civil Action.

16. Plaintiff, **110 E 11 Associates, LLC. d/b/a Amsterdam Billiards**, is a New York Limited Liability Company with its principal place of business in the Borough of Manhattan, New York. Plaintiff operates Amsterdam Billiards. Because of Defendants' executive orders, Amsterdam Billiards has been shut down since March 18, 2020 through the date of the filing of this Civil Action.

17. Plaintiff, **SJEN Enterprise Inc. d/b/a Cue Bar**, is a New York Corporation with its principal place of business in the Borough of Queens, New York. Plaintiff owns and operates the Cue Bar. Because of Defendants' executive orders, The Cue Bar has been shut down since March 18, 2020 through the date of the filing of this Civil Action.

18. Plaintiff, **AAA Billiards Corp. d/b/a Boardwalk Billiards**, is a New York Corporation with its principal place of business in the Borough of Kings, New York. Plaintiff

operates Boardwalk Billiards. Because of Defendants' executive orders, Boardwalk Billiards has been shut down since March 18, 2020 through the date of the filing of this Civil Action.

19. Plaintiff, **BQE Cafe Billiards Inc. d/b/a BQE Cafe Billiards**, is a New York Corporation with its principal place of business in the Borough of Queens, New York. Plaintiff operates **BQE Cafe Billiards**. Because of Defendants' executive orders, **BQE Cafe Billiards** has been shut down since March 18, 2020 through the date of the filing of this Civil Action.

20. Plaintiff, **Olympian Summit Inc. d/b/a Steinway Cafe-Billiards**, is a New York Corporation with its principal place of business in the Borough of Queens, New York. Plaintiff operates **Steinway Cafe-Billiards**. Because of Defendants' executive orders, **Steinway Cafe-Billiards** has been shut down since March 18, 2020 through the date of the filing of this Civil Action.

21. Plaintiff, **Gotham City Billiard Club LLC. d/b/a Gotham City Billiards** is a New York Limited Liability Company with its principal place of business in the Borough of Kings, New York. Plaintiff operates **Gotham City Billiards Club**. Because of Defendants' executive orders, the **Gotham City Billiards Club** has been shut down since March 18, 2020 through the date of the filing of this Civil Action.

22. Plaintiff, **Olympia Cafe & Billiards**, is a New York Corporation with its principal place of business in the Borough of Queens, New York. Plaintiff operates **Olympia Cafe & Billiards**. Because of Defendants' executive orders, **Olympia Cafe & Billiards** has been shut down since March 18, 2020 through the date of the filing of this Civil Action.

23. Plaintiff, **308-16 Billiard Inc. d/b/a "Brownstone Billiards,"** is a New York Corporation with its principal place of business in the Borough of Kings, New York. Plaintiff

operates “**Brownstone Billiards.**” Because of Defendants’ executive orders, “**Brownstone Billiards,**” has been shut down since March 18, 2020 through the date of the filing of this Civil Action.

24. Plaintiff, **GS Enterprise Holding Inc. d/b/a Set Bar Lounge & Billiards** is a New York Corporation with its principal place of business in the Borough of Kings, New York. Plaintiff operates **Set Bar Lounge & Billiards.** Because of Defendants’ executive orders, **Set Bar Lounge & Billiards** has been shut down since March 18, 2020 through the date of the filing of this Civil Action.

25. Plaintiff, **LTM Holding Nanuet LLC. d/b/a The Spot,** is a New York Limited Liability Company with its principal place of business in the County of Rockland, New York. Plaintiff operates **The Spot.** Because of Defendants’ executive orders, **The Spot** has been shut down since March 18, 2020 through the date of the filing of this Civil Action.

26. Plaintiff, **Jay Mac’s Bar And Billiards Corp. d/b/a Skyline Bar & Billiards,** is a New York Corporation with its principal place of business in the Borough of Kings, New York. Plaintiff operates **Skyline Bar & Billiards.** Because of Defendants’ executive orders, **Skyline Bar & Billiards** has been shut down since March 18, 2020 through the date of the filing of this Civil Action.

27. Plaintiff, **SR City Entertainment, LLC. d/b/a Society Billiards and Bar,** is a New York Limited Liability Company with its principal place of business in the County of New York, New York. Plaintiff operates **Society Billiards and Bar.** Because of Defendants’ executive orders, **Society Billiards and Bar** has been shut down since March 18, 2020 through the date of the filing of this Civil Action.

28. Plaintiff, **Chickies Billiards Corp d/b/a Status Q**, is a New York Corporation with its principal place of business in the Borough of Kings, New York. Plaintiff operates **Status Q**. Because of Defendants' executive orders, **Status Q** has been shut down since March 18, 2020 through the date of the filing of this Civil Action.

29. Plaintiff, **IMJ Inc. d/b/a Diamond Jims Billiards & Pub**, is a New York Corporation with its principal place of business in the County of Rockland, New York. Plaintiff operates **Diamond Jims Billiards & Pub**. Because of Defendants' executive orders, **Diamond Jims Billiards & Pub** has been shut down since March 18, 2020 through the date of the filing of this Civil Action.

30. Defendant **Andrew M. Cuomo** is the Governor of the State of New York and signed Executive Order 202.5 on March 18, 2020 (Attached as Exhibit A.), which ordered the *shutdown of indoor public amusement*. The State Constitution requires that the Governor ensure that the laws of the state are "faithfully executed." Governor Cuomo's office for the transaction of business is located at the New York State Capitol Building, Albany, New York 12224. Governor Cuomo is sued herein in his official capacity. Pursuant to Executive Law § 223, the superintendent of state police and its members "shall be subject to the call of the governor and are empowered to co-operate with any other department of the state or with local authorities."

31. Defendant the Office of the Attorney General of the State of New York, pursuant to Executive Law § 60, is the head of the New York State Department of Law and prosecutes and defends all actions in which the state has an interest, and has charge and control of all the legal

business of the departments and bureaus of the state, or of any office thereof which requires the services of attorney or counsel to protect the interest of the State.

JURISDICTION & VENUE

32. Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983, this Court has jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of the United States Constitution.

33. Pursuant to authority vested in it by state law, this Court has jurisdiction to enforce the New York State Constitution and its statutes and to find and declare any unconstitutional either on its face or as applied.

34. Venue is proper in Onondaga County because Plaintiff has its principal office in Onondaga County.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

35. Based on speculative modeling on the infectiousness and lethality of a new coronavirus, Governor Cuomo has issued executive orders that have shuttered civil society, placed 19.5 million people under house arrest, and taken jobs away from millions of people, all without due process of law. The Governor has not disclosed and/or disclosed only a minimal

amount of the data or methodology used to create the modeling that purportedly justifies this extreme action.

36. On March 18, 2020, Plaintiffs were ordered by Defendants' executive order 202.5 to shutdown their *billiards halls* effective at 8pm on March 18, 2020, until further notice. As of October 22, 2020, Plaintiffs remain shuttered and have been shut for 222 days. Target, Walmart and Home Depot were allowed to remain open for on premises shopping as "Essential" businesses. Plaintiffs' health protocols are greater or sufficiently similar to those businesses that were allowed to remain open.

37. The Governor's initial Executive Orders were premised on the perceived need to "flatten the curve" so as to avoid overwhelming the State's hospitals and healthcare centers, not to eradicate the virus. Although the curve has been flattened for more than five months now, the Governor has nonetheless issued stricter and confusing executive orders that unreasonably and unnecessarily interfere with Plaintiffs' constitutional rights.

38. What were initially billed as temporary measures necessary to "flatten the curve" and protect hospital capacity have become open-ended and ongoing restrictions aimed at a very different end- stopping the spread of an infectious disease and preventing new cases from arising-which requires ongoing and open-ended efforts.

39. Defendants' executive order 202.5 and the executive orders that followed did not provide a pre- or post- deprivation remedy to question a designation of "essential" or to determine whether Plaintiffs can open with the same health related protocols as the "essential" businesses allowed to open. There has never been any health inspection of the Plaintiffs' *billiard*

halls, no analysis of the health status of *billiard halls* as essential and no analysis of Plaintiffs' health related protocols to see if they meet the same health standards as allowed for essential businesses.

40. There was a list of businesses that were allowed to remain open for on-premises purchasing and that the classification was not reasonable or rational and was arbitrary and random without any data, and therefore a denial of due process.

41. On June 4, 2020, during his press conference, Cuomo said that, "*this is a public health issue and you don't want people sick and dead.*" During the same press briefing, Cuomo stated that he wanted to thank the protesters for protesting in thousands throughout New York City. The only conclusion you draw from that is that thousands of people can march together throughout New York City and there is no public health issue for these marches, but *billiard halls* in New York State who want to open their *billiard halls* with CDC safety guidelines are endangering the public.

42. The Governor cannot selectively enforce his executive orders. There is either a public health emergency or there's not. It cannot be both.

43. Cuomo boasts on CNN on June 25, 2020: "*What we're saying in New York, look, we did the right thing and New Yorkers paid a terrible cost as you know, Alisyn. They have been locked up. They have been closing their businesses. We have the virus under control finally. We had to flatten the curve.*"⁶

44. The State continues to govern impartially and arbitrarily by allowing Malls, Casinos, Churches, Movie Theaters, Restaurants, Gyms, Catering Halls for weddings,

⁶ Audio & Rush Transcript: Governor Cuomo announces New York at Lowest Hospitalization Rate since Beginning of Covid-19 Pandemic. June 25, 2020.

christenings and bar mitzvahs, Bowling Alleys, “Saturday Night Live”, schools and colleges in the state to open, yet *billiard halls* in the State continue to be shut down even though New York State has met and exceeded the re-opening metrics put in place by Governor Cuomo since June 13, 2020.

45. These statistics show that the curve flattened a long time ago and there is no longer a state of emergency in the State of New York.

46. Seven months into the state’s experiment with executive order shut downs, the constitutional landscape has changed. Whatever latitude for constitutionally questionable orders may have existed when the pandemic was new, there is no longer legal justification for prohibiting people from earning a living if they work in or own what a governor deems a “non-essential” business.

47. For one thing, the underlying facts have changed markedly. New York reopened “non-essential” businesses over the summer while keeping the virus at bay.

48. The use of masks and social distancing is universal, supplemented by temperature checks on the part of some businesses.

49. Multiple studies now suggest the lockdowns were not effective,⁷ and medical and public health professionals have raised concerns about their “devastating effects on short and long term public health.”⁸

50. New York’s selective enforcement of social distancing requirements has undermined the rationale for continued business closures.

⁷ www.wsj.com/articles/the-failed-experiment-of-covid-lockdowns

⁸ <https://gbdeclaration.org>

51. Over the summer thousands of protestors were allowed to march shoulder to shoulder, unmasked and emitting droplets with their chants, with no enforcement by the Defendants.

52. If such gatherings were not a risk to public health, why should *billiard halls* with exceptional safety protocols not be allowed to open its doors?

53. Closing *billiard halls* that can mitigate risk looks more arbitrary than ever.

54. The Courts may provide state and local officials greater deference when making time-sensitive decisions in the midst of an emergency but the deference cannot go on forever. It is no longer March, April or May. It is now late October and Defendants have no anticipated end-date to their emergency interventions.

55. Absent a robust system of checks and balances, the guarantees of liberty set forth in the Constitution are just ink on parchment. There is no question that a global pandemic poses serious challenges for governments. But the response to this pandemic or any emergency for that matter cannot be permitted to undermine our system of constitutional liberties or the system of checks and balances protecting those liberties. Defendants are permitted to act with no input from the legislature. The judiciary remains the ONLY check on the exercise of defendants' power.

56. Plaintiffs are individually owned *billiard halls*. If not allowed to open this fall, Plaintiffs may be forced to permanently shut their doors.

57. Plaintiffs have all conformed their *billiard halls* to exceed CDC safety protocols for covid-19.

58. Plaintiffs have been affected terribly by the Governor's executive orders. Under threat of criminal penalties, Plaintiffs have been forced to close their "*billiard halls*," depriving the Plaintiffs of their liberty and property interests without due process. At the same time, without offering any justification, the Governor has allowed, and is still allowing, Malls, Casinos, Restaurants, Gyms, Catering Halls, Bowling Alleys, Schools and Colleges to open even though: (a) those businesses must also adhere to guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") on "social distancing"; and (b) Plaintiffs are fully capable of adhering to those same guide-lines if allowed to open their *billiard halls*.

59. At the present time, Plaintiffs have lost millions of dollars in revenue and have had to lay off all employees throughout New York States.

60. A public health emergency does not give Defendants *carte blanche* to disregard the Constitution for as long as the medical problem persists.

61. "One percent is an unbelievably low infection rate.⁹ New York has had an infection rate at about one percent for the last ten weeks. New York is the outlier in all of these international and national trajectories.¹⁰ We are the exception to the rule."¹¹ Governor Cuomo was bragging that how New York is the exception to the rule because New York has flat infection rates but infection rates are climbing throughout the country and the world.

⁹ Governor Cuomo, Press Conference, October 5, 2020. governor.ny.gov

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FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

**DUE PROCESS CLAUSE OF THE FOURTEENTH
AMENDMENT (By Plaintiffs against All Defendants)**

62. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1-61 as if fully set forth herein.

63. “Every person who, under color of any statute, ordinance, regulation, custom, or usage, of any State ... subjects, or causes to be subjected, any citizen of the United States or other person within the jurisdiction thereof to the deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution and laws, shall be liable to the party injured in an action at law, suit in equity, or other proper proceeding for redress.” 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

64. The Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution provides that no State can “deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law.” U.S. Const. amend. XIV, § 1, cl. 3.

65. The procedural component of the Due Process Clause prohibits government from depriving Plaintiffs of liberty and property interests without providing any process before or after the deprivations occurred.

66. None of the following due process protections have been afforded to Plaintiffs as required by the United States Constitution:

- a. The shut down orders do not permit review by a neutral arbitrator;
- b. The shut down orders do not provide for an opportunity to be heard;
- c. The shut down orders do not offer an opportunity to present witnesses;
- d. The shut down orders do not permit an opportunity to cross examine witnesses;

- e. The shut down orders do not provide for a reasoned decision; and
- f. The shut down orders do not provide for an opportunity for an appeal.

67. All fundamental rights comprised within the term liberty, including, but not limited to, the right to be free from bodily restraint, the right to contract and engage in the common occupations of life, and to generally enjoy the privileges long associated with the rights of free people are guaranteed substantive due process rights under the Fourteenth Amendment.

68. To establish a procedural due process claim under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, Plaintiffs must show that (1) they had a life, liberty, or property interest protected by the Due Process Clause; (2) they were deprived of this protected interest; and (3) the state did not afford them adequate procedural rights. See *Daily Servs., LLC v. Valentino*, 756 F.3d 893, 904 (6th Circ. 2014).

69. Plaintiffs have a protected liberty interest in the right to live without arbitrary governmental interference with their liberty and property interests. *County of Sacramento v. Lewis*, 523 U.S. 833, 845 (1988).

70. Liberty “denotes not merely freedom from bodily restraint but also the right of the individual to contract, to engage in any of the common occupations of life, to acquire useful knowledge, to marry, establish a home and bring up children, to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience, and generally to enjoy those privileges long recognized . . . as essential to the orderly pursuit of happiness by free men.” *Board of Regents of State Colleges v. Roth*, 408 U.S. 564, 572 (1972) (emphases added).

71. Plaintiffs have protected liberty and property interests, which Defendants infringed through the Executive shut down Orders:

- a. Plaintiffs have been, and are being, denied the right to intrastate travel, the right to contract and engage in the common occupations of life and the right to engage in commerce, to-wit: operating *billiards hall*.

72. Governor Cuomo did not provide any procedural due process before issuing the executive shut down Orders. Nor do the shutdown Orders provide any mechanism for post-deprivation review.

73. The shut down orders do not comply with due process requirements in that:

- a. The shut down orders do not permit review by a neutral arbitrator;
- b. The shut down orders do not provide for an opportunity to be heard;
- c. The shut down orders do not offer an opportunity to present witnesses;
- d. The shut down orders do not permit an opportunity to cross examine witnesses;
- e. The shut down orders do not provide for a reasoned decision; and
- f. The shut down orders do not provide for an opportunity for an appeal.

74. Governor Cuomo acted under color of State law in an official capacity and within the scope of his official duties when issuing the executive shut down Orders.

75. As a direct and proximate cause of the failure to provide any pre- or post-deprivation process, Plaintiffs suffered prejudice under threat of criminal and civil sanctions.

76. These orders and rules acknowledge that so-called “essential” businesses and those “non-essential” can safely operate by adhering to “social distancing” rules delineated in including the arbitrary “enhanced social distancing” rules that apply only to the “non-essential” businesses allowed to resume operations.

77. Plaintiffs can operate in full compliance with all of these rules.

78. By failing to provide any pre- or post-deprivation review of the orders and rules shuttering their businesses, Plaintiffs are suffering substantial losses of liberty and property:

a. Plaintiffs have lost significant revenue over the eight months since the executive shut down Orders went into effect. Plaintiffs will continue to experience financial losses in the fourth quarter of 2020 and beyond because of the executive shut down Orders.

79. The prejudice that Plaintiffs have suffered would not have occurred but for Defendants’ deprivations of their liberty and property interests.

80. Plaintiffs seek a declaration that the executive shut down Orders violate the procedural component of the Due Process Clause, and an injunction against further infringements of their rights under this Clause as described in the Prayer for Relief.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

SUBSTANTIVE DUE PROCESS
OF THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT
(By Plaintiffs against All Defendants)

81. Plaintiffs incorporate paragraphs 1-80 as if fully set forth herein.

82. On March 18, 2020, Defendants' shut down orders compelled the closure of the physical operations of all business and entities that the Governor deemed to be non-essential, and threatened criminal prosecution for those who violated the Executive shut down orders.

83. "Every person who, under color of any statute, ordinance, regulation, custom, or usage, of any State ... subjects, or causes to be subjected, any citizen of the United States or other person within the jurisdiction thereof to the deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution and laws, shall be liable to the party injured in an action at law, suit in equity, or other proper proceeding for redress." 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

84. The Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution provides that no State can "deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law." U.S. Const. amend. XIV, § 1, cl. 3.

85. The substantive component of the Due Process Clause prohibits government from taking action that "shocks the conscience" or "interferes with rights implicit in the concept of ordered liberty." *United States v. Salerno*, 481 U.S. 739, 746 (1987).

86. Plaintiffs have a protected liberty interest in the right to live without arbitrary governmental interference with its liberty and property interests. *County of Sacramento v. Lewis*, 523 U.S. 833, 845 (1988).

87. Liberty "denotes not merely freedom from bodily restraint but also the right of the individual to contract, to engage in any of the common occupations of life, to acquire useful knowledge, to marry, establish a home and bring up children, to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience, and generally to enjoy those privileges

long recognized . . . as essential to the orderly pursuit of happiness by free men.” *Board of Regents of State Colleges v. Roth*, 408 U.S. 564, 572 (1972) (emphases added).

88. The Executive shut down Orders shock the conscience and interfere with Plaintiffs’ deeply-rooted liberty and property rights, including the right to work, right to contract, and right to engage in commerce, for all of the reasons described in the General Allegations and in each of the Counts of this Complaint, which are incorporated into this Paragraph by reference.

89. Plaintiffs can conduct business in full compliance with all of the rules imposed on businesses allowed to operate under the executive shut down Orders, or reasonably equivalent and equally safe measures tailored to the unique nature of the in-person operations. Thus, the shut down Orders are not narrowly tailored to achieve a compelling governmental interest.

90. Nor is there any rational basis any longer since the virus is under control to deprive Plaintiffs of their liberty and property interests in performing services for willing customers when they can do so safely and in the same (or reasonably safe equivalent) manner as other businesses allowed to operate (such as manufacturing, casinos, gyms, catering facilities, restaurants, bars, malls, tanning salons, tattoo parlors and retail).

91. In the alternative, the Executive shut down Orders are not reasonably related to a legitimate governmental interest.

92. Governor Cuomo acted under color of State law in an official capacity and within the scope of their official duties when issuing the shut down Orders.

93. Plaintiffs seek a declaration that the Executive shut down Orders violate the substantive component of the Due Process Clause, and an injunction against further infringements of its rights under this Clause as described in the Prayer for Relief.

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

**VIOLATION OF THE EQUAL PROTECTION CLAUSE OF THE FOURTEENTH
AMENDMENT (By Plaintiffs against All Defendants)**

94. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1-93 as if fully set forth herein.

95. “Every person who, under color of any statute, ordinance, regulation, custom, or usage, of any State ... subjects, or causes to be subjected, any citizen of the United States or other person within the jurisdiction thereof to the deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution and laws, shall be liable to the party injured in an action at law, suit in equity, or other proper proceeding for redress.” 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

96. The Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution provides that no State can “deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.” U.S. Const. amend. XIV, § 1, cl. 4.

97. The Executive shut down Orders deprive Plaintiffs of the equal protection of the law because they allow some businesses to operate but not Plaintiffs’ businesses, even though they are similarly situated.

98. Defendants’ actions will cause Plaintiffs to be completely deprived of the use and control of their private property while similar businesses are authorized to operate.

99. Plaintiffs could and can conduct business in full compliance with all of the rules imposed on businesses allowed to operate under the Executive shut down Orders, or reasonably equivalent and equally safe measures tailored to the unique nature of the in-person operations.

Thus, the Executive shutdown Orders are not narrowly tailored to achieve a compelling governmental interest.

100. Nor is there any rational basis any longer since Governor Cuomo announced that the virus is contained to deprive Plaintiffs of their liberty and property interests in performing services to willing customers when they can do so safely and in the same (or reasonably safe equivalent) manner as other businesses allowed to operate.

101. In the alternative, the Executive shut down Orders are not reasonably related to a legitimate governmental interest.

102. Governor Cuomo acted under color of State law in an official capacity and within the scope of their official duties when issuing the shut down Orders.

103. Plaintiffs seek a declaration that the Executive shut down Orders violate the Equal Protection Clause, and an injunction against further infringements of their rights under this Clause as described in the Prayer for Relief.

FOURTH CLAIM OF RELIEF

EQUAL PROTECTION UNDER STATE LAW **(By Plaintiffs against All Defendants)**

104. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1-103 as if fully set forth herein.

105. Article 1 § 11 of the New York Constitution states that “No person shall be denied the equal protection of the laws of this state or any subdivision thereof.”

106. By classifying businesses into essential v. non-essential, the State is treating like businesses differently.

107. Defendants' actions in classifying businesses into essential v. Non-essential are arbitrary and irrational given that there has never been such a classification of business activity.

108. According to the State and the executive orders, businesses deemed "essential" are allowed to stay open and operate, while Plaintiffs have been ordered to shut down even though Plaintiffs' health protocols are sufficiently similar to those businesses that were allowed to stay open.

109. Defendants' orders did not provide any pre- or post- deprivation remedy to question "essential" status. There has never been a health inspection of the *billiard halls*, no analysis of the *billiard halls* as essential and no analysis of Plaintiffs' health related protocols to see if they meet the same health standards as allowed for essential businesses.

110. The unequal, random, arbitrary and unfair treatment has continued in the re-opening guidance. Bowling Alleys, casinos, malls, movie theaters, wedding catering halls, restaurants, indoor gymnastics, gyms, schools, colleges, tattoo parlors, tanning salons, churches, health spas and dentists are allowed to open their doors, but *billiard halls* remain locked down.

111. As a result of the unequal treatment of like businesses, the executive lock down orders violate Article 1, § 11 of the New York Constitution.

REQUESTED RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests that this Court:

- (1) Issue a declaratory judgment with the following:
 - a. Declaration that Defendants' Executive Orders are null and void, of no effect, as:
 - i. unconstitutional under the Fifth Amendment;
 - ii. unconstitutional under the Fourteenth Amendment;
 - iii. arbitrary and capricious, an abuse of discretion, or otherwise not in accordance with the U.S. and/or New York Constitutions;
 - iv. contrary to constitutional right, power, privilege, or immunity in violation of the U.S. and/or New York Constitutions;
 - v. in excess of statutory jurisdiction, authority, or limitations, or short of statutory right in violation of the U.S. and/or New York Constitutions.
- (2) Set aside and hold unlawful Defendants' Executive Orders
- (3) Permanently enjoin Defendants and all persons and entities in active concert or participation with Defendants from enforcing the Orders.
- (4) Issue a preliminary injunction preventing Defendants from enforcing or implementing their Orders until this Court decides the merits of this lawsuit.
- (5) Permanently enjoin Defendants and all persons and entities in active concert or participation with Defendants from enforcing the Orders unless they are issued in accordance with all procedural and substantive due process requirements of the U.S. Constitution.

- (6) Award Plaintiff damages arising out of their Section 1983 Claims, and specifically under the Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.
- (7) Award Plaintiff its costs and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in this action; and
- (8) Grant all other such relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

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By Bart Jones and Staff

Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo pledged Wednesday to have the best reopening from the coronavirus pandemic of any state in the country, and said he will use a silver lining of the crisis to accelerate major public works projects such as the LaGuardia Airport overhaul.

This "will be the most informed reopening of any state in the country," Cuomo said while speaking from a new and airy arrivals-and-departures wing of LaGuardia that continued to be built through the COVID-19 crisis.

He cut a ribbon at a new terminal in East Elmhurst, Queens, emphasizing it is the first new airport built in the United States in 25 years.

"We needed this, we needed this today," Cuomo said, holding it up as an example of the state's resiliency and bright future. "We needed to see the light at the end of the tunnel, we needed to see possibility, we needed to see New York stand up and shine, we needed to remember how great a place this is, and how great a people we are."

Work can be accelerated on LaGuardia and other projects with fewer disruptions because, for instance, there are fewer passengers at the airport due to COVID-19.

Cuomo also called for accelerated work on the new Belmont arena, among other infrastructure projects.

"On Long Island, we are transforming Belmont, there's going to be an Islanders' arena. Now is the time to double down," he said.

And he spoke of speeding up \$2 billion in capital projects at the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

"Life goes on, post-COVID," he said.

With all state regions in some phase of reopening, Cuomo emphasized the ongoing testing program showing a low level of new coronavirus infections statewide.

Some 0.8% of people tested in Nassau and 0.9% of those tested in Suffolk on Tuesday were diagnosed as new cases, bringing Long Island below a single digit, to 0.9%, for new positives.

Nassau and Suffolk continued to see the number of new confirmed cases drop to levels not seen since the early days of the crisis in March.

Nassau reported 35 new cases, and Suffolk had 38, according to state data released Wednesday. New York State as a whole had 674 new cases, with 425 of them coming from New York City.

As Long Island entered Phase 2 of reopening Wednesday, bringing back a wider range of businesses, including real estate, office work, in-store retail, and outdoor dining, Cuomo spoke of forward momentum, but also of caution in noting how other states have seen increases in cases as their shutdowns have ended.

"Reopening says, 'How do you now restart the economy and control the virus at the same time?' And all of this has never been done before. There's no blueprint, there's no book written on it," he said. "There's no expert on the globe who can say, 'Yes, I know how this should be done.' This really is going down a path that no one has traveled successfully."

He said the "new focus" will be "watching the data, watching the numbers" to guide policy.

He went on: "Reopening is actually much harder than closing. Closing was abrupt and disruptive, but it was simple. Everything was closed. Reopening is more delicate and more nuanced."

He said that as other states have reopened, "More of them have gotten into trouble than not." He cited places including California, Florida and Texas.

New LGA terminal on Saturday

At LaGuardia, Cuomo and Rick Cotton, executive director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, described the opening of Terminal B as the biggest achievement yet in the \$8 billion transformation of a facility Joe Biden once quipped seemed like something out of the "Third World."

The project includes the demolition and replacement of every terminal and concourse except for the historically landmarked Marine Air Terminal.

The Terminal B opening is the biggest milestone to date in the transformation of LaGuardia Airport into a world-class transportation hub that is worthy of New York State," Cuomo said.

The terminal will open to the public Saturday.

Cotton said, "Today's opening should be a shining symbol of the region's potential for a strong economic recovery with the vitality of New York before COVID-19."

He said the overhaul will transform LaGuardia from worst airport in the country to the best, from appallingly substandard to 21st century best of class, from the laughingstock on Saturday Night Live skits, to bringing into reality the extraordinary vision of Gov. Cuomo to have a world-class airport worthy of New York.

Phase 2, 'another milestone'

Nassau County Executive Laura Curran said Wednesday that coronavirus indicators continue to improve as the reopening proceeds.

For instance, of 4,210 people tested in the last 24-hour period in Nassau, only 35 were positive for COVID-19.

That amounted to 0.8% of individuals tested. "That's a big deal," Curran said.

At the peak of the pandemic, she said, there were 2,500 positive tests in a day, with a 50% positive testing level.

"We have reached another major milestone in reopening, an important leap toward recovery, and getting people back to work," she said.

"Go outside, go outdoor dining, have a nice little glass of wine, if you want," Curran said.

Curran announced that four of the county's six pools will open July 3, "just in time for the holiday weekend."

In New York City, Mayor Bill de Blasio said coronavirus indicators are below the thresholds needed to continue the reopening after the city's Phase 1 start this week.

At the Brooklyn Army Terminal and Navy Yard, where the city hosts businesses, the city saw about 60% back in operation.

"We're certainly seeing the restart kick in," he said.

LIRR: 28,089 riders on NYC's reopening day

The Long Island Rail Road counted 28,089 commuters Monday, when Phase 1 of New York City's reopening began. That equaled 13% of the railroad's pre-COVID-19 ridership.

After running on a reduced schedule for more than two months, the LIRR on Monday restored most of its regular weekday service.

Among local hospitals, Northwell Health on Wednesday reported COVID-19-related admissions were in the single digits for the second straight day. It said it hospitalized nine coronavirus patients over the last 24 hours at the 19 hospitals it owns and operates. The day before, the number admitted was six.

The total number of reported coronavirus cases since the beginning of the outbreak rose to 41,015 in Nassau, 40,464 in Suffolk, 208,118 in New York City and 380,156 statewide.

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By Frank Lovece

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" returned to its Rockefeller Center studio this week, sans audience and with its host, house band and small stage crew all taking precautions.

"As you can see, we are back in the studio," Fallon, 45, told viewers Monday night, adding that, "As a New Yorker, I want to say thank you to everyone who helped get us back to where we are now — wearing masks, social distancing, washing hands, quarantining, it all helps. And to all the states going through the tough parts right now ... I know how hard it is and I'm not going to lie to you, it's rough. But I guess I'm here to show you that there is a light at the end of the tunnel if we all do our part to keep each other safe."

The comedian and former "Saturday Night Live" star assured that, "Everyone here in the studio has tested negative for COVID, and all of our crew are wearing masks and face shields and we're all six feet apart. ... When I got in this morning, I had a temperature check, I did the nose swab test. ... Once I was cleared I could go to my office." Noting that NBC's commitment to "making sure everyone here feels safe," he held up an apparent janitorial card, reading, "This area has been cleaned & disinfected."

Guests Charlize Theron, New York Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo and musical guest Little Big Town all appeared via remote video. "New York is really open now that you're doing your show again," Cuomo, 62, jocularly told Fallon. "We went through hell and back, as you know, in New York," the governor said, cautioning that, "The infection is now all across the country and it's going crazy. And we're just worried that the infection is going to come from the other states now back to New York, which would be a real tragedy."

The bachelor governor found a moment for humor about his love life, saying in response to a question, "I'm at Phase 0 on dating." He added with a laugh, "There's no duration on Phase 0. There is no automatic time that you go to Phase 1. ... I think New York City will be fully reopened before I get out of phase 0 on dating!"

Fallon in his introduction had noted, "Any type of normalcy feels great. So hopefully we can put a smile on your face for an hour every night and let you sit back and relax while we try to bring you just a little bit of normal. These are the hardest times to do comedy but they're also the time where we need it the most. Maybe that's why comedy was invented."

The most recent two studio episodes had run March 11, with an audience, and March 12, without. The show then went into reruns, and began its "At Home Edition" on March 17 — initially premiering on YouTube and then broadcasting that night as part of a "Tonight Show" rerun and, later, attached to "Best of Fallon" segments before eventually serving as entire episodes.

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By STEPHEN REX BROWN

The show must go on, small theaters claim in a new lawsuit challenging Gov. Cuomo's coronavirus shutdown orders.

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All the theaters have 199 seats or less.

The suit notes that Cuomo praised the racial justice protests over the summer and said in June we have the virus under control. Mayor de Blasio, meanwhile, said in August that the Big Apple was the safest major city in America thanks to low coronavirus infection rates.

The governor cannot selectively enforce his executive orders. There is either a public healthy emergency or there's not. It cannot be both, the suit reads.

The small theaters have lost millions in revenue and laid off at least 8,000 employees. The suit asks a judge to invalidate small theater shutdown orders by both Cuomo and de Blasio.

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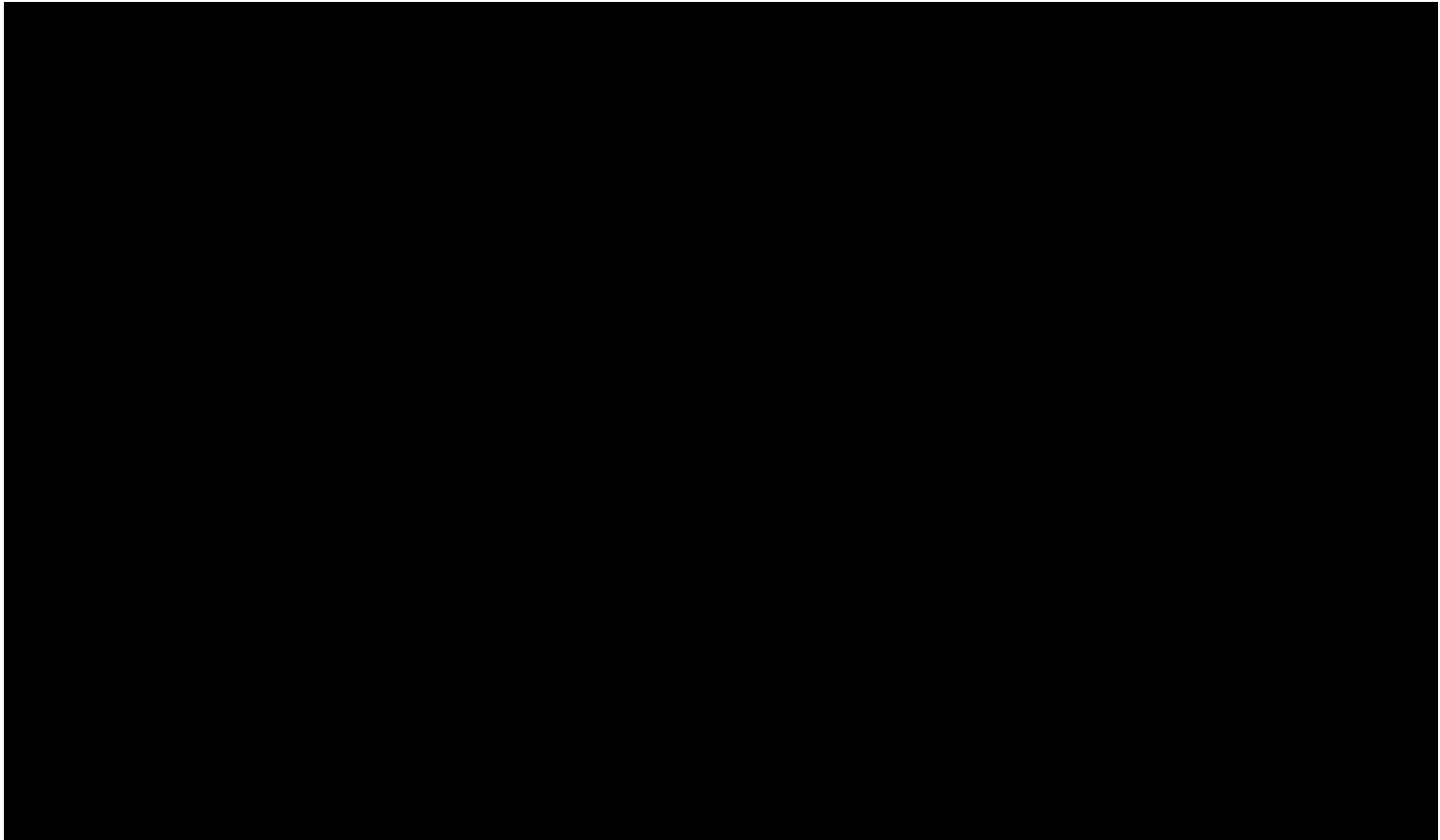
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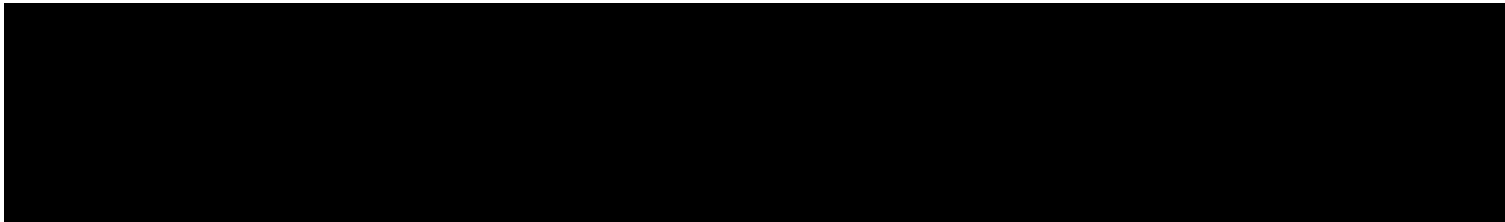



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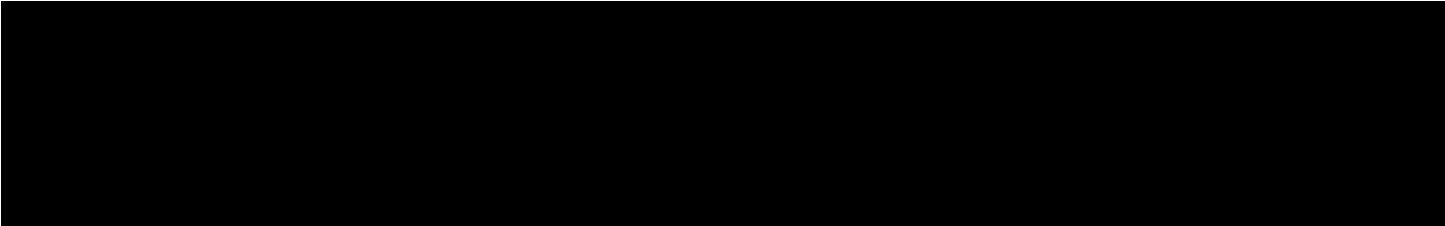
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Good morning,

I am a reporter at NBC News Digital, and I am writing an article about "Saturday Night Live" returning to live broadcasts.

In a recent [interview with New York magazine](#), Lorne Michaels said the show had been getting support from Governor Cuomo's office. Can you provide any information on the support the Governor's office has offered?

Happy to discuss on the phone, if that's easier.

Thanks very much 💎 and hope your team is staying safe!

Best,

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Staten Island restaurant owners are standing by, but are planning to reopen for outdoor dining on Monday June 22 as the city and state appear to be at odds on when New York City can move into Phase 2 of reopenings.

On Wednesday, Gov. Andrew Cuomo was adamant that New York City could move into Phase 2, which includes outdoor dining, by Monday. However, that same day, Mayor Bill de Blasio said a decision on when the city can enter Phase 2 of reopenings remains a "day to day discussion."

De Blasio previously said outdoor dining likely would not happen until the beginning of July.

But as many restaurants across the city have already started to offer outdoor dining to patrons, regardless of the rules, the mayor has been unable to set a date for Phase 2, though he has said Monday, June 22 would be the earliest day the city could start Phase 2 openings.

On Staten Island, Rob DeLuca, the owner of DeLuca's Italian restaurant and the unofficial leader of "I.R.O.A.R." -- the Independent Restaurant Owners Association Rescue, a band of food brethren who recently appealed to the Governor to get back into business.

But he expressed frustration over the lack of clarity from the mayor and governor on when restaurants can reopen.

"The mayor's office needs to get their act together and get on the same page as the governor's office so we can go forward," said DeLuca.

Massimo Felici, who owns VINUM and The Richmond in Stapleton, likened the city dragging its feet to "a bad Saturday Night Live skit."

Ultimately, Felici said he's going to go with whatever guidance the state provides.

"We're going to follow what the State says. But is this mayor going to send out city agencies to police us? The main fear we have is losing our liquor licenses," Felici said. "By Cuomo saying New York State will reopen for alfresco we take this as OK for the whole state."

De Blasio laid out a plan for outdoor dining earlier this month, but on Wednesday, he said there were still "a lot of different options on the table" on how restaurants can reopen.

Instead, he said the city would put out a policy for restaurants "very, very soon," without setting a date.

"Outside is going to be the big hope, we have to maximize it. So we're looking at a variety of options, but again, the announcement will be very, very soon because obviously people are preparing for a Phase 2 and we need to get that out immediately, we're just fine tuning it, but very, very soon," De Blasio said during a press conference Wednesday.

Stavros Bakousis, the owner of the Annadale Diner in Annadale, said he wants his customers to be able to make a choice whether they want to come out or not, but he wants the city and state to be more clear with its guidelines.

“The city and state should have more proper guidelines on reopening. As a small business owner, I would want to have a safe and healthy environment so that my customers and employees feel comfortable being in this type of environment,” Bakousis said.

De Blasio said that Phase 2 reopenings would be dependent on the city’s daily health indicators this weekend and whether weeks of police reform protests across the city have caused an uptick in coronavirus cases.

The city’s infectious disease specialist Dr. Jay Varma said the earliest a person can test positive for the virus is three days after contracting it.

And last Friday, de Blasio said he would need to wait until the end of the month to see whether the protests were having an impact on the city’s coronavirus case count.

“The earliest date we could go is Monday. It’s a decision we’re going to make very closely with the state,” de Blasio said.

“We’re all mindful that we had a very unusual situation with the protests and we’re going to see, we believe the fuller impact, if any, of the protests, in terms of our health indicators around this weekend, maybe into the first few days of next week - that’s an important factor here,” he continued. “Also seeing the impact of Phase 1 itself, obviously, which is much bigger than the protests in the sense of, several hundred thousand people each day, going back to work every day for the full workday.”

New York City moved into Phase 1 of reopenings on June 8, which includes manufacturing, construction, wholesale, and retail such as clothing and office supplies, but restricted to curbside pickup or in-store pickup.

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By Jacqueline Alemany

Four years ago, some Republicans who said unsavory things during the campaign about the new president worried that such remarks might ruin their chances of redemption via employment in the Trump administration.

Today, some of those same Republicans are now quietly on the job hunt as President Trump's standing in the polls continues to slide against Democratic nominee Joe Biden with decision time in just 18 days. But now, these GOPers are hoping the Trump presidency isn't a disqualifying blemish on their resumes or Google footprint as the door revolves the other way and they seek to land, once again, in the private sector.

Gaining distance from Trump and some of his more incendiary statements is likely to be an easier task for some alumni than others.

Take Sean Spicer, for example, the most prominent example of a former Trump White House official whose life after Trump has been heavily scrutinized. As the administration's first press secretary, Spicer was forever memorialized by Melissa McCarthy's brutal satire on "Saturday Night Live" — Trump's gripe with the sendup was that Spicer was played by a woman — and for fantastically clinging to inflated totals of the crowd size that witnessed Trump's inauguration. Spicer later said he regretted such claims.

Since leaving the administration three years ago, Spicer has landed a few gigs on television, such as a contestant on ABC's "Dancing with the Stars" and a show on conservative-leaning Newsmax TV. He has also penned two books.

But his career arc has veered far from the usual gigs secured by former White House press secretaries and senior administration officials. There's been no cushy landing on K Street or high-profile consultancy at a major lobbying or public relations firm. It's a fate that might befall many others in Trumpworld if the president loses — or even if they don't relish staying on through a second term.

"There's always a market for lobbyists, but look at someone like Spicer who had high-profile gigs in the White House and where did he land?" noted Amanda Carpenter, a Trump critic, CNN contributor and former aide to Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Tex.). "He's a host on Newsmax right now. That's not the kind of leg-up to high-profile communications in the corporate world that's the typical path.... If he can't do it, I think people with such a high profile will have similar problems."

Spicer appreciates the concern but says he's doing just fine. He's thankful for all of the opportunities he says he's had since leaving the White House. "I'm living a very happy life and provide for my family and children, and for that I am very grateful," said Spicer.

If Trump loses, "it'll be challenging for Republicans everywhere" to find a new job, Spicer added. That's just the way of Washington, where people "suck up to people with power, and they let go of people who let go of it."

Over a dozen Republican strategists, former Trump administration staffers, current Capitol Hill hands and associates close to the Trump White House predict that many graduates of the Trump administration could have a tough time sticking a landing in the private sector.

They say Trump's shaky standing in the campaign — and his pull on down-ballot races — is already making Republicans especially nervous.

"Quiet conversations in Gmail are more active now than would be expected a month before an election," said a senior Republican strategist who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive conversations. "I have a buddy in the administration who is starting to quietly move his resume around, and he's noticed people who he thought would be quicker to respond to inquiries have been less so. He called it 'the Trump stink. How much Trump stink is on my resume right now?'"

For some Trump officials, leaving the administration for the corporate world could be seamless and welcome — a necessary pit stop to refuel before placing their bets on a horse for the 2024 race. And job churn is always inevitable if there's a transfer of power in Washington.

"Americans have short memories," Rodney Faraon, a former CIA analyst and member of the president's daily brief team in the Clinton and George W. Bush administrations, who is now a partner with Martin+Crumpton Group. "One would think that the GOP would, as John McCain would say, 'return to normal order,' and then we can finally debate issues on the basis of real substance. But that's the big \$64,000 question. What happens to the GOP after Trump?"

Former staffers who have departed the administration are already finding out. There has been record turnover in what has been a chaotic and fast-moving administration.

Some former Trump aides have landed smoothly on their feet. Former senior Trump economic adviser Kevin Hassett is now the managing director of a consulting firm and a distinguished visiting fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institute, for instance. Ex-White House chief of staff Reince Priebus is president of the Michael Best & Friedrich law firm. John Martin, formerly of the Food and Drug Administration's legislative affairs shop, is now at CRISPR Therapeutics. And Everett Eissenstat, Trump's former economic adviser on international trade, is now heading up global public policy at General Motors. Others have simply returned to their old jobs, like former White House counsel Donald McGahn, who is back at Jones Day.

Some ex-administration and campaign officials have found refuge in the Trump reelection campaign, the Republican National Committee or in conservative media — see Corey Lewandowski, Sarah Sanders, Jason Miller and Boris Epshteyn, to name a few. Others who came to Washington to work for Trump were never going to slip in and out of the institutional D.C. class — and aren't likely to try to do so in a post-Trump world.

And that might be a good thing. While the revolving door between government and corporate America has swung swiftly for decades and made many former officials wealthy, it also has been the source of intense criticism from good-government groups arguing that it has a corrupting influence on public policy.

Republicans say the ex-Trump aides most successful in transitioning are those who already had deep Washington connections. Those aides also stayed further away from the more controversial issues and investigations riddling the White House, these Republicans pointed out.

In several interviews, GOP sources pointed to Priebus as someone who successfully avoided being “viewed as a lunatic,” as a GOP strategist phrased it. Those inside the orbit of Vice President Pence might also be spared of some of the trickier problems facing their colleagues. Jarrod Agen, Pence’s former deputy chief of staff and communications director, is now vice president of global media and digital communications at Lockheed Martin, for example.

“Pence’s staff will be insulated more,” argued another GOP strategist who still works in Washington. “Especially as after-action reports come out about the role he played and the impact he was able to have on bigger decisions. His team ends up in a different boat.”

This strategist said more prominent White House aides such as Mark Meadows and Stephen Miller may have bigger hurdles than more anonymous mid-tier aides seeking a job.

“But I don’t think Stephen Miller ever foresaw a job on K Street,” the strategist added.

Kayleigh McEnany, the White House press secretary, is one of the most recognizable current Trump White House officials. Carpenter predicts she will have an even more difficult time than Spicer if and when she exits but adds that for someone like McEnany, who made her name defending Trumpism on cable news, the benefits of the job might have outweighed other prospects.

“A lot of people who decided to work for Trump somehow told themselves a story that they were doing a better, higher good defending this man under any circumstance no matter what,” Carpenter said. “The [conservative media] hosts who didn’t want to do that got wiped out.”

McEnany did not respond to request for comment. But Trump staffers like her, who will ultimately walk away from the White House with even bigger social media followings, are likely to fare just fine as contributors to Trump-friendly media outlets — such as Fox News or One America News — or by working with groups aligned with Trump’s worldview. It’s unclear how much those groups will thrive if Trump isn’t in the White House.

And, for some in Trumpworld, flouting the political-industrial complex and heading back to New York might be a relief. That group could include Trump’s family members, such as Ivanka and her husband, Jared Kushner, who serve as senior White House advisers. But as the president’s children have assumed greater roles in the Republican Party, it’s unlikely they will fade into obscurity.

“I don’t think we know precisely what [Ivanka and Don Jr.] will do, but to just assume that they go back to Manhattan and are never heard from again just isn’t realistic,” said Doug Heye, a GOP strategist and former RNC spokesman. “Regardless, there will be head scratching and soul searching — there may be another [RNC] autopsy, and there will be that question of ‘where do I go to get my reputation back?’”

A Trump campaign staffer said that no matter the soul-searching in which the GOP indulges, “the Trump movement, if he does lose, will not just go away.”

Trump is “going to get a lot of votes and win a lot of states, and there are elected officials who have tied their boats not just to Trump but the movement, and there will be plenty of opportunities for people to ride that movement,” the staffer added. “But yes, it is hard to move into the corporate world. There’s just that stigma of being a Trump person.”

CEOs and businesses have become increasingly critical of the president for stoking racial rancor. Republicans who now work with Fortune 500 companies agree that any public defense of Trump on race and immigration — the hot-button issues on which Trump has staked his presidency — are the most problematic public positions to have taken for those seeking corporate gigs.

“I know a number of folks in the administration who will do well coming out of the administration because they saw that ahead of time and ensured that their portfolios remained separate and apart from those issues and the investigations,” said a longtime GOP strategist who runs a public affairs firm.

For others, like a former longtime intelligence officer who now works in the corporate world, red lines on hiring include a track record of politicizing intelligence, along with defending Trump on issues of race.

“If you’re against Black Lives Matter, if you’re pro-Proud Boys, and stuff like that? I won’t look at you at all,” the former officer noted.

Many of those interviewed for this story did not want to go on the record in order to discuss private conversations with candor. But they say concerns about hiring people from Trumpworld are real.

“Good talented people will always be in demand in D.C. if you’re coming from an agency and understand policies that animate the marketplace,” said the first GOP strategist. “The challenge is when you actually get closer to the president himself. When you look at the people who have been defending the president vocally and are explaining some of the things he’s done, then things get trickier.”

The longtime GOP strategist who runs a public affairs firm recalled coming close to hiring a former Trump White House staffer until a Google search revealed the prospective hire’s track record defending Trump on race and immigration. It ground the interview process to a halt, the strategist said.

“A lot of people who came into this in 2015 and 2016, they knew that there would be a stigma going into this — and it’ll likely last for a very

long time,” said a Trump campaign staffer. “Probably for the rest of their lives. I don’t think that’s lost on anyone.”

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Subject : 4 TCI items: Letter from 90 Local Elected Officials in Support, Petition, 83 Advocates Letter, Polling

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Good morning: You may have already seen these TCI items, but passing them on here just to be sure, and so you have them all in one place.

Please see attached, some of which were transmitted to the governor's office yesterday:

1. **Elected Officials Letter:** 90 local elected officials from 22 counties including mayors, county legislators, town supervisors, and councilmembers across the state signed on to urge Governor Cuomo to commit to the TCI program;
2. **Petitions:** NY for TCI, E2, and NY LCV petitions that collectively include 1,125 signatures;
3. **Advocates Letter:** We have also attached an updated letter from 83 New York public health, environmental, equity, business, and community groups – including over a dozen new signatories since the previous version of this letter two weeks ago – urging Governor Cuomo to sign the TCI MOU; and
4. **Polling:** Climate Nexus and the Yale Project on Climate Change Communication [will release a poll today at 10:30](#) showing that 75% of New York voter support Gov. Cuomo joining the TCI program (only 13% oppose). Support for TCI in NYS is even higher than the [7 in 10 voters](#) who support the program across the region.

Please let us know if you have any questions on any of these items, or would like to discuss further. Thanks.

Best,
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December 8, 2020

**Support for New York Committing to the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI)
Program**

Dear Governor Cuomo,

We, the undersigned elected officials from across New York State, are concerned about the health, prosperity, and resiliency of the millions of New Yorkers we represent in the midst of the global pandemic, economic crisis, and climate emergency. We support your administration's leadership with the regional Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) to invest in a cleaner, more accessible, and more affordable transportation sector for all New Yorkers.

Thank you for your leadership in protecting public health during the pandemic and in implementing the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA). Building on your leadership, **to meet New York's ambitious climate goals, we must make substantial investments across New York to modernize our transportation infrastructure and reduce harmful pollution that is worsening our public health and climate emergencies.**

The transportation sector is responsible for more than [40 percent of New York's greenhouse gas pollution](#) that is harming human health and driving the climate emergency. Pollution from cars and trucks causes asthma, premature deaths, heart and lung disease, and increased [mortality rates from COVID-19](#), especially in overburdened communities.

The TCI policy will help New York cut carbon pollution by generating up to [\\$1.4 billion per year](#) to invest in our communities across the entire state and create cleaner, more efficient,

and safer transportation options for New Yorkers in [rural](#), suburban, and urban areas. TCI can create good, family-sustaining green jobs, accelerate our state's economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, and [fight existing inequities](#) by investing a substantial amount of these proceeds in underserved and disadvantaged communities as required by the CLCPA.

By requiring the oil industry to cut and pay for the pollution it causes, TCI will generate the resources needed to help tackle New York's biggest and most persistently growing pollution problem—the tailpipe emissions from motor vehicles. TCI revenues will help New York fund transportation initiatives being developed under the scoping plan of the CLCPA, such as improving public transit, enhancing walkability and bikeability, adding charging stations, and electrifying bus fleets and other vehicles.

Targeted green infrastructure investments and workforce development are key strategies in economic recovery from the pandemic. Public works spending has historically been a key strategy to reverse economic downturns, and these critical transportation initiatives will require an expanded workforce across the state. We must prioritize workforce development in low-income and environmental justice communities.

The TCI policy will also help New York expand local-state partnerships for clean transportation, unlocking new economic opportunities when we need them most. Providing funding for sustainable transportation infrastructure investments to communities can help local governments that are struggling fiscally as a result of the pandemic and would otherwise be unable to make the green investments needed to meet our CLCPA goals.

If spent wisely, revenue from TCI can help create a more equitable and just state by helping to address environmental injustice pollution burdens faced by communities of color and low-income communities and address barriers to reliable, convenient, and affordable transportation faced by people with disabilities, veterans, older residents, rural residents, and other vulnerable populations, which too often impede access to healthcare, social services, and jobs.

Environmental justice and social equity must be central principles for any transportation climate initiative to succeed. Under the mandates of the CLCPA, New York State can and must align TCI with the equity and justice framework contained in the law. To help New Yorkers recover from the economic crisis, the TCI program's benefits and costs must be progressive, not regressive, and must reduce energy burdens for low-income households. It will be critical to prioritize funding to disadvantaged communities and solutions that enhance transportation accessibility and affordability. We urge you to

support complementary policies to ensure transparency in funding generation, allocation, and distribution and ensure a minimum of 35 to 40 percent or more of investments are committed to lower-income communities and communities overburdened with pollution.

We urge you to sign a regional TCI Memorandum of Understanding by the end of 2020 that addresses environmental justice and equity, cuts greenhouse gas emissions, creates good jobs and economic growth, and commits New York to implement this important program.

Thank you for considering this bold step forward. We stand ready to work with you to build a cleaner, healthier, and more prosperous New York for all.

Sincerely,

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Sent via Electronic Mail

December 8, 2020

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
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Re: New York Businesses and Organizations Urge You to Sign a Memorandum of Understanding This Year That Commits New York to an Ambitious and Equitable Regional Transportation and Climate Initiative Program

Dear Governor Cuomo:

You have a once in a generation opportunity to transform New York's transportation to make it healthier, more equitable, sustainable, affordable, and accessible by leading on the regional Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) program. Under the proposed TCI "cap-and-invest" program, New York and neighboring states would limit and reduce carbon pollution from transportation fuels and invest in our communities to provide better, cleaner, and safer transportation options. By signing onto an ambitious and equitable regional TCI

program with neighboring states, you can accelerate our state’s economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and help New York build back stronger with good family-sustaining green jobs while protecting the long-term health and well-being of our communities.

Our outdated networks of roads, bridges, sidewalks, transit systems, and other modes of travel are plagued by problems decades in the making. These problems include congestion, delays, underfunding, inaccessibility, high costs, and pollution, that make getting to work, school, medical appointments, recreation, and stores stressful and unsafe.

Communities of color and low-income communities face inequitable pollution burdens exacerbated by vehicle traffic, particularly from diesel-burning vehicles as transit depots and freight hubs tend to be sited in these communities. Many of these same communities as well as people with disabilities, veterans, older residents, rural residents, and others too often face transportation barriers to healthcare, social services, and jobs.

COVID-19, which has disproportionately impacted residents in the same communities most overburdened by air pollution, further underscores the connection between air quality and poor health outcomes, as well as the need to act swiftly.

In addition to being a major source of health damaging local air pollution, the transportation sector is also New York’s largest source of carbon pollution, driving climate harms and instability.

At a time when New York’s economy must recover and build for the future, these challenges threaten to hold us back.

New York must do better. By playing a leadership role in TCI, you can improve our state’s transportation while helping achieve a strong and cohesive regional response to climate change. Through an equitable and sustainable regional TCI program you can:

- **Provide better, more accessible, and more affordable transportation options** across New York State that improve mobility, increase access to jobs, education, healthcare, and other services and opportunities.
- **Invest in transformative transportation solutions that create good, family-sustaining jobs, grow our economy, and clean up our air**, including investments in job-training, workforce development, and apprenticeship programs in clean transportation industries.
- **Prioritize investments in environmental justice, low-income, and other disadvantaged communities from Day 1**, working directly with residents of communities that have historically borne a disproportionate amount of transportation pollution and its associated health impacts to correct these injustices and craft investment plans that maximize benefits. Consistent with New York’s groundbreaking Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA),

disadvantaged communities must be guaranteed at least 35 to 40 percent of the benefits from the state's TCI program's investments.

- **Cut tailpipe pollution**, the biggest source of carbon emissions and a major source of pollutants that cause asthma attacks, premature death, and other health harms.
- **Leverage New York's leadership** by working with neighboring states to build a more efficient and effective regional transportation system that works better for residents and businesses across rural, urban, and suburban areas.

By requiring oil companies to cut and pay for the pollution they cause, the initiative could generate up to \$1.4 billion per year for New York to help us build and deploy:

- Complete streets safe for walking, biking, and rolling;
- Modern and resilient infrastructure;
- Safe, convenient, reliable, and affordable public transportation, including in rural areas and for people with disabilities;
- Accessible transportation options that meet or exceed the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act;
- Affordable, equitable housing near job and transit centers;
- Clean electric school buses, transit buses, cars, and trucks;
- Improved access to broadband to enable telecommuting, increase access to services, and help reduce the need to drive; and
- Other innovative transportation programs across New York State.

To achieve these outcomes, it is essential that New York lead the regional TCI negotiations to ensure the program's pollution cap is consistent with achieving the CLCPA's mandates of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 and guaranteed investments in disadvantaged communities. New York and its regional partners must also adopt strong safeguards and standards to ensure that the TCI program's design and implementation, including investment decisions, advance equitable and sustainable transportation solutions. This includes commitments to enhanced, genuine outreach to disadvantaged communities on the design and implementation of the program; sustained tracking to ensure that local benefits, including pollution reductions, improved air quality, and job creation, are achieved; and continuous reporting, monitoring, transparency, and improvement to ensure the TCI program achieves equitable and sustainable outcomes. In implementing the TCI program, states must also commit to strong labor and workforce development standards and a just transition, including investment, procurement, and infrastructure projects that promote high-road, domestic jobs; support workforce development and job training, especially in disadvantaged communities and for workers affected by the transition to cleaner vehicles; and include supplier diversity goals to prioritize proposals from women-, minority-, and veteran-owned businesses.

We urge you to seize this opportunity by signing a Memorandum of Understanding with other governors by the end of 2020 that commits New York to the implementation of an ambitious equitable and sustainable TCI program that will help us build the transportation future New Yorkers want and need. We also urge you to continue to develop and implement other complementary state programs for equitable and sustainable transportation that will benefit New Yorkers and accelerate this important transformation. Excelsior!

Sincerely,

NY for TCI and Our Partners

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Dear Governor Cuomo,

We have a once in a generation opportunity to transform New York's transportation to make it healthier, more equitable, sustainable, affordable, and accessible by leading on the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) program. Under the proposed TCI "cap-and-invest" program, New York and neighboring states would limit and reduce carbon pollution from transportation fuels and invest in our communities to provide better, cleaner, and safer transportation options.

We urge you to seize this opportunity and commit to an equitable and ambitious regional TCI program Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) this year that will accelerate New York's economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, help us build back stronger with good family-sustaining green jobs, and protect the long-term health and well-being of our communities.

An equitable and sustainable TCI program could generate \$1.4 billion per year for New York to invest in expanded clean public transit, transportation efficiency, equitable transit-oriented development, low- and zero emission vehicles and charging infrastructure, safer walkable and bikeable streets, and other innovative clean transportation programs across the state. Such a program would:

- **Provide better, more accessible, and more affordable transportation options** across New York State that improve mobility, increase access to jobs, education, healthcare, and other services and opportunities.
- **Invest in transformative transportation solutions that create good, family-sustaining jobs, grow our economy, and clean up our air**, including investments in job-training, workforce development, and apprenticeship programs in clean transportation industries.
- **Prioritize investments in environmental justice, low-income, and other disadvantaged communities from Day 1**, working directly with residents of communities that have historically borne a disproportionate amount of transportation pollution and its associated health impacts to correct these injustices and craft investment plans that maximize benefits. Consistent with New York's groundbreaking Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), disadvantaged communities must be guaranteed at least 35 to 40 percent of the benefits from the state's TCI program's investments.
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- **Leverage New York's leadership** by working with neighboring states to build a more efficient and effective regional transportation system that works better for residents and businesses across rural, urban, and suburban areas.

To achieve these outcomes, it is essential that New York lead the regional TCI negotiations to ensure the program requires at least a 25 percent reduction in carbon pollution over the next decade and provides guaranteed investments in disadvantaged communities, consistent with the CLCPA. Participating states must commit to enhanced, genuine outreach to disadvantaged communities on the design and implementation of the program; sustained tracking to ensure local benefits, including pollution reductions, improved air quality, and job creation, are achieved; and continuous reporting, monitoring, transparency, and improvement to ensure the program achieves equitable and sustainable outcomes.

We urge you to commit New York to a TCI program along these lines by the end of 2020 to help us build the transportation future New York businesses and residents want and need. We also urge you to continue to develop and implement other complementary programs to accelerate the deployment of more equitable and sustainable transportation options across New York State.

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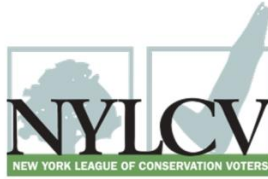
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Re: Commit to an equitable and sustainable TCI program for New York

Dear Governor Cuomo:

We need New York to commit to an equitable and sustainable Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) program for New York. We need a bold vision to transform the transportation sector - our #1 contributor to climate change.

By committing to the TCI, New York and Northeastern states would reduce pollution from transportation and invest in our communities to provide better, cleaner, and safer transportation options.

As we recover from the COVID-19 crisis, we need to implement policies that will improve our economy and protect our environment. A strong TCI program can help accelerate our economic recovery with green jobs while protecting the health of our communities and combating climate change.

It is also clear that our entire transportation sector needs an overhaul. Mass transit networks across the state remain underfunded and inefficient. Pollution from vehicles can drive up health risks like asthma. Environmental justice communities bear a disproportionate burden of transportation pollution, particularly from diesel-burning vehicles as transit depots and freight hubs tend to be sited in these communities. COVID-19, which disproportionately impacts residents in communities most overburdened by pollution, further underscores the connection between air quality and poor health outcomes.

New York must do better. An equitable and sustainable TCI program would require oil companies to cut and pay for the pollution they cause. It could generate up to \$1.4 billion per year for New York to:

- Slash pollution and combat climate change
- Provide better public transportation options
- Improve street safety for pedestrians and cyclists
- Clean its school buses, transit buses, and other government vehicles
- Create green jobs to grow our economy
- Prioritize investments in environmental justice communities

- Work with neighboring states to build a more efficient and effective regional transportation system that works better across rural, urban, and suburban areas.

Transportation doesn't start and stop at New York's borders. We must take a leadership role in our region to reduce transportation emissions.

Thank you.

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The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
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Re: Public Support for Signing a Memorandum of Understanding This Year That Commits New York to an Ambitious and Equitable Regional Transportation and Climate Initiative Program

Dear Governor Cuomo:

We have a once in a generation opportunity to transform New York’s transportation to make it healthier, more equitable, sustainable, affordable, and accessible by leading on the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) program. Under the proposed TCI “cap-and-invest” program, New York and neighboring states would limit and reduce carbon pollution from transportation fuels and invest in our communities to provide better, cleaner, and safer transportation options. By leading on TCI, we can accelerate our state’s economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and build back stronger with good family-sustaining green jobs while protecting the long-term health and well-being of our communities.

Our outdated networks of roads, bridges, sidewalks, transit systems, and other modes of travel are plagued by problems decades in the making. These problems include congestion, delays, underfunding, inaccessibility, high costs, and pollution, that make getting to work, school, doctors’ offices, recreation, and stores stressful and unsafe.

Communities of color and low-income communities face inequitable pollution burdens exacerbated by vehicle traffic, particularly from diesel-burning vehicles as transit depots and freight hubs tend to be sited in these communities. Many of these same communities as well as people with disabilities, veterans, older residents, rural residents, and others too often face transportation barriers to healthcare, social services, and jobs.

COVID-19, which has disproportionately impacted residents in the same communities most overburdened by air pollution, further underscores the connection between air quality and poor health outcomes, as well as the need to act swiftly.

In addition to being a major source of health damaging local air pollution, the transportation sector is also New York’s largest source of carbon pollution, driving climate harms and instability.

At a time when New York’s economy must recover and build for the future, these challenges threaten to hold us back.

New York must do better. By playing a leadership role in TCI, we can improve our state's transportation while helping achieve a strong and cohesive regional response to climate change. Through an equitable and sustainable regional TCI program we can:

- **Provide better, more accessible, and more affordable transportation options** across New York State that improve mobility, increase access to jobs, education, healthcare, and other services and opportunities.
- **Invest in transformative transportation solutions that create good, family-sustaining jobs, grow our economy, and clean up our air**, including investments in job-training, workforce development, and apprenticeship programs in clean transportation industries.
- **Prioritize investments in environmental justice, low-income, and other disadvantaged communities from Day 1**, working directly with residents of communities that have historically borne a disproportionate amount of transportation pollution and its associated health impacts to correct these injustices and craft investment plans that maximize benefits. Consistent with New York's groundbreaking Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), disadvantaged communities must be guaranteed at least 35 to 40 percent of the benefits from the state's TCI program's investments.
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- **Leverage New York's leadership** by working with neighboring states to build a more efficient and effective regional transportation system that works better for residents and businesses across rural, urban, and suburban areas.

By requiring oil companies to cut and pay for the pollution they cause, the initiative could generate up to \$1.4 billion per year for New York to help us build and deploy:

- Complete streets safe for walking, biking, and rolling;
- Modern and resilient infrastructure;
- Safe, convenient, reliable, and affordable public transportation, including in rural areas and for people with disabilities;
- Accessible transportation options that meet or exceed the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act;
- Affordable, equitable housing near job and transit centers;
- Clean electric school buses, transit buses, cars, and trucks;

- Improved access to broadband to enable telecommuting, increase access to services, and help reduce the need to drive; and
- Other innovative transportation programs across New York State.

To achieve these outcomes, it is essential that New York lead the regional TCI negotiations to ensure the program’s pollution cap is consistent with achieving the CLCPA’s mandates of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 and guaranteed investments in disadvantaged communities. New York and its regional partners must also adopt strong safeguards and standards to ensure that the TCI program’s design and implementation, including investment decisions, advance equitable and sustainable transportation solutions. This includes commitments to enhanced, genuine outreach to disadvantaged communities on the design and implementation of the program; sustained tracking to ensure that local benefits, including pollution reductions, improved air quality, and job creation, are achieved; and continuous reporting, monitoring, transparency, and improvement to ensure the TCI program achieves equitable and sustainable outcomes.

We urge you to seize this opportunity by committing New York, by the end of 2020, to the implementation of an ambitious equitable and sustainable regional TCI program that helps us build the transportation future New Yorkers want and need. We also urge you to continue to develop and implement other complementary state programs for equitable and sustainable transportation that will benefit New Yorkers and accelerate this important transformation. Excelsior!

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Richard Biegun	W. Sayville, NY 11796
Linda Biemer	Endwell, NY 13760-1066
Lindakip Biemer	Endwell, NY 13760
Doug Bierend	Dover Plains, NY 12522
Alex Birnie	Croton On Hudson, NY 10520
Bobbi Bittker	Bedford Hills, NY 10507
Jay Blackman	East Meadow, NY 11554
Allen Blair	Rochester, NY 14618
Susan Blog	Huntington, NY 11743
Iris Marie Bloom	Stone Ridge, NY 12484
Ethan Bodnaruk	Lansing, NY 14882
Beatrice Boyajian	Scarsdale, NY 10583
Beth Boyland	Bedford, NY 10506
Laura Bozzi	Cold Spring, NY 10516

Diane Brandli	Liverpool, NY 13088
Cynthia Braun	Katonah, NY 10536
Jill Brenner	Bedford, NY 10506
Kevin Brenner	Bedford, NY 10506
Chance Briggs	Endwell, NY 13760
Mark Briggs	Fayetteville, NY 13066
Uchenna Bright	Brooklyn, NY 11221
Julaaia Brinkmann	Ulster Park, NY 12487
Julia Brinkmann	Ulster Park, NY 12487
Elizabeth Broad	Kingston, NY 12401
Lauren Brois	White Plains, NY 10606
Louise Brooks	Pleasantville, NY 10570
Brian Brown	Syracuse, NY 13210
Leon Brown	Sunnyside, NY 11104
Nellie Brown	East Amherst, NY 14051
Patty Buchanan	Croton-On-Hudson, NY 10520
Robin Buco	Mount Kisco, NY 10549
Andrew Bunch	Kingston, NY 12301
Ben Bunch	Brooklyn, NY 11238
Linda Rachele Burke	North Salem, NY 10560
Katherine Burns	Tully, NY 13159
Brendan Busi	Huntington, NY 11743
Cyril Cabral	Yorktown Heights, NY 10598
Dan Cadzow	Springwater, NY 14560
Ellen Calves	Katonah, NY 10536
Carole Camp	Rochester, NY 14607
Brenda Campbell	Rochester, NY 14617
Patricia Capparelli	Rye, NY 10580
Michelle Cardulla	Rochester, NY 14613
Karen Carini	Greenlawn, NY 11740
Melissa Carlson	Rochester, NY 14610
Florence Carnahan	Schenectady, NY 12309
Barry Carr	Baldwinsville, NY 13207
Claire Carson	Canandaigua, NY 14424
Christopher Casey	New York, NY 10011
Olivia Castaneda	Round Lake, NY 12151
Anna Cerosaletti	Rochester, NY 14625
Krissy Chan	Stone Ridge, NY 12484
Kristiana Chan	Stone Ridge, NY 12484
Agnes Chao	Katonah, NY 10536
Teresa Cheetham-Palen	Keene, NY 12942
Hui-Chiung Chen	Mt Tremper, NY 12457
Hannah Chesebro	Lindenhurst, NY 11757
Melissa Chitwood	Nyack, NY 10960

France Choa	New York, NY 10075
Yvonne Chu	Syracuse, NY 13206
John Ciovacco	Schenectady, NY 12308
Michaela Ciovacco	Schenectady, NY 12308
Max Ciovacco	Schenectady, NY 12308
Monique Clague	Keene, NY 12942
Micah Clark	Spencerport, NY 14559
Lillian Clarke	Garrison, NY 10524
Casey Cleary-Hammarstedt	Fayetteville, NY 13066
Jessica Clegg	Kingston, NY 12401
Marcy Cleveland	Pine Bush, NY 12566
Lauren Coats	Mt Kisco, NY 10549
Lauren Cocilova	Rochester, NY 14606
Tim Cockey	New York, NY 10025
Alan Cole	Clinton, NY 13323
Lynn Cole	Jackson Heights, NY 11372
Katherine Collett	Clinton, NY 13323
Peter Collinge	Pittsford, NY 14534
Dave Conover	Walden, NY 12586
Deborah Conrad	New York, NY 10024
Bonnie Cook	West Sand Lake, NY 12196
Grace Corbin	Manlius, NY 13104
Joanne Corey	Vestal, NY 13850
Regina Cornwell	New York, NY 10011-3209
Margaret Corsello	Katonah, NY 10536
Catherine Courter	Katonah, NY 10536
Sally Courtright	Loudonville, NY 12211
Lorne Covington	Mottville, NY 13119
Kristin Crage	Yonkers, NY 10704
Jordan Cramer	Mahopac, NY 10541
Bonnie Crockett	Babylon, NY 11702
Celeste Crockett	Babylon, NY 11702
Joan Crockett	Babylon, NY 11702
Faith Cummings	Rosedale, NY 11422
Benjamin Curran	Jackson Heights, NY 11372
Gerard Curran	Katonah, NY 10536
Linda Curtis	Rhinebeck, NY 12572
Sean Dague	Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
Chiara Damicis	New York, NY 10009
Robert Dannecker	Owego, NY 13827
Matthew Davidson	Astoria, NY 11105
Christian Daviron	Bedford, NY 10506
Annalena Davis	Fayetteville, NY 13066
Richard Day	Brooklyn, NY 11209

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Susan De George	Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522
Kathy Dean	Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522
Peter Debes	Rochester, NY 114607
John Deer	Fayetteville, NY 13066
Hannah Defranzo	New York, NY 11225
Susan Degeorge	Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522
Abby Del Vecchio	Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776
Olivia Del Vecchio	Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776
Michel Delafontaine	Mount Kisco, NY 10549
Michel Delafontaine	Rye Brook, NY 10573
Rebecca Dengrove	Astoria, NY 11103
James Dernback	Napanoch, NY 12458
Debra Desocio	Fayetteville, NY 10366
Barbara Dibeler	Stone Ridge, NY 12484
Kathleen Dickerson	Johnson City, NY 13790
Ann Diehl	Fairport, NY 14450
Emily Diesing	Fayetteville, NY 13066
Elihu Dietz	Brooklyn, NY 11215
Peter Diller	Brooklyn, NY 11215
Jacalyn Dinhofer	New York, NY 10011
Alexandra Dombrowski	Clarence Center, NY 14032
Constance Dondore	New York, NY 10003
Angela Dong	Manlius, NY 13104
Teresa Donkin	Katonah, NY 10536
Don Doornbos	Binghamton, NY 13905
Sarah Dougliis	Pound Ridge, NY 10576
Eileen Downing	Long Beach, NY 11561
Patrick Doyle	Slingerlands, NY 12159
David Driesen	Fayetteville, NY 13066
Damaris Drummond	Garrison, NY 10524
Kevin Dudley	Cazenovia, NY 13035
Heather Dulisse	Fairport, NY 14450
Anne Dunn	Clinton, NY 13323
Richard Dunn	Rye, NY 10580
Ryan Dunn	Fayetteville, NY 13066
Ben Eckstein	Canaan, NY 12029
Brian Eden	Ithaca, NY 14850
David Edinger	West Shokan, NY 12494
Ellen Edwards	Bronxville, NY 10708
Nancy Edwards	Brooklyn, NY 11216
Richard Eisenberg	Pleasantville, NY 10570
Stephanie Ellis	Tillson, NY 12486
Jeanine Encizo	Bay Shore, NY 11706

Laura Enos	New York, NY 10014-4791
Janice Enzone	Huntington Bay, NY 11743
Juliet Erema	Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
Anne Erling	Albany, NY 12208-2504
Wes Ernsberger	Owego, NY 13827
David Esmond	Watervliet, NY 12189
James Ewing	Water Mil, NY 11976-2913
Shannon Fabiani	Syracuse, NY 13204
Meredith Faltin	Jackson Heights, NY 11372
Olivia H Farr	Bedford Hills, NY 10507
Jane Fasullo	Setauket, NY 11733
Linda Fedele	Victor, NY 14564
Jonathan Federman	Albany, NY 12207
Laurie Feine-Dudley	Cazenovia, NY 13035
Felicity Fellows	Livingston Manor, NY 12758
Brady Fergusson	Rochester, NY 14620
Vicky Ferland	Kirkville, NY 13082
Lois Fermann	Mount Kisco, NY 10549
Ainsley Filkins	Niskayuna, NY 12309
Shir Filler	Bloomingdale, NY 12913
Richard Fine	New York, NY 10024
Beth Finger	Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724
Nicholas Fiori	Roslyn Heights, NY 11577
Nick Fiori	Astoria, NY 11103
Barbara Fischer	Armonk, NY 10504
Carl Fishkind	Bedford Hills, NY 10507
Paul Fisk	Latham, NY 12110
Alana Fitz	Pound Ridge, NY 10576
Adam Flint	Binghamton, NY 13905
Ashira Foley	Clinton, NY 13323
Erin Foley	Lynbrook, NY 11563
Daisy B Foote	Stone Ridge, NY 12484
Alexis Forbes	Manlius, NY 13104
Krystal Ford	Garrison, NY 10524
Vicki Fox	Beacon, NY 12508
Misha Fredericks	Gardiner, NY 12525
Lydia Freehafer	Ballston Spa, NY 12020
Lena Frey	Brooklyn, NY 11222
David Friedman	Fayetteville, NY 13066
Dorian Fulvio	Bronx, NY 10465
Aaron Fumarola	Homer, NY 13077
Robert Funicello	Mamarlneck, NY 10543
Carol Gable	Clinton, NY 13323
Jessica Gallagher	Katonah, NY 10536

Joy Gardner	New York, NY 10041
Abby Garzon	New York, NY
Adrienne Gatto	Kings Park, NY 11754-3955
John Gebhards	Newburgh, NY 12550
Marybelle Gemmell	New Paltz, NY 12561
Margaret George	Trumansburg, NY 14886
Joe Gersitz	Penfield, NY 14526
Jennifer Giddy	Germantown, NY 12526
Elizabeth Giles	Buffalo, NY 14214
Susan H Gillespie	Rosendale, NY 12472
Neyda Gilman	Endwell, NY 13760
Jack Gilroy	Endwell, NY 13760
Joel Gingold	Croton On Hudson, NY 10520
Phoebe Gittelson	Brooklyn, NY 11222
Laura Glasner	Victor, NY 14564
Terry Glassman	Old Brookville, NY 11545
Erin Glocke	Katonah, NY 10536
Ben Goldfarb	New York, NY 10024
Susan Goldman	Huntington, NY 11743
Matt Goldpaugh	Kingston, NY 12401
Richard Goldsmith	Chappaqua, NY 10514
Marissa Goldstein	New Hyde Park, NY 11040
Tom Goo	New York, NY 10027
Philip Goodman	Binghamton, NY 13905
Barry Gordon	Baldwinsville, NY 13027
James Gordon	Buffalo, NY 14216
Amanda Gotto	New Paltz, NY 12561
Antoinette Govan	Yonkers, NY 10703
Amy Graham	Rochester, NY 14623
Edward Graham	Rochester, NY 14623
Ward Graham	Rochester, NY 14623
Gavin Gratson	New York, NY 10040
Lynn Gray	Locust Valley, NY 11560
Jill Greenberg	New York, NY 10025
Patricia Greenberg	Fayetteville, NY 13066
Ajax Greene	Gardiner, NY 12525
Frank Greene	Katonah, NY 10536
Manna Jo Greene	Cottkill, NY 12419
Manna Jo Greene	Beacon, NY 12508
Michael Greene	Garden City, NY 11530
Denise Griffin	Vermontville, NY 12989
Ed Griffin-Nolan	Manlius, NY 13104
Deann Grogan	Pound Ridge, NY 10576
Ellen Grogan	Pound Ridge, NY 10576

Catherine Grossman	New York, NY 10128
Tim Guinee	Stone Ridge, NY 12484
Allegra Gurfein	Brooklyn, NY 11222
Joan Gussow	Piermont, NY 10968
Elizabeth Guthrie	Webster, NY 14580
Naomi Guttman	Clinton, NY 13323
Thomas Hackett	Kingston, NY 12401
Tom Hackett	Kingston, NY 12401
Liseli Haines	Clinton, NY 13323
Juliana Haliti	Mechanicville, NY 12118
Lynn Hall	New York, NY 10003
Terri Hall-Jackson	Rhinebeck, NY 12572
Susan Hamilton	Newburgh, NY 12550
Anne Hanley	Katonah, NY 10536
Amy Harlib	New York, NY 10011
Jenelle Harriff	Rochester, NY 14610
Albertine Harris	Bronx, NY 10459
Judy Harris	Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
Kathy Harris	New York, NY 10025
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Edwina Hay	Brooklyn, NY 11211
Laurie Hedberg	Fairport, NY 14450
Michael Helme	Warwick, NY 10990
Dan Hendrick	Sunnyside, NY 11104-1407
Ellen Henry	Pittsford, NY 14534
Joel Herm	Rhinebeck, NY 12572
Stephanie Hince	Campbell Hall, NY 10916
Marianne Hines	Saranac Lake, NY 12983
Thomas Hirasuna	Ithaca, NY 14850
Bruce Ho	New York, NY 10011
Susan Holland	Ulster Park, NY 12487
Rondane Hollar	Bronx, NY 10467
Kimberly Holzmann-Krolick	Katonah, NY 10536
Filippine Hoogland	Bedford, NY 10506
Judith Hope	East Hampton, NY 11937
Sealy Hopkinson	Syosset, NY 11791-9641
Jennifer Horowitz	Scarsdale, NY 10583-6501
Leah Horowitz	Brooklyn, NY 11216
Cullen Howe	New York, NY 10016-3667
Susan Hoyt-O'Neill	Syracuse, NY 13209
Elizabeth Hsu	Syracuse, NY 13104
Peter Hudiburg	South Plymouth, NY 13844
Margo Hudson	Brooklyn, NY 11238
Larissa Hugel	Rochester, NY 14620

Steven Hummel	New York, NY 10031
Sarah Hunnewell	Water Mill, NY 11976
Cs Hunters	Buffalo, NY 14221
Mor Hurliman	Glenford, NY 12433
Laurie Husted	Red Hook, NY 12571
Stephanie Ingraldi	Pound Ridge, NY 10576
Midge Iorio	Katonah, NY 10536
Aiko Ishikawa	New York, NY 10011
Gary Jacobson	Armonk, NY 10504
Ellen Jahoda	Woodstock, NY 12498
Nathan Jaschik	Rochester, NY 14610
Stefan Jirka	Ithaca, NY 14850
Amy Johnson	Buffalo, NY 14214-1174
Debra Jolin	Goldens Bridge, NY 10526-1106
James Jones	Tonawanda, NY 14223
Kyle Jones	Rochester, NY 14608
Edward Judge	Syracuse, NY 13214
Patricia Justiniano	Manlius, NY 13104
Avery K	Katonah, NY 10536
Omri Kadim	Astoria, NY 11102
Michael Kamm	Averill Park, NY 12018-9672
Amy Kanarek	New City, NY 10956
Judith A Karpova	Kerhonkson, NY 12446
Kathryn Kassner	Milan, NY 12571
Kathryn Kassner	Red Hook, NY 12571
Ken Kassner	Milan, NY 12571
Cullen Kasunic	Brooklyn, NY 11205
Alex Katz	New York, NY 10027
Belu Katz	Suffern, NY 10901
Keelin Kavanagh	Bedford, NY 10506
Joan Keating	Pound Ridge, NY 10576
John Keevert	Rochester, NY 14610-2113
Toniann Keiling	Massapequa Park, NY 11762
Katherine Kennedy	Brooklyn, NY 11215
Darwin Keung	New City, NY 10956
Paul Kiesler	New York, NY 10003
S Kim	Katonah, NY 10536
Hubert Kimball	Baldwinsville, NY 13027
Jodi Kimmel	Bedford Hills, NY 10507
Dennis King	Montrose, NY 10548
Ian Kinniburgh	New York, NY 10003-9486
Kathleen Kirkwood	Montauk, NY 11954
Bill Kitchen	Johnstown, NY 12095
Dillon Klepetar	Essex, NY 12936

Rebecca Kluberanz	Syracuse, NY 13204
Peter Knuepfer	Endicott, NY 13760-4724
Matthew Kogut	Bohemia, NY 11716
Robert Kohut	Ithaca, NY 14850
Anthony J Kopp	Phoenicia, NY 12464
Sam Koprak	Brooklyn, NY 11218
Mary Kornblum	Katonah, NY 10536
Ann Kornbluth	Syracuse, NY 13210
Shiho Koski	Rochester, NY 14618
Sonia Kragh	Syracuse, NY 13224-2126
Jacob Kraniak	Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776
Pam Krimsky	Highland, NY 12528
Pamela Krimsky	Highland, NY 12528
Linda Kubick	Rochester, NY 14625
Robert Kuehnel	Lafayette, NY 13084
Marcia Kuma	Buffalo, NY 14222
Amanda Kvietkus	Plainview, NY 11803
Nelida Labate	Putnam Valley, NY 10579
Susan Lacy	Keene, NY 12942-0066
Eric Laine	Binghamton, NY 13904
Michael Laird	Pittsford, NY 14534
Charlie Lamassa	Massapequa Park, NY 11762
Donna Lamerson	Stone Ridge, NY 12484
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Gavin Landless	North Syracuse, NY 13212
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Amy Lazar	Scarsdale, NY 10583
Nydia Leaf	New York, NY 10025
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Inese Leimanis	Lafayette, NY 13210
Vizma Leimanis	Geneseo, NY 14454
Neil Leinwand	Bedford, NY 10506
Seth Leitman	Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510
Janet Lenichak	Amherst, NY 14226
Gail Lennstrom	Margaretville, NY 12455
Eileen Leonard	New York, NY 10033
Jordan Lesser	Ithaca, NY 14850
Dana Levenberg	Ossining, NY 10562
Lika Levi	Scarsdale, NY 10583
Ramond Lin	Maspeth, NY 11378
Harris Lindenfeld	Manlius, NY 13104
Jeffrey Linton	Rye, NY 10580
Judith Linton	Rye, NY 10580
Gary Lipp	Liverpool, NY 13090

Larry Lippmann	Katonah, NY 10536
Elizabeth Littlefield	New York, NY 10128
Cionin Lorenzo	Brooklyn, NY 11215
Mark Lovitz	Katonah, NY 10536
Carey Lowell	Katonah, NY 10536
Christine Lubbers	Mahopac, NY 10541
Sarah Lyons	Albany, NY 12204
Linda Mackay	Rye, NY 10580
David Magid	New York, NY 10022
Phyllis Magnus	Saranac Lake, NY 12983
Dianne Mahony	South Salem, NY 10590
Evelyn Malone	Amherst, NY 14226
Benjamin Mandel	Brooklyn, NY 11218
John Manning	Weedsport, NY 13166
Marianne Marichal	Newburgh, NY 12550
Alice Marlin	East Hampton, NY 11937
Joan Marlow Golan	Bronxville, NY 10708
Abigail Martin	Bronx, NY 10463
Ronald Martin-Dent	Rochester, NY 14620
Pamela Masaki	Corning, NY 14830
Abby Maslow	Katonah, NY 10536
Alice Massa	Fayetteville, NY 13066
Paul T. Massa	Fayetteville, NY 13066
Nancy Mathisen	Oneonta, NY 13820
Cheryl Matt	Fayetteville, NY 13066
Mark Matt	Fayetteville, NY 13066
Richard Mattson	Vestal, NY 13850
Cindy Maur	Sunnyside, NY 11104
Zohrab Mawani	New York, NY 10040
Jacqueline May	Colden, NY 14033
Stanley Mayer	Rego Park, NY 11374
Amanda Mazzoni	Syracuse, NY 13219
Valerie Mcallister	New Paltz, NY 12561
Jean Mcavoy	Clinton Corners, NY 12514
Peter Mccartt	White Plains, NY 10601
Patrick Mcclellan	Brooklyn, NY 11218
Elizabeth Mcdade	Rochester, NY 14609
Lisa Mcdonald	Larchmont, NY 10538
Ella Mcgrail	Annandale-On-Hudson, NY 12504
Tom Mchugh	Freeville, NY 13068
Abigail Mchugh-Grifa	Rochester, NY 14620
Barbara Mckay	South Salem, NY 10590
Tim Mckinley	Rochester, NY 14620
Ellen Mcmillin	Locust Valley, NY 11560

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Bernice Mennis	Fort Ann, NY 12827
Lisa Mertz	Mayville, NY 14757
Lynn Meyer	Bayside, NY 11360
Patricia Meyer Lee	Buffalo, NY 14223
Peter Michel	Fayetteville, NY 13066
Bart Mihailovich	New York, NY 10038
Daniel Miller	Chittenango, NY 13037
Karen Miller	Kingston, NY 12401
Terry Miller	Chittenango, NY 13037
Leon Miller-Out	Ithaca, NY 14850
Dana Minaya	New York, NY 10027
Gerry Minerd	Rochester, NY 14610
Andrew Mirchel	West Islip, NY 11795-4521
Les Monostory	Fayetteville, NY 13066
Ramona Monteverde	Newburgh, NY 12550
Derek Montroy	East Syracuse, NY 13057
Joseph Montuori	Mahopac, NY 10541
Eve Morgenstern	Beacon, NY 12508-3553
Mary Morich	West Henrietta, NY 14586-9731
Angel Morris	Rye, NY 10580
Jackson Morris	New York, NY 10011
Nicole Morris-Mclaughlin	East Aurora, NY 14052
Maitreya Motel	Rosendale, NY 12472
Jeremiah Mulligan	East Hampton, NY 11937
Susan J Murphy	Saugerties, NY 12477
Wendy Murphy	Bronxville, NY 10708-4311
Desiree Mwalimu-Banks	New York, NY 10037
Christopher Napoli	Mineola, NY 11501
Millie Natal	Farmingdale, NY 11735
Remy Naumann	New Paltz, NY 12561
Kevin Neumaier	Lancaster, NY 14086
Mary Noll	Ossining, NY 10562
Susan Noll	Blue Point, NY 11715
Jennifer F Norman	Vermontville, NY 12989
Jon Norman	Vermontville, NY 12989
Linda Novenski	New York, NY 10018
Bill Nowak	Buffalo, NY 14209
Don O'Brien	Hamlin, NY 14464
James O'Dowd	New Paltz, NY 12561
Janet O'Dowd	New Paltz, NY 12561
Kevin O'Neill	Bronx, NY 10471-3651
Heather O'Donnell	Rochester, NY 14620
Jason Obie	Salisbury Mills, NY 12577

Diane Olang	Poughquag, NY 12570
Carmi Orenstein	Ithaca, NY 14850
Catherine Orme	New York, NY 10128
Anne Osborn	Garrison, NY 10524
Martha Ours	Liverpool, NY 13088
Lisa Owen	Scarsdale, NY 10583
Lleni Pach	Syracuse, NY 13224
Daniel Pacheco	Syracuse, NY 13210
Elena Pacheco	Camillus, NY 13031
Lauren Pacheco	Camillus, NY 13031
Ben Paganelli	Brooklyn, NY 11205
Christina Paliugli	Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776
David Pasinski	Fayetteville, NY 13066
Alex Passas	New Paltz, NY 12561
Samrat Pathania	Walkkill, NY 12561
Nick Paz	Suffern, NY 10901
Daniel Pearlstein	New York, NY 10034
Eleanor Peck	Beacon, NY 12508
Deb Peck Kelleher	Albany, NY 12210
Jesse Peers	Rochester, NY 14609
Suzanne Pelletier	Brooklyn, NY 11238
Julie Pellman	Brooklyn, NY 11201
Janelle Peotter	New Paltz, NY 12561
Joseph Pepe	East Jewett, NY 12424
Sarina Pepper	Kingston, NY 12401
Dianne Perfit	South Salem, NY 10590
Eric Perlman	New Paltz, NY 12561
Jennifer Perry	Gabriels, NY 12939
Ariana Peterson	Levittown, NY 11756
Annie Pevear	New Kingston, NY 12459
Charlotte Phillips	Brooklyn, NY 11201
Tom Pilewski	Manlius, NY 13104
Joseph Piraino	Cicero, NY 13039
Veronique Pittman	Katonah, NY 10536
Elizabeth Pixley	Pittsford, NY 14534
Joyce Placito	Syracuse, NY 13215
Steve Plank	Syracuse, NY 13224
Suzanne Pollard	Nassau, NY 12123
Leonard Polletta	New York, NY 10001
Andrea Porter	Rochester, NY 14617
David Posnett	East Hampton, NY 11937
Janice Powalski	Pittsford, NY 14534
Deepa Prasad	Forest Hills, NY 11375
Kari Procopio	New Hartford, NY 13413

Lise Prown	Peekskill, NY 10566
Lauren Putz	Rochester, NY 14609
James Quinlan	New York, NY 10003
Gordian Raacke	East Hampton, NY 11937
Elliott Rabin	Bronx, NY 10463
Alicia Raeburn	Highland, NY 12528
Parveen Rahman	Bedford, NY 10506
Jennifer Raichel	Westbury, NY 11590
John Ramsden	Syracuse, NY 13207
Christine Rankie	Rochester, NY 14620
Audrey Rapoport	Kingston, NY 12401
Peter Rappa	Katonah, NY 10536
Andrew Ratzkin	Hastings, NY 10706
Ann Rauch	Bronx, NY 10471
Emily Rauch	Pound Ridge, NY 10576
Augusta Reese	Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724
Frank Regan	Rochester, NY 14607
Kelly Regan	West Babylon, NY 11704
William Reinhardt	Slingerlands, NY 12159
Edward Rengers	Woodstock, NY 12498
Carole Resnick	Syracuse, NY 13210
Therese Revesz	New York, NY 10023
John Rhodes	Mt Kisco, NY 10549
Jan Rhodes Norman	Ithaca, NY 14851
Timothy Rice	Manlius, NY 13104
Megan Richardson	Astoria, NY 11102
Tanya Ritchie	Brooklyn, NY 11221
Cyntnia Rittenhouse	Rochester, NY 14620
Rachel Ritter Snow	Kingston, NY 12401
Victorious Ritter Snow	Kingston, NY 12401
Jane Rivkin	Amagansett, NY 11930
Billii Roberti	Huntington Station, NY 11746
Wyatt Roberts	Shandaken, NY 12480
Carol Robin	Woodstock, NY 12498
Diana Robin	Kingston, NY 12401
Kyle Rosenthal	Rochester, NY 14626
Ellen Ross	South Salem, NY 10590
Suzie Ross	Ossining, NY 10562
Charles Rothenberger	Mamaroneck, NY 10543
Simone Rothman	New York, NY 10003
David Rothschild	Manlius, NY 13104
Nivo Rovedo	Lagrangeville, NY 12540
Sharon Rowley	Bedford, NY 10506
Nivo Rpvdp	Lagrangeville, NY 12540

Robert Ruane	Endwell Ny, NY 13760
David Ruekberg	Pittsford, NY 14534
Andrea Ruiz	New York, NY 11206
Lissa Runyon	Hastings-On-Hudson, NY 10706
Dania Rusanov	North Salem, NY 10560
Kathryn Russell	Ithaca, NY 14850
Katie Rygg	Rochester, NY 14625
Bruce Sabath	Katonah, NY 10536
Jeremy Sabath	Katonah, NY 10536
Karen Sabath	Katonah, NY 10536
Benjamin Sackler	Hillsdale, NY 12529
Todd Saddler	Ithaca, NY 14850
Judith Sandford	Irvington, NY 10533
Abbey Santola	Camillus, NY 13031
Emma Santola	Camillus, NY 13031
Vincent Saputo	Brooklyn, NY 11221
Lee J. Sauerhoff	Katonah, NY 10536
Eleanor Saunders	Hillsdale, NY 12529
Brad Sauve	Manlius, NY 13104
Lynn Saxton	Warsaw, NY 14569-9581
Joanne Scanlon	Rush, NY 14543
Mark Schanzenbach	New York, NY 10027
Barbara Schappert	Babylon, NY 11702
Stewart Scharf	Bedford, NY 10506
Morgan Schaus	Katonah, NY 10536
Robert Schloss	Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510-1455
Brian Schneider	Douglaston, NY 11362
Christine Schnelle-Carter	Tarrytown, NY 10591
Fred Schoeps	Ithaca, NY 14850
Hilary Schuddekopf	Halfmoon, NY 12065
Sara Schultz	Buffalo, NY 14221
Arlene Schutz	New York, NY 10003
Audrey Schwartzberg	Saranac Lake, NY 12983
Casey Schwarz	Kingston, NY 12401
Christine Schwenker	Rochester, NY 14622-2245
Anezka Sebek	Kingston, NY 12401
Joyce See	Buchanan, NY 10511
Julie Seitzman	New Rochelle, NY 10804
Jane Selden	New York, NY 10009
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Gaurav Shetty	Syracuse, NY 13210
Melissa Short	Poughquag, NY 12570
Merle Showers	Buffalo, NY 14215-1107
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Sue Sie	Rhinecliff, NY 12574
Allison Siegel	Bearsville, NY 12409
Sallie Sills	Bedford Hills, NY 10507
Joseph Silver	Brooklyn, NY 11215
Daniella Simari	New York, NY 10030
Joseph Simonetti	Pound Ridge, NY 10576
Gregory Simpson	Kingston, NY 12401
Katherine Sinclair	Pittsford, NY 14534
Sarah Singal	Rochester, NY 14604
Nagendra Singh	Setauket, NY 11733
Simon Skolnik	Katonah, NY 10536
Greg Sloan	Rochester'S, NY 14617
Brian Smith	Tonawanda, NY 14223
Hilary Smith	Shandaken, NY 12480
Joanna Smith	Brooklyn, NY 11215
Judy Smith	Tonawanda, NY 14150
Terry Smith	Rochester, NY 14626
Kelly Smith-Powers	Rye, NY 10580
Ed Smoke	Akwesasne, NY 13655
Douglas C Smyth	High Falls, NY 12440
Sara Sogut	New Paltz, NY 12561
Carol Sommerfield	Ardsley, NY 10502
Steven Sondheim	New York, NY 10025
Keane Southard	Rochester, NY 14607
Gail Spameni	East Islip, NY 11730
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Daniel Speciale	Rochester, NY 14609
Rick Sprout	Endwell, NY 13760
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John Stanton	Buffalo, NY 14227
Lauren Staniec	Fayetteville, NY 13066
Mary Staropoli	Rochester, NY 14620-2419
Sue Staropoli	Rochester, NY 14625

Denise Steeneck	Jackson Heights, NY 11372
Leslie Stevens	New York, NY 10025
Ann Stoker	Brooklyn, NY 11249
Susan Stoll	Rochester, NY 14622
David Stout	Angola, NY 14006-9551
Christopher Straile	Minoa, NY 13116
Dina Strasser	Victor, NY 14564-9170
Gabriel Straus	New York, NY 10025
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Leigh Strimbeck	Valatie, NY 12184
Alexandra Sullivan	Mamaroneck, NY 10543
Maura Sullivan	Red Hook, NY 12571
Carolyn Summers	Liberty, NY 12754
Patricia Sunwoo	Rochester, NY 14620
Leslie Sweeney	Patterson, NY 12563
Megan Sweeney	Rochester, NY 14622
Bryan Swift	Altamont, NY 12009
Catherine Swift	Pound Ridge, NY 10576
John Szalasny	Williamsville, NY 14221
Lisa Taranto	Phoenicia, NY 12464
Robin Tashjian	Buffalo, NY 14216
Spencer Teplin	East Northport, NY 11731
Alicia Tether	Newburgh, NY 12550-2044
Mark Thielking	Katonah, NY 10536
Kathlynn Thomson	Commack, NY 11725
Bridget Thorne	Armonk, NY 10504
Mary Thorpe	Van Etten, NY 14889
Izzy Tickell	Rochester, NY 14618
Derrick Tingley	Minoa, NY 13116
Luke Tonachel	White Plains, NY 10606
Jane Tretler	Fayetteville, NY 13066
Amy Trompetter	Rosendale, NY 12472
Helen Trotta	Cross River, NY 10518
Kristina Trotta	Cross River, NY 10518
Dominique Trucchio	South Ozone Park, NY 11420
Edward Trudeau	Albany, NY 12211
Patricia Trudeau	Albany, NY 12211
Cal Trumann	Ulster Park, NY 12487
Robert Tucholski	Hicksville, NY 11801
Emma Uematsu	Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510
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Susan Vorrasi	Rochester, NY 14610
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Desiree Vozna	Fonda, NY 12068
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William Wagner	Greene, NY 13778
Adrienne Wald	High Falls, NY 12440
Kathryn Walker	East Rochester, NY 14445
Pam Walker	Syracuse, NY 13210
Adam Walling	Homer, NY 13077
Jennifer Walsh	College Point, NY 11356
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Carol Warren	Shokan, NY 12481
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Ed Wayy	Rockaway Park, NY 11694
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William Wood	Brooklyn, NY 11222
Terrence Woodnorth	Endicott, NY 13760-3944
Kathryn Woodruff	Fayetteville, NY 13066
Victoria Wooters	Katonah, NY 10536
Sarah Wooton	Buffalo, NY 14222
Jessica Wurwarg	Brooklyn, NY 11217
Veronica Wynne	Garnerville, NY 10923
Eric Yao	Manlius, NY 13104
Wendy Yost	Syracuse, NY 13207
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Nadine Young	Harpursville, NY 13787
Peter Young	Old Bethpage, NY 11804-1222
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Judith Zingher	Elmsford, NY 10523
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Tamela Murphy	Gardena, CA 90249
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William O'Hearn	Ringwood, NJ 07456
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Dan Quinlan	Burlington, VT 05408
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approve...Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?

Response	Percent
Strongly approve	19%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	46%
Not sure	3%

rdwt...Generally speaking, would you say that things in this country are headed in the right direction or would you say that things are headed off on the wrong track?

Response	Percent
Right direction	34%
Wrong track	54%
Not sure	12%

TC17x1...Do you think your state government is investing too much, not enough, or the right amount in each of the following? If you're not sure, just say so. - Repairing existing roads and bridges

Response	Percent
Not enough	47%
The right amount	32%
Too much	10%
Not sure	10%

TC17x2...Do you think your state government is investing too much, not enough, or the right amount in each of the following? If you're not sure, just say so. - Increasing the availability and quality of public transportation options

Response	Percent
Not enough	32%
The right amount	39%
Too much	11%
Not sure	18%

TC17x3...Do you think your state government is investing too much, not enough, or the right amount in each of the following? If you're not sure, just say so. - Drinking water and wastewater systems

Response	Percent
Not enough	35%
The right amount	39%
Too much	9%
Not sure	17%

TC17x4...Do you think your state government is investing too much, not enough, or the right amount in each of the following? If you're not sure, just say so. - Energy efficiency programs for homeowners, businesses, and low-income houses

Response	Percent
Not enough	42%
The right amount	30%
Too much	9%
Not sure	18%

TC17x5...Do you think your state government is investing too much, not enough, or the right amount in each of the following? If you're not sure, just say so. - Airports

Response	Percent
Not enough	16%
The right amount	49%
Too much	15%
Not sure	20%

TC17x6...Do you think your state government is investing too much, not enough, or the right amount in each of the following? If you're not sure, just say so. - Reducing pollution that contributes to climate change

Response	Percent
Not enough	46%
The right amount	29%
Too much	10%
Not sure	15%

TC17x7...Do you think your state government is investing too much, not enough, or the right amount in each of the following? If you're not sure, just say so. - Building new roads and bridges

Response	Percent
Not enough	39%
The right amount	36%
Too much	12%
Not sure	13%

TC17x8...Do you think your state government is investing too much, not enough, or the right amount in each of the following? If you're not sure, just say so. - Affordable housing

Response	Percent
Not enough	50%
The right amount	26%
Too much	12%
Not sure	12%

TC17x9...Do you think your state government is investing too much, not enough, or the right amount in each of the following? If you're not sure, just say so. - Broadband internet access and affordability

Response	Percent
Not enough	34%
The right amount	36%
Too much	10%
Not sure	19%

TC17x10...Do you think your state government is investing too much, not enough, or the right amount in each of the following? If you're not sure, just say so. - Electric vehicle charging stations

Response	Percent
Not enough	31%
The right amount	31%
Too much	13%
Not sure	26%

TC17x11...Do you think your state government is investing too much, not enough, or the right amount in each of the following? If you're not sure, just say so. - Preparing for the effects of climate change

Response	Percent
Not enough	47%
The right amount	24%
Too much	13%
Not sure	16%

TC17x12...Do you think your state government is investing too much, not enough, or the right amount in each of the following? If you're not sure, just say so. - Renewable energy, such as wind and solar

Response	Percent
Not enough	43%
The right amount	29%
Too much	13%
Not sure	16%

TCI8x1...Are each of the following a major factor, a minor factor, or not a factor at all in deciding what method of transportation you use? - Safety

Response	Percent
Major factor	69%
Minor factor	23%
Not a factor at all	7%

TCI8x2...Are each of the following a major factor, a minor factor, or not a factor at all in deciding what method of transportation you use? - Cost

Response	Percent
Major factor	58%
Minor factor	31%
Not a factor at all	11%

TCI8x3...Are each of the following a major factor, a minor factor, or not a factor at all in deciding what method of transportation you use? - Reliability

Response	Percent
Major factor	65%
Minor factor	28%
Not a factor at all	6%

TCI8x4...Are each of the following a major factor, a minor factor, or not a factor at all in deciding what method of transportation you use? - Convenience

Response	Percent
Major factor	63%
Minor factor	29%
Not a factor at all	8%

TCI8x5...Are each of the following a major factor, a minor factor, or not a factor at all in deciding what method of transportation you use? - Accessibility for individuals with disabilities

Response	Percent
Major factor	35%
Minor factor	33%
Not a factor at all	32%

TCI8x6...Are each of the following a major factor, a minor factor, or not a factor at all in deciding what method of transportation you use? - Impact on the environment

Response	Percent
Major factor	34%
Minor factor	45%
Not a factor at all	21%

TCI8x7...Are each of the following a major factor, a minor factor, or not a factor at all in deciding what method of transportation you use? - Speed

Response	Percent
Major factor	39%
Minor factor	45%
Not a factor at all	17%

TCI8x8...Are each of the following a major factor, a minor factor, or not a factor at all in deciding what method of transportation you use? - Health

Response	Percent
Major factor	58%
Minor factor	28%
Not a factor at all	14%

TCI9...Do you think your state government is adequately prepared to deal with the impacts of extreme weather/storms, including flooding, heavy rainfall, and heat waves, on transportation infrastructure?

Response	Percent
Not prepared	40%
Not sure	22%
Prepared	38%

TCI10x1...When it comes to investing in the transportation infrastructure in your local area, how important are each of the following objectives? - Increasing the number of clean public transportation options, such as electric busses and commuter rail, to reduce carbon pollution that contributes to climate change

Response	Percent
Very important	51%
Somewhat important	36%
Not too important	10%
Not at all important	3%

TCI10x2...When it comes to investing in the transportation infrastructure in your local area, how important are each of the following objectives? - Increasing the quality, affordability, and access/convenience of public transportation

Response	Percent
Very important	49%
Somewhat important	37%
Not too important	10%
Not at all important	4%

TCI10x3...When it comes to investing in the transportation infrastructure in your local area, how important are each of the following objectives? - Reducing harmful pollution that lowers air quality and contributes to asthma and lung disease

Response	Percent
Very important	57%
Somewhat important	32%
Not too important	8%
Not at all important	3%

TCI10x4...When it comes to investing in the transportation infrastructure in your local area, how important are each of the following objectives? - Ensuring low-income communities and communities of color have increased access to public transportation

Response	Percent
Very important	51%
Somewhat important	36%
Not too important	9%
Not at all important	4%

TCI10x5...When it comes to investing in the transportation infrastructure in your local area, how important are each of the following objectives? - Ensuring essential workers, such as doctors, nurses, and teachers, can get to work safely and on time to perform their duties

Response	Percent
Very important	65%
Somewhat important	26%
Not too important	6%
Not at all important	3%

TCI10x6...When it comes to investing in the transportation infrastructure in your local area, how important are each of the following objectives? - Reducing traffic congestion

Response	Percent
Very important	48%
Somewhat important	39%
Not too important	11%
Not at all important	2%

TCI10x7...When it comes to investing in the transportation infrastructure in your local area, how important are each of the following objectives? - Designating more walking routes / bike lanes

Response	Percent
Very important	31%
Somewhat important	45%
Not too important	18%
Not at all important	6%

TCI11...How important is it to you for your state to reduce carbon pollution at the local level?

Response	Percent
Very important	52%
Somewhat important	34%
Not too important	11%
Not at all important	3%

TCI12...Do you approve or disapprove of the job President Donald Trump is doing in handling the coronavirus pandemic?

Response	Percent
Strongly approve	20%
Somewhat approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	43%
Not sure	2%

TCI13...Do you approve or disapprove of the job your state governor is doing in handling the coronavirus pandemic?

Response	Percent
Strongly approve	29%
Somewhat approve	40%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	14%
Not sure	3%

TCI14...As you may know, in response to the coronavirus pandemic, many governors have formed regional coalitions to address public health concerns and work together to rebuild their economies. Would you support or oppose your governor working with other governors in your region to address other issues, such as expanding transportation?

Response	Percent
Strongly support	47%
Somewhat support	36%
Somewhat oppose	7%
Strongly oppose	3%
Not sure	7%

TCI15...Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: If the federal government fails to reduce the pollution that causes climate change, my state government should take action to reduce pollution.

Response	Percent
Strongly agree	44%
Somewhat agree	32%
Somewhat disagree	12%
Strongly disagree	6%
Not sure	7%

TCI16...Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: When considering investments in modernizing and upgrading transportation, my state government should prioritize communities of color, including Black, Latino, Asian, and Native American communities, who lack sufficient access to transportation and have historically been more negatively impacted by vehicle pollution.

Response	Percent
Strongly agree	34%
Somewhat agree	36%
Somewhat disagree	12%
Strongly disagree	8%
Not sure	10%

TCI17...As you may or may not know, 11 Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states and the District of Columbia have joined together in a regional transportation agreement, called the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI). Under TCI, states will cap carbon pollution from the transportation sector and require gasoline companies to pay for the carbon pollution produced by the fuel they sell by purchasing annual allowances. The proceeds generated by this plan would then be reinvested in cleaner, more efficient, and more accessible transportation options. Do you support or oppose your state participating in the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI)?

Response	Percent
Strongly support	42%
Somewhat support	33%
Somewhat oppose	8%
Strongly oppose	5%
Not sure	12%

TCI18...Which of the following statements comes closest to your view on the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) and recovery from the coronavirus pandemic, even if neither is exactly right?

Response	Percent
My state SHOULD join TCI as part of the recovery from the coronavirus pandemic. TCI will help jumpstart my states economy and create new, good-paying jobs, while reducing air pollution.	73%
My state should NOT join TCI as part of the recovery from the coronavirus pandemic. TCI will be an economic burden on consumers and families in my state and will increase costs on basic needs like ga	27%

TCI19x1...Do you support or oppose directing proceeds from the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) to each of the following infrastructure projects in your state? - Adding or upgrading sidewalks to improve walkability and public health

Response	Percent
Strongly support	43%
Somewhat support	37%
Somewhat oppose	12%
Strongly oppose	3%
Not sure	5%

TCI19x2...Do you support or oppose directing proceeds from the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) to each of the following infrastructure projects in your state? - Increasing access to bikes, scooters, and other shared mobility options

Response	Percent
Strongly support	28%
Somewhat support	41%
Somewhat oppose	16%
Strongly oppose	6%
Not sure	9%

TCI19x3...Do you support or oppose directing proceeds from the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) to each of the following infrastructure projects in your state? - Adding bike lanes to existing roads and bridges

Response	Percent
Strongly support	28%
Somewhat support	40%
Somewhat oppose	16%
Strongly oppose	9%
Not sure	7%

TCI19x4...Do you support or oppose directing proceeds from the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) to each of the following infrastructure projects in your state? - Providing consumer rebates or incentives to purchase cleaner-fuel vehicles, like electric vehicles

Response	Percent
Strongly support	37%
Somewhat support	38%
Somewhat oppose	10%
Strongly oppose	6%
Not sure	9%

TCI19x5...Do you support or oppose directing proceeds from the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) to each of the following infrastructure projects in your state? - Building and expanding charging infrastructure for electric vehicles

Response	Percent
Strongly support	29%
Somewhat support	40%
Somewhat oppose	14%
Strongly oppose	5%
Not sure	12%

TCI19x6...Do you support or oppose directing proceeds from the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) to each of the following infrastructure projects in your state? - Repairing existing roads and bridges, such as fixing bridges that are in poor condition

Response	Percent
Strongly support	53%
Somewhat support	31%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	3%
Not sure	4%

TCI19x7...Do you support or oppose directing proceeds from the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) to each of the following infrastructure projects in your state? - Investing in existing roads and bridges to make them more resilient to the impacts of climate change, such as extreme weather and flooding

Response	Percent
Strongly support	48%
Somewhat support	33%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	4%
Not sure	6%

TCI19x8...Do you support or oppose directing proceeds from the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) to each of the following infrastructure projects in your state? - Adding new bus routes and train lines to reach communities, including in rural and suburban locations, that don't currently have access to public transportation

Response	Percent
Strongly support	41%
Somewhat support	36%
Somewhat oppose	11%
Strongly oppose	4%
Not sure	8%

TCI19x9...Do you support or oppose directing proceeds from the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) to each of the following infrastructure projects in your state? - Increasing the availability of paratransit, or services that supplement mass transit by providing individualized rides without fixed routes or timetables

Response	Percent
Strongly support	29%
Somewhat support	38%
Somewhat oppose	13%
Strongly oppose	4%
Not sure	16%

TCI19x10...Do you support or oppose directing proceeds from the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) to each of the following infrastructure projects in your state? - Expanding high speed communications and internet, especially to rural communities and those who can least afford this essential service

Response	Percent
Strongly support	46%
Somewhat support	34%
Somewhat oppose	10%
Strongly oppose	4%
Not sure	6%

TCI19x11...Do you support or oppose directing proceeds from the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) to each of the following infrastructure projects in your state? - Increasing the frequency of buses and trains along existing routes

Response	Percent
Strongly support	31%
Somewhat support	41%
Somewhat oppose	15%
Strongly oppose	4%
Not sure	9%

TCI19x12...Do you support or oppose directing proceeds from the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) to each of the following infrastructure projects in your state? - Reducing the pollution emitted in shipping ports by installing zero-emission electric equipment

Response	Percent
Strongly support	40%
Somewhat support	33%
Somewhat oppose	11%
Strongly oppose	5%
Not sure	12%

TCI19x13...Do you support or oppose directing proceeds from the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) to each of the following infrastructure projects in your state? - Improving reliability of public transit (e.g., buses, trains, and subways)

Response	Percent
Strongly support	47%
Somewhat support	34%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	4%
Not sure	6%

TCI19x14...Do you support or oppose directing proceeds from the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) to each of the following infrastructure projects in your state? - Modernizing and improving public transit (e.g., replacing older buses with new electric buses, upgrading old subway cars and trains, adding solar to bus stops, upgrading transit stations)

Response	Percent
Strongly support	44%
Somewhat support	36%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	3%
Not sure	7%

TCI20x1...How much, if at all, do you trust the following people and groups to provide information about the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI)? - Health professionals, such as doctors, nurses, or first responders

Response	Percent
A lot	40%
Some	42%
Not much	13%
Not at all	5%

TCI20x2...How much, if at all, do you trust the following people and groups to provide information about the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI)? - Local government officials

Response	Percent
A lot	19%
Some	49%
Not much	22%
Not at all	10%

TCI20x3...How much, if at all, do you trust the following people and groups to provide information about the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI)? - Business leaders

Response	Percent
A lot	13%
Some	41%
Not much	34%
Not at all	12%

TCI20x4...How much, if at all, do you trust the following people and groups to provide information about the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI)? - My state's governor

Response	Percent
A lot	27%
Some	44%
Not much	16%
Not at all	13%

TCI20x5...How much, if at all, do you trust the following people and groups to provide information about the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI)? - President Elect Joe Biden

Response	Percent
A lot	19%
Some	43%
Not much	22%
Not at all	15%

TCI20x6...How much, if at all, do you trust the following people and groups to provide information about the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI)? - Climate scientists

Response	Percent
A lot	44%
Some	35%
Not much	13%
Not at all	7%

TCI20x7...How much, if at all, do you trust the following people and groups to provide information about the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI)? - Oil and natural gas companies

Response	Percent
A lot	16%
Some	36%
Not much	31%
Not at all	17%

TCI20x8...How much, if at all, do you trust the following people and groups to provide information about the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI)? - Renewable energy companies

Response	Percent
A lot	25%
Some	49%
Not much	19%
Not at all	7%

TCI20x9...How much, if at all, do you trust the following people and groups to provide information about the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI)? - Environmental organizations

Response	Percent
A lot	35%
Some	41%
Not much	17%
Not at all	7%

TCI20x10...How much, if at all, do you trust the following people and groups to provide information about the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI)? - TV weather forecasters/meteorologists

Response	Percent
A lot	21%
Some	49%
Not much	23%
Not at all	7%

TCI Poll Methodology

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State MRP Methodology

Climate Nexus utilizes MRP to develop state and local public opinion estimates from national survey data.

Multilevel modeling and poststratification (MRP) is an analytical methodology designed to provide accurate, detailed estimates of public opinions for small geographic areas. The method emerged in recent decades from political science and has been widely shown to produce estimates more accurate than any competing approaches. An MRP analysis involves two stages. First, individual survey responses are modeled as a function of demographics, location, and geographic covariates (the "multilevel regression model"). In this way, unique geographic variability from local residents (while controlling for their demographic characteristics) can be captured and used to estimate opinions for nearby places. The second step is poststratification, where the fitted estimates for each demographic-geographic respondent type are weighted by their actual (census-based) population counts for a given area. Percentages of respondents with a particular preference can then be estimated for every state, county, or other geographic unit.

MRP has been referred to as the "gold standard" for estimating sub-national opinion (Selb and Munzert 2011, 456), but in some contexts, dis-aggregation may be preferred when sample sizes are large enough and close to random. In particular, studies aimed at assessing causal effects on public opinion should generally use disaggregation rather than a model-based method such as MRP (Caughey and Warshaw, 2019).

Nexus employs an advanced version of MRP, called multilevel regression and synthetic post-stratification (MRsP)¹ to calculate estimates. This approach has been shown to increase the prediction and precision of sub-national public opinion estimation beyond traditional MRP by using synthetic joint distributions that are created on the marginal distributions. In comparison, traditional MRP utilizes "true" joint distributions, or stratas, such as the interaction of age + gender + race, and is therefore limited to few variables. As an alternative, we use a technique called multidimensional iterative proportional fitting (mipfp) to develop cell proportions for each demographic type, which is an exercise in spatial micro-simulation.

By sidestepping the stringent data requirements of traditional MRP, we are able to develop dynamic and robust predictive models that include more predictive variables to better assess public opinion within small geographic boundaries. Once compiled, we use a generalized mixed effects regression model to develop the predicted estimates for each population strata, and then we post stratify to take the weighted sum across all cells to make inferences about each state.

We use the ~3800 person TCI survey data to fit a generalized mixed effects model:

$$y = \Pr(y_i = 1) = \text{logit}^{-1}(\alpha_{j[i]} + \beta x_i + \epsilon_i)$$

where

$$\text{logit}^{-1}(\alpha) = \frac{\exp(\alpha)}{\exp(\alpha) + 1}$$

where distributions of the random effect covariates (individual-level predictors $y \sim (1|a) + (1|b) + \dots (1|n)$) are drawn with mean zero and estimated variance:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_j^{\text{race}} &\sim N(0, \sigma_{\text{race}}^2), f \text{ or } j = 1, \dots, 3 \\ \alpha_l^{\text{education}} &\sim N(0, \sigma_{\text{education}}^2), f \text{ or } l = 1, \dots, 4 \\ \alpha_m^{\text{gender}} &\sim N(0, \sigma_{\text{gender}}^2), f \text{ or } m = 1, \dots, 2 \\ \alpha_s^{\text{state+DC}} &\sim N(0, \sigma_{\text{state+DC}}^2), f \text{ or } s = 1, \dots, 51 \\ \alpha_h^{\text{Hispanic}} &\sim N(0, \sigma_{\text{Hispanic}}^2), f \text{ or } h = 1, \dots, 2 \\ \alpha_{\text{Censusreg}} &\sim N(0, \sigma_{\text{Censusreg}}^2), f \text{ or } kl = 1, \dots, 9 \end{aligned}$$

In the model, each individual's response is a function of their individual level demographic variables, state/congressional district grouping variables, and interactions. The individual-level covariates are specified as random effects and have varying intercepts. Group-level predictors (such as election returns, percent of same sex households in a district, total CO2 emissions, and the percent that drive alone in a particular state - all covariates that are useful in estimating questions related to climate change) do not have varying intercepts or slopes. Covariates are chosen to maximize the model's "r-squared", or predictive power in the sense that they are useful in understanding the variance we witness in the outcome variable.

Each stratum or "type of individual" in the state is estimated using multidimensional iterative proportional fitting (mipfp), which calculates the synthetic joint distribution derived from the marginal distributions of the individual level covariates obtained from the Census (gender, race, Hispanic ethnicity, and educational attainment) for each state in the state resulting in :

$$N_{\text{stratsByState}} = 2(\text{gender}) * 3(\text{race}) * 4(\text{education}) * 2(\text{Hispanic}) = 48$$

MRP Model Specs

For individual i , with the following indexes for each demographic variable in the model, the state model, can typically be defined:

$$y = \Pr(y_i = 1) = \text{logit}^{-1}(\beta_0 + \alpha_{j[i]}^{\text{race}} + \alpha_{l[i]}^{\text{education}} + \alpha_{s[i]}^{\text{state+DC}} + \alpha_{r[i]}^{\text{region}} + \alpha_{m[i]}^{\text{gender}} + \alpha_{h[i]}^{\text{Hispanic}} + \alpha_{\text{election}_{2016}} + \alpha_{\text{TotalCO2}} + \alpha_{\text{PercentSameSexHH}} + \alpha_{\text{pctDriveAlone}}. \text{scl})$$

where non random effects covariates can be standardized.

The prediction for each strata, that is, the prediction for each "type of person" is then weighted by the population frequency of the cell (poststratification).

State Model & Prediction Differences (IF APPLICABLE)

Due to the fact that the state and CD models have different random effects parameters and geographic outcome variables, it is likely that we find different in-group estimates that do not allow for comparison across the MRsP models. As a result of the varying random effects parameters (in-group variation that allows shifts in the slope or intercept of a variable), a state's overall MRsP estimate may vary from the average estimate across all CD MRsP estimates in a given state. This is evident in at-large district states where the state MRsP prediction outcome does not equal the CD-level prediction.

While we do expect at-large district estimates from the CD model to fall within the average margin of error of the state model (see below for section on margins of error), to minimize confusion, all at-large district estimates will equal the state model prediction.

MRP Confidence Intervals / Margins of Error

To capture model uncertainty in predictions at the 95% confidence level from multilevel models (merMod objects (<https://www.rdocumentation.org/packages/lme4/versions/1.0-4/topics/merMod-class>)), we utilize `merTools::predictInterval()`. By drawing a sampling distribution for the random and the fixed effects and then estimating the fitted value across that distribution, it is possible to generate a prediction interval for fitted values that includes all variation in the model except for variation in the covariance parameters. This is a much faster alternative than bootstrapping for models fit to medium to large data sets.

To estimate the overall margin of error (θ) for each geographic unit (utilizing a `draw::compute` approach), where the function $g(x)$ yields an MRP estimate for a given state, we iterate the `merTools::predictInterval()` process 999 times for each survey question then calculate the confidence interval at the 95% confidence level for each subgroup within a state. The margin of error for **each** subgroup can be calculated by subtracting the lower bound of the confidence interval from the upper bound, and dividing by two. To calculate the state's overall margin of error for a given survey question we multiply each subgroup's margin of error by the n-size (or percent of the population) of that group and divide it by the sum of those weighted margins of error (the weighted mean by the proportion of that subgroup):

$$x = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i * w_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i}$$

The average range of the MoE across modeled answer options are between:

- State level estimate MoE: +/- 6-9%

Because each estimate for a specific answer choice in the survey is a modeled outcome variable with its own corresponding confidence interval, questions may or may not add up to 100%. If they do not, we normalize results to help with interpretation.

Sub-national MRP crosstab models for Party Identification

To develop cross tabs for particular a demographic group (i.e. PartyID), we first calculate the proportion of that demographic type in a given geographic region using `mipfp`, we then filter for the specific subgroup (different levels within categories such as gender, educational attainment, race, etc.) and develop new post-stratification weights by taking the cell weighted proportion and dividing it by the sum of the weights of that subgroup. In the final step, we sum the post-stratified predicted probabilities for each subgroup.

If a demographic type does not have Census proportions (such as proportions of self identified Republicans in a given state, which isn't tracked by the Census) we first develop an MRsP model to calculate the proportion of individuals that fit that demographic type, much like predicting any other survey question or outcome variable. We then use those proportions as given population percentages in a given state and can then filter, divide the sum of the weights of that variable, post-stratify, and sum across each cell.

We follow the process below to estimate opinions of a given subgroup.

$$m = \text{poststratificationweights of sub} - \text{populationk}$$

$$y = \Pr(y_i = 1) = \text{logit}^{-1}(\alpha_{j[i]} + \beta x_i + \epsilon_i)$$

$$\text{logit}^{-1} = \frac{\exp(a)}{1 + \exp(a)}$$

$$\text{weightedStatePred} = \sum_{k=1}^n \text{logit}^{-1}(\alpha_{j[i]} + \beta x_i + \epsilon_i) * \frac{m_k}{\sum m}$$

For this poll we included modeled partyID proportions for each state, included it into the MRsP model resulting in 144 nested subgroups that we predict on by state:

$$N_{\text{stratsByState}} = 2(\text{gender}) * 3(\text{race}) * 4(\text{education}) * 2(\text{Hispanic}) * 3(\text{PartyID}) = 144$$

The full partisan state model can be defined:

$$y = \Pr(y_i = 1) = \text{logit}^{-1}(\beta_0 + \alpha_{j[i]}^{\text{race}} + \alpha_{l[i]}^{\text{education}} + \alpha_{s[i]}^{\text{state+DC}} + \alpha_{r[i]}^{\text{region}} + \alpha_{\text{partyID}3}^{\text{partyID}} + \alpha_{m[i]}^{\text{gender}} + \alpha_{h[i]}^{\text{Hispanic}} + \alpha_{\text{election}_{2016}} + \alpha_{\text{TotalCO2}} + \alpha_{\text{PercentSameSexHH}} + \alpha_{\text{pctDriveAlone}}. \text{scl})$$

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approve...Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?

Response	Percent	N
Strongly approve	23%	887
Somewhat approve	18%	707
Somewhat disapprove	11%	424
Strongly disapprove	45%	1,713
Not sure	2%	87

rdwt...Generally speaking, would you say that things in this country are headed in the right direction or would you say that things are headed off on the wrong track?

Response	Percent	N
Right direction	33%	1,286
Wrong track	56%	2,102
Not sure	11%	430

TCI1x1...Do you think your state government is investing too much, not enough, or the right amount in each of the following? If you're not sure, just say so. - Repairing existing roads and bridges

Response	Percent	N
Not enough	53%	2,004
The right amount	30%	1,153
Too much	8%	311
Not sure	9%	350

TCI1x2...Do you think your state government is investing too much, not enough, or the right amount in each of the following? If you're not sure, just say so. - Increasing the availability and quality of public transportation options

Response	Percent	N
Not enough	32%	1,212
The right amount	39%	1,495
Too much	10%	372
Not sure	20%	739

TCI1x3...Do you think your state government is investing too much, not enough, or the right amount in each of the following? If you're not sure, just say so. - Drinking water and wastewater systems

Response	Percent	N
Not enough	34%	1,280
The right amount	43%	1,632
Too much	7%	263
Not sure	17%	643

TCI1x4...Do you think your state government is investing too much, not enough, or the right amount in each of the following? If you're not sure, just say so. - Energy efficiency programs for homeowners, businesses, and low-income houses

Response	Percent	N
Not enough	40%	1,517
The right amount	33%	1,265
Too much	9%	367
Not sure	18%	669

TCI1x5...Do you think your state government is investing too much, not enough, or the right amount in each of the following? If you're not sure, just say so. - Airports

Response	Percent	N
Not enough	14%	540
The right amount	50%	1,918
Too much	12%	454
Not sure	24%	906

TCI1x6...Do you think your state government is investing too much, not enough, or the right amount in each of the following? If you're not sure, just say so. - Reducing pollution that contributes to climate change

Response	Percent	N
Not enough	45%	1,731
The right amount	29%	1,099
Too much	10%	414
Not sure	15%	574

TCI1x7...Do you think your state government is investing too much, not enough, or the right amount in each of the following? If you're not sure, just say so. - Building new roads and bridges

Response	Percent	N
Not enough	41%	1,573
The right amount	36%	1,381
Too much	9%	361
Not sure	13%	503

TCI1x8...Do you think your state government is investing too much, not enough, or the right amount in each of the following? If you're not sure, just say so. - Affordable housing

Response	Percent	N
Not enough	47%	1,777
The right amount	28%	1,093
Too much	11%	452
Not sure	13%	496

TCI1x9...Do you think your state government is investing too much, not enough, or the right amount in each of the following? If you're not sure, just say so. - Broadband internet access and affordability

Response	Percent	N
Not enough	36%	1,352
The right amount	36%	1,380
Too much	9%	359
Not sure	19%	727

TCI1x10...Do you think your state government is investing too much, not enough, or the right amount in each of the following? If you're not sure, just say so. - Electric vehicle charging stations

Response	Percent	N
Not enough	29%	1,132
The right amount	30%	1,146
Too much	13%	512
Not sure	28%	1,028

TCI1x11...Do you think your state government is investing too much, not enough, or the right amount in each of the following? If you're not sure, just say so. - Preparing for the effects of climate change

Response	Percent	N
Not enough	45%	1,731
The right amount	25%	950
Too much	13%	521
Not sure	16%	616

TCI1x12...Do you think your state government is investing too much, not enough, or the right amount in each of the following? If you're not sure, just say so. - Renewable energy, such as wind and solar

Response	Percent	N
Not enough	43%	1,636
The right amount	29%	1,106
Too much	13%	502
Not sure	15%	574

TCI2x1...Are each of the following a major factor, a minor factor, or not a factor at all in deciding what method of transportation you use? - Safety

Response	Percent	N
Major factor	69%	2,654
Minor factor	22%	845
Not a factor at all	8%	319

TCI2x2...Are each of the following a major factor, a minor factor, or not a factor at all in deciding what method of transportation you use? - Cost

Response	Percent	N
Major factor	57%	2,185
Minor factor	32%	1,213
Not a factor at all	11%	420

TCI2x3...Are each of the following a major factor, a minor factor, or not a factor at all in deciding what method of transportation you use? - Reliability

Response	Percent	N
Major factor	69%	2,655
Minor factor	23%	889
Not a factor at all	7%	274

TCI2x4...Are each of the following a major factor, a minor factor, or not a factor at all in deciding what method of transportation you use? - Convenience

Response	Percent	N
Major factor	66%	2,537
Minor factor	26%	980
Not a factor at all	8%	301

TCI2x5...Are each of the following a major factor, a minor factor, or not a factor at all in deciding what method of transportation you use? - Accessibility for individuals with disabilities

Response	Percent	N
Major factor	31%	1,169
Minor factor	31%	1,209
Not a factor at all	38%	1,440

TCI2x6...Are each of the following a major factor, a minor factor, or not a factor at all in deciding what method of transportation you use? - Impact on the environment

Response	Percent	N
Major factor	31%	1,170
Minor factor	45%	1,732
Not a factor at all	24%	916

TCI2x7...Are each of the following a major factor, a minor factor, or not a factor at all in deciding what method of transportation you use? - Speed

Response	Percent	N
Major factor	38%	1,472
Minor factor	44%	1,661
Not a factor at all	18%	685

TCI2x8...Are each of the following a major factor, a minor factor, or not a factor at all in deciding what method of transportation you use? - Health

Response	Percent	N
Major factor	55%	2,093
Minor factor	28%	1,059
Not a factor at all	18%	666

TCI3...Do you think your state government is adequately prepared to deal with the impacts of extreme weather/storms, including flooding, heavy rainfall, and heat waves, on transportation infrastructure?

Response	Percent	N
Not prepared	39%	1,494
Prepared	38%	1,473
Not sure	22%	851

TCI4x1...When it comes to investing in the transportation infrastructure in your local area, how important are each of the following objectives? - Increasing the number of clean public transportation options, such as electric busses and commuter rail, to reduce carbon pollution that contributes to climate change

Response	Percent	N
Very important	45%	1,710
Somewhat important	39%	1,499
Not too important	12%	444
Not at all important	4%	165

TCI4x2...When it comes to investing in the transportation infrastructure in your local area, how important are each of the following objectives? - Increasing the quality, affordability, and access/convenience of public transportation

Response	Percent	N
Very important	46%	1,746
Somewhat important	40%	1,554
Not too important	10%	394
Not at all important	3%	124

TCI4x3...When it comes to investing in the transportation infrastructure in your local area, how important are each of the following objectives? - Reducing harmful pollution that lowers air quality and contributes to asthma and lung disease

Response	Percent	N
Very important	54%	2,067
Somewhat important	34%	1,325
Not too important	8%	315
Not at all important	3%	111

TCI4x4...When it comes to investing in the transportation infrastructure in your local area, how important are each of the following objectives? - Ensuring low-income communities and communities of color have increased access to public transportation

Response	Percent	N
Very important	48%	1,811
Somewhat important	37%	1,428
Not too important	10%	380
Not at all important	5%	199

TCI4x5...When it comes to investing in the transportation infrastructure in your local area, how important are each of the following objectives? - Ensuring essential workers, such as doctors, nurses, and teachers, can get to work safely and on time to perform their duties

Response	Percent	N
Very important	67%	2,532
Somewhat important	27%	1,025
Not too important	5%	186
Not at all important	2%	75

TCI4x6...When it comes to investing in the transportation infrastructure in your local area, how important are each of the following objectives? - Reducing traffic congestion

Response	Percent	N
Very important	48%	1,808
Somewhat important	40%	1,546
Not too important	10%	367
Not at all important	3%	97

TCI4x7...When it comes to investing in the transportation infrastructure in your local area, how important are each of the following objectives? - Designating more walking routes / bike lanes

Response	Percent	N
Very important	30%	1,140
Somewhat important	43%	1,642
Not too important	21%	785
Not at all important	7%	251

TCI5...How important is it to you for your state to reduce carbon pollution at the local level?

Response	Percent	N
Very important	47%	1,791
Somewhat important	36%	1,366
Not too important	13%	485
Not at all important	5%	176

TCI6...Do you approve or disapprove of the job President Donald Trump is doing in handling the coronavirus pandemic?

Response	Percent	N
Strongly approve	23%	873
Somewhat approve	20%	777
Somewhat disapprove	11%	436
Strongly disapprove	44%	1,670
Not sure	2%	62

TCI7...Do you approve or disapprove of the job your state governor is doing in handling the coronavirus pandemic?

Response	Percent	N
Strongly approve	27%	1,023
Somewhat approve	40%	1,537
Somewhat disapprove	15%	574
Strongly disapprove	15%	564
Not sure	3%	120

TCI8...As you may know, in response to the coronavirus pandemic, many governors have formed regional coalitions to address public health concerns and work together to rebuild their economies. Would you support or oppose your governor working with other governors in your region to address other issues, such as expanding transportation?

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	45%	1,717
Somewhat support	35%	1,343
Somewhat oppose	7%	270
Strongly oppose	4%	167
Not sure	9%	321

TCI9...Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: If the federal government fails to reduce the pollution that causes climate change, my state government should take action to reduce pollution.

Response	Percent	N
Strongly agree	41%	1,566
Somewhat agree	33%	1,244
Somewhat disagree	11%	402
Strongly disagree	9%	320
Not sure	8%	286

TCI10...Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: When considering investments in modernizing and upgrading transportation, my state government should prioritize communities of color, including Black, Latino, Asian, and Native American communities, who lack sufficient access to transportation and have historically been more negatively impacted by vehicle pollution.

Response	Percent	N
Strongly agree	31%	1,178
Somewhat agree	35%	1,333
Somewhat disagree	13%	492
Strongly disagree	10%	388
Not sure	11%	427

TCI11...As you may or may not know, 11 Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states and the District of Columbia have joined together in a regional transportation agreement, called the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI). Under TCI, states will cap carbon pollution from the transportation sector and require gasoline companies to pay for the carbon pollution produced by the fuel they sell by purchasing annual allowances. The proceeds generated by this plan would then be reinvested in cleaner, more efficient, and more accessible transportation options. Do you support or oppose your state participating in the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI)?

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	40%	1,522
Somewhat support	31%	1,186
Somewhat oppose	9%	331
Strongly oppose	9%	326
Not sure	12%	453

TCI12...Which of the following statements comes closest to your view on the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) and recovery from the coronavirus pandemic, even if neither is exactly right?

Response	Percent	N
My state SHOULD join TCI as part of the recovery from the coronavirus pandemic. TCI will help jumpstart my state's economy and create new, good-paying jobs, while reducing air pollution.	70%	2,662
My state should NOT join TCI as part of the recovery from the coronavirus pandemic. TCI will be an economic burden on consumers and families in my state and will increase costs on basic needs like gas and transportation.	30%	1,156

TCI13x1...Do you support or oppose directing proceeds from the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) to each of the following infrastructure projects in your state? - Adding or upgrading sidewalks to improve walkability and public health

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	42%	1,593
Somewhat support	39%	1,514
Somewhat oppose	9%	364
Strongly oppose	3%	111
Not sure	6%	236

TCI13x2...Do you support or oppose directing proceeds from the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) to each of the following infrastructure projects in your state? - Increasing access to bikes, scooters, and other shared mobility options

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	27%	1,042
Somewhat support	40%	1,534
Somewhat oppose	15%	583
Strongly oppose	7%	258
Not sure	11%	401

TCI13x3...Do you support or oppose directing proceeds from the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) to each of the following infrastructure projects in your state? - Adding bike lanes to existing roads and bridges

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	27%	1,033
Somewhat support	39%	1,500
Somewhat oppose	16%	603
Strongly oppose	9%	346
Not sure	9%	336

TCI13x4...Do you support or oppose directing proceeds from the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) to each of the following infrastructure projects in your state? - Providing consumer rebates or incentives to purchase cleaner-fuel vehicles, like electric vehicles

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	36%	1,367
Somewhat support	38%	1,449
Somewhat oppose	11%	417
Strongly oppose	7%	256
Not sure	9%	329

TCI13x5...Do you support or oppose directing proceeds from the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) to each of the following infrastructure projects in your state? - Building and expanding charging infrastructure for electric vehicles

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	28%	1,083
Somewhat support	40%	1,513
Somewhat oppose	13%	505
Strongly oppose	7%	267
Not sure	12%	450

TCI13x6...Do you support or oppose directing proceeds from the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) to each of the following infrastructure projects in your state? - Repairing existing roads and bridges, such as fixing bridges that are in poor condition

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	59%	2,247
Somewhat support	28%	1,084
Somewhat oppose	6%	226
Strongly oppose	2%	87
Not sure	5%	174

TCI13x7...Do you support or oppose directing proceeds from the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) to each of the following infrastructure projects in your state? - Investing in existing roads and bridges to make them more resilient to the impacts of climate change, such as extreme weather and flooding

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	49%	1,865
Somewhat support	35%	1,337
Somewhat oppose	7%	269
Strongly oppose	3%	120
Not sure	6%	227

TCI13x8...Do you support or oppose directing proceeds from the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) to each of the following infrastructure projects in your state? - Adding new bus routes and train lines to reach communities, including in rural and suburban locations, that don't currently have access to public transportation

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	39%	1,476
Somewhat support	38%	1,473
Somewhat oppose	10%	376
Strongly oppose	5%	171
Not sure	9%	322

TCI13x9...Do you support or oppose directing proceeds from the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) to each of the following infrastructure projects in your state? - Increasing the availability of paratransit, or services that supplement mass transit by providing individualized rides without fixed routes or timetables

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	26%	1,008
Somewhat support	38%	1,468
Somewhat oppose	13%	504
Strongly oppose	5%	194
Not sure	17%	644

TCI13x10...Do you support or oppose directing proceeds from the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) to each of the following infrastructure projects in your state? - Expanding high speed communications and internet, especially to rural communities and those who can least afford this essential service

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	46%	1,751
Somewhat support	35%	1,359
Somewhat oppose	8%	319
Strongly oppose	4%	135
Not sure	7%	254

TCI13x11...Do you support or oppose directing proceeds from the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) to each of the following infrastructure projects in your state? - Increasing the frequency of buses and trains along existing routes

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	29%	1,112
Somewhat support	41%	1,564
Somewhat oppose	14%	536
Strongly oppose	4%	166
Not sure	12%	440

TCI13x12...Do you support or oppose directing proceeds from the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) to each of the following infrastructure projects in your state? - Reducing the pollution emitted in shipping ports by installing zero-emission electric equipment

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	37%	1,415
Somewhat support	34%	1,306
Somewhat oppose	11%	425
Strongly oppose	6%	227
Not sure	12%	445

TCI13x13...Do you support or oppose directing proceeds from the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) to each of the following infrastructure projects in your state? - Improving reliability of public transit (e.g., buses, trains, and subways)

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	44%	1,680
Somewhat support	38%	1,465
Somewhat oppose	8%	298
Strongly oppose	4%	136
Not sure	6%	239

TCI13x14...Do you support or oppose directing proceeds from the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) to each of the following infrastructure projects in your state? - Modernizing and improving public transit (e.g., replacing older buses with new electric buses, upgrading old subway cars and trains, adding solar to bus stops, upgrading transit stations)

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	42%	1,605
Somewhat support	37%	1,435
Somewhat oppose	9%	334
Strongly oppose	4%	147
Not sure	8%	297

TCI14x1...How much, if at all, do you trust the following people and groups to provide information about the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI)? - Health professionals, such as doctors, nurses, or first responders

Response	Percent	N
A lot	40%	1,530
Some	41%	1,576
Not much	13%	508
Not at all	5%	204

TCI14x2...How much, if at all, do you trust the following people and groups to provide information about the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI)? - Local government officials

Response	Percent	N
A lot	17%	640
Some	51%	1,936
Not much	23%	861
Not at all	10%	381

TCI14x3...How much, if at all, do you trust the following people and groups to provide information about the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI)? - Business leaders

Response	Percent	N
A lot	11%	443
Some	42%	1,586
Not much	36%	1,365
Not at all	11%	424

TCI14x4...How much, if at all, do you trust the following people and groups to provide information about the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI)? - My state's governor

Response	Percent	N
A lot	25%	978
Some	43%	1,654
Not much	17%	661
Not at all	14%	525

TCI14x5...How much, if at all, do you trust the following people and groups to provide information about the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI)? - President Elect Joe Biden

Response	Percent	N
A lot	18%	703
Some	43%	1,667
Not much	23%	869
Not at all	16%	579

TCI14x6...How much, if at all, do you trust the following people and groups to provide information about the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI)? - Climate scientists

Response	Percent	N
A lot	44%	1,683
Some	35%	1,319
Not much	13%	507
Not at all	8%	309

TCI14x7...How much, if at all, do you trust the following people and groups to provide information about the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI)? - Oil and natural gas companies

Response	Percent	N
A lot	13%	520
Some	36%	1,370
Not much	33%	1,254
Not at all	18%	674

TCI14x8...How much, if at all, do you trust the following people and groups to provide information about the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI)? - Renewable energy companies

Response	Percent	N
A lot	25%	955
Some	47%	1,809
Not much	20%	755
Not at all	8%	299

TCI14x9...How much, if at all, do you trust the following people and groups to provide information about the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI)? - Environmental organizations

Response	Percent	N
A lot	33%	1,282
Some	42%	1,586
Not much	16%	615
Not at all	9%	335

TCI14x10...How much, if at all, do you trust the following people and groups to provide information about the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI)? - TV weather forecasters/meteorologists

Response	Percent	N
A lot	19%	723
Some	47%	1,811
Not much	25%	937
Not at all	9%	347

Sample Statistics

Var1	Freq
Age18-34	24.9%
Age35-54	33%
Age55+	42.1%
Gender-Female	53.6%
Gender-Male	46.4%
Race-Black	15.1%
Race-Other	5.5%
Race-White	79.4%
Education-Advanced	16.5%
Education-Bachelors	25.1%
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party-ID: Democrat	44.1%
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party-ID: Something else	2.9%
Hispanic-No	92.5%
Hispanic-Yes	7.5%
Connecticut	4.9%
Delaware	1.4%
District of Columbia	1.2%
Maine	2.3%
Maryland	8.7%
Massachusetts	10.2%
New Jersey	11.6%
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Pennsylvania	19.3%
Rhode Island	1.5%
Vermont	1%
Virginia	12.3%

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From : "Queens Daily Newsticker"

To : "Melissa DeRosa"

Subject : Afternoon Buzz: Trump says he will make decision to end COVID guidelines, not governors, Queens hospitals see rising COVID deaths after deadliest week

Monday, April 13

Welcome back! Here's today's buzz:















TOP STORIES

- Trump says [he'll be the one to make the decision on easing coronavirus guidelines](#), not state governors.
 - A [large-scale COVID-19 antibody testing study](#) is now underway in California.
- De Blasio says [data shows a downward trend, rent freeze needed for struggling tenants, as NYC cases pass 100,000](#) with near 7,000 dead.

IN QUEENS

- Two [hospitals in Queens grapple with rising coronavirus deaths](#) following the deadliest week yet.
- National [Tennis Center in Queens opened as a hospital over the weekend](#) to help treat coronavirus patients.
 - Coffee, food, but [no customers in 'ghost town,' a Queens bodega owner](#) says.

SUBWAY STATUS

- [The MTA is running essential service](#). Stay home if you can.
- There is no scheduled  service today. Take a  train in Manhattan/Bronx and  in Brooklyn instead.
 - There is no scheduled  service today.  trains will make all local stops in Manhattan and Brooklyn.
- There is no schedule  service today. Take the  between Grand Central-42 St and Times Square-42 St.
 - There is no scheduled  service today. Take a  train in Queens and a  train in Manhattan.
 - There is no scheduled  service today. Take a  train.
- Northbound  and  trains are running at slower speeds between 3 Av-149 St and Jackson Av because of a signal malfunction between those stations.

Visit <http://www.mta.info> to keep track of subway service and delays.

TRAFFIC

- 20 min - Queens Center Mall to Russos on the Bay on Woodhaven Blvd.

- 17 min - Little Neck Parkway to Hunters Point Ave. in LIC on the Long Island Expwy.
- 21 min - Coffeed in LIC to Citi Field on Northern Blvd.
- 18 min - LIC YMCA to Union Turnpike in Kew Gardens on Queens Blvd.

Visit <https://www.511ny.org> to keep track of traffic.

SCOREBOARD

- All MLB, NBA, NHL, MLS, and NCAA games are suspended.
- NFL commissioner [Roger Goodell confirms that he will announce the 2020 NFL Draft picks from his basement](#).
- Long-time New York [Post sports photographer Anthony Causi died of coronavirus](#) at age 48.
- Phoenix Suns' [Devin Booker defeated teammate Deandre Ayton to win the NBA 2k Player's Tournament](#).
- NASCAR [suspends Kyle Larson indefinitely after he used a racial slur](#) during an iRacing stream.

ENTERTAINMENT

- Universal says ['Trolls World Tour' lands biggest digital debut](#) ever.
- French president [bans festivals through mid-July, putting Cannes](#) Film Festival on ice.
- Tom Hanks hosted a [made-from-home edition of Saturday Night Live](#).

WHAT'S ON TV TONIGHT

- *Spring Baking Championship - S6 E6: "Spring Declutter"* (FOOD, 9pm) - The remaining bakers create something minimalist with no flour or flower.
- *The Plot Against America - S1 E5* (HBO, 9pm) - Herman learns the family has been selected for an essentially forced relocation to Kentucky under the Homestead Act, so he looks to make a challenge in court, while Bess and Philip appeal to Bengelsdorf and Evelyn, respectively. Later, Bess gives Herman an ultimatum when violence breaks out at a rally for Lindbergh's most public liberal challenger.
- *Breeders - S1 E8: "No Honeymoon"* (FX, 10pm) - Paul attempts to focus on his upcoming wedding but is constantly thwarted by his family; Ally is distracted by work, Luke is misbehaving at school and Leah doesn't understand why they are even bothering to get married.

STREAM PICKS OF THE DAY

- **NETFLIX:** "The Killing of a Sacred Deer" (2017) - Steven, a charismatic surgeon, is forced to make an unthinkable sacrifice after his life starts to fall apart, when the behavior of a teenage boy he has taken under his wing turns sinister.
- **HULU:** "Parasite" (2019) - A poor family, the Kims, con their way into becoming the servants of a rich family, the Parks. But their easy life gets complicated when their deception is threatened with exposure.
- **AMAZON PRIME:** "Rambo: Last Blood" (2019) - Rambo must confront his past and unearth his ruthless combat skills to exact revenge in a final mission.

TECHNOLOGY

- Zoom [became SNL's breakout star in a historical](#), remote episode.
- Video [game ratings will now warn parents about 'loot boxes'](#) leading to in-game purchases.
- Amazon to [hire 75,000 new employees due to increased demand](#) during coronavirus crisis.

#TRENDINGNY

- [Lizzo](#)
- [Happy Easter](#)
- [#InsecureHBO](#)
- [#90DayFiance](#)
- [COVID2019](#)

REAL ESTATE

- For Sale - **Astoria** - Two family brick home features two 2-bedroom units and a full finished basement. Huge back yard with plenty of space, located near all the conveniences of Steinway Street and Ditmars Boulevard. Asking \$1,299,000.

Eliot Hill Realty 718-672-4444

- For Sale - **Woodhaven** - Move in ready one family home with garage, updated inside & out! 5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, kitchen with granite countertops & SS appliances. One of a kind in Woodhaven. Asking \$700,000.

Trulia 347-846-1200

LOCAL EVENTS

- **Virtual** - 8:30 p.m. - 20 Questions Trivia [Virtual Edition](#).

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“Giuliani vs. Cuomo. Holy smokes. It’s Muhammad Ali vs. Joe Frazier,” the 35-year-old said in an interview with the New York Post.

He also posted a video on Twitter that assailed Cuomo for, among other things, barring gatherings and closing businesses and schools as the coronavirus began killing thousands of New Yorkers last March.

“At the first sign of a problem, they chose to shut us down. They take away our freedoms. They quarantine healthy people,” Giuliani said.

Giuliani served as a White House aide under former President Donald Trump and has more recently been a commentator for the conservative network Newsmax. He has never run for public office.

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Giuliani was present last month when federal agents raided his father’s Manhattan home as part of an investigation into the business dealings of the elder Giuliani during his time as Trump’s personal lawyer. The younger Giuliani told reporters the raids on his father’s home and office were “disgusting” and “absolutely absurd.”

To win the Republican nomination in 2022, he will have to get past two far more seasoned politicians already in the race: U.S. Rep. Lee Zeldin, a well-funded Trump standard-bearer on Long Island, and former Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino.

Astorino was the Republican nominee in 2014, losing to Cuomo by about 14 percentage points.

Zeldin received an endorsement Tuesday from Mike Pompeo, the former secretary of state under Trump and former Congress member from Kansas. Pompeo called Zeldin “a family man who will step up and defend New York against the radical left.”

Cuomo, who is facing allegations of sexual harassment and is being investigated over his administration’s handling of data on deaths of nursing home residents from COVID-19, has not announced whether he is running for a fourth term.

Most of New York’s most prominent Democrats called on Cuomo to resign after the number of women accusing him of misconduct grew to include one aide who said he groped her breasts.

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It wasn’t just Democratic-leaning women who praised Ginsburg. Stacey Feedback, a 33-year-old Fayetteville, North Carolina, voter at a weekend rally for President Donald Trump, said the justice was “an inspirational woman.”

“She meant a lot to the (women’s) movement,” Feedback said. “She’s been an inspiration. She’s brought America and women forward in a generation.”

Ginsburg first gained fame as a litigator for the Women’s Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union, which she directed in the ’70s. The project marked “a real turning point for situating women’s rights not just as a gender issue, but as a civil rights issue that affected all of us,” said Ria Tabacco Mar, its current head.

At the time, the Supreme Court had never applied the Constitution’s guarantee of “equal protection of the laws” to strike down a law because of gender discrimination. That changed in 1971 with a case in which Ginsburg helped persuade the high court to invalidate an Idaho law that called for choosing men over women to administer the estates of the dead.

Two years later, she again prevailed — making her first oral argument before the high court she would later join — in the case of a female Air Force officer whose husband was denied spousal benefits that male officers’ wives automatically received.

“For every gender injustice that we see today, Ruth Bader Ginsburg saw it first, and she fought it first,” said Tabacco Mar.

Devi Rao, one of Ginsburg’s law clerks in 2013, said the justice had taught her that “law isn’t just about the law — it’s about the people whose lives are impacted by those laws.”

Rao, who now works on appellate cases for a civil rights firm, said Ginsburg “distinguished herself in a man’s world and on a man’s court without looking like them or sounding like them, but simply because they couldn’t deny the power of her ideas. She teaches women and girls not to count themselves out even though they don’t look like those in power.”

It’s that lesson that mothers like Brianne Burger hope their daughters will understand. Earlier this year, Burger posted a photo of her daughter Adi, 5, on Facebook, outfitted as RBG in black robe and glasses for a school dress-up day in Washington, D.C. The girl came home delighted, her mother said, that so many people recognized her costume.

“She still talks about that day,” said Burger.

Asked what Adi understands about Ginsburg, the mother replied: “She knows that RBG made girls equal to boys.”

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It wasn’t just Democratic-leaning women who praised Ginsburg. Stacey Feedback, a 33-year-old Fayetteville, North Carolina, voter at a weekend rally for President Donald Trump, said the justice was “an inspirational woman.”

“She meant a lot to the (women’s) movement,” Feedback said. “She’s been an inspiration. She’s brought America and women forward in a generation.”

Ginsburg first gained fame as a litigator for the Women’s Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union, which she directed in the ’70s. The project marked “a real turning point for situating women’s rights not just as a gender issue, but as a civil rights issue that affected all of us,” said Ria Tabacco Mar, its current head.

At the time, the Supreme Court had never applied the Constitution’s guarantee of “equal protection of the laws” to strike down a law because of gender discrimination. That changed in 1971 with a case in which Ginsburg helped persuade the high court to invalidate an Idaho law that called for choosing men over women to administer the estates of the dead.

Two years later, she again prevailed — making her first oral argument before the high court she would later join — in the case of a female Air Force officer whose husband was denied spousal benefits that male officers’ wives automatically received.

“For every gender injustice that we see today, Ruth Bader Ginsburg saw it first, and she fought it first,” said Tabacco Mar.

Devi Rao, one of Ginsburg’s law clerks in 2013, said the justice had taught her that “law isn’t just about the law — it’s about the people whose lives are impacted by those laws.”

Rao, who now works on appellate cases for a civil rights firm, said Ginsburg “distinguished herself in a man’s world and on a man’s court without looking like them or sounding like them, but simply because they couldn’t deny the power of her ideas. She teaches women and girls not to count themselves out even though they don’t look like those in power.”

It’s that lesson that mothers like Brianne Burger hope their daughters will understand. Earlier this year, Burger posted a photo of her daughter Adi, 5, on Facebook, outfitted as RBG in black robe and glasses for a school dress-up day in Washington, D.C. The girl came home delighted, her mother said, that so many people recognized her costume.

“She still talks about that day,” said Burger.

Asked what Adi understands about Ginsburg, the mother replied: “She knows that RBG made girls equal to boys.”

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From : "E-Clips Application"

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Subject : AP: Prominent NY attorney, niece, killed in small plane crash

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By JIM MUSTIAN:

NEW YORK (AP) — Personal injury attorney Steve Barnes, whose law firm Cellino & Barnes was known on two coasts for its catchy TV jingle, was killed Friday in a small plane crash in western New York.

Barnes, a registered pilot, died along with his niece, Elizabeth Barnes, his longtime law partner told The Associated Press.

The single-engine Socata TBM-700 crashed at about 11:45 a.m. in a wooded area near Pembroke, New York, authorities said, as it neared the end of a flight from Manchester, New Hampshire.

“His passing is a significant loss for the legal community,” Barnes’ law partner Ross Cellino said. “He was always a fearless advocate for his clients.”

Neighbors described the plane making a loud, whining noise, then dropping into a wooded area and exploding, Genesee County Sheriff William Sheron said. He said the plane had been destined for Buffalo.

The plane was registered to a corporation that shares an address with Cellino & Barnes, records showed.

Cellino & Barnes began as small firm in Buffalo but became well known in New York City and beyond for its ubiquitous advertising on billboards and on television.

Its old-time jingle, in which the law firm’s phone number was put to song, has been the subject of a sketch on Saturday Night Live, and other late-night TV host jokes for years. Broadway actors in 2018 posted viral videos of themselves singing the jingle in what was dubbed the “Cellino & Barnes Challenge.”

The law firm’s principal lawyers, Barnes and Cellino, appeared together in the advertisements, but had a falling out in recent years and battled each other in court.

Barnes is survived by his longtime partner, fellow attorney Ellen Sturm, and three children.

“All of us at Cellino & Barnes are deeply saddened,” Cellino said.

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From : "Poole, Sean (OST)"

To : "Poole, Sean (OST)"

Cc : "Giacini, Andrew F."

Subject : CARES Act: Airport Grant Amounts

Attachment : CARES Act Grant Amounts (Paragraphs 2-4) Summary by State.pdf;CARES Act Grant Amounts (Paragraphs 2-4).pdf;
Good morning,

Please find attached, the CARES Act airport grant funding amounts by airport and state. This information is also published on the FAA's website. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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CARES ACT GRANT AMOUNTS TO AIRPORTS (pursuant to Paragraphs 2-4)

Summary By State

		Totals
AK	Alaska	\$124,179,623
AL	Alabama	\$53,969,530
AR	Arkansas	\$51,307,856
AS	American Samoa	\$1,381,262
AZ	Arizona	\$224,869,172
CA	California	\$1,088,980,881
CO	Colorado	\$366,981,543
CT	Connecticut	\$30,344,477
DE	Delaware	\$257,000
FL	Florida	\$896,185,020
GA	Georgia	\$410,817,650
GU	Guam	\$20,693,369
HI	Hawaii	\$133,334,924
IA	Iowa	\$70,467,304
ID	Idaho	\$44,196,705
IL	Illinois	\$446,739,181
IN	Indiana	\$96,523,889
KS	Kansas	\$53,420,413
KY	Kentucky	\$77,229,257
LA	Louisiana	\$83,752,300
MA	Massachusetts	\$171,047,775
MD	Maryland	\$107,731,471
ME	Maine	\$36,168,767
MI	Michigan	\$256,958,771
MN	Minnesota	\$158,378,970
MO	Missouri	\$152,485,486
MP	Saipan/Trinian Islands	\$22,759,818
MS	Mississippi	\$34,855,031
MT	Montana	\$73,821,822
NC	North Carolina	\$283,706,816
ND	North Dakota	\$85,019,529
NE	Nebraska	\$64,602,994
NH	New Hampshire	\$15,224,474
NJ	New Jersey	\$160,899,848
NM	New Mexico	\$25,229,608
NV	Nevada	\$231,448,014
NY	New York	\$411,274,414
OH	Ohio	\$108,807,073
OK	Oklahoma	\$42,202,730
OR	Oregon	\$140,163,415
PA	Pennsylvania	\$239,219,867
PR	Puerto Rico	\$42,975,834
RI	Rhode Island	\$24,017,194

		Totals
SC	South Carolina	\$97,263,094
SD	South Dakota	\$36,248,983
TN	Tennessee	\$124,092,305
TX	Texas	\$811,535,430
UT	Utah	\$93,363,009
VA	Virginia	\$309,729,391
VI	Virgin Islands	\$41,145,247
VT	Vermont	\$9,000,115
WA	Washington	\$310,329,949
WI	Wisconsin	\$83,193,654
WV	West Virginia	\$9,398,777
WY	Wyoming	\$49,758,279
Totals		\$9,139,689,312

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Detailed Listing By State, City And Airport

State	City	Airport Name	LOC_ID	Grand Totals
AK	Alaskan Consolidated Airports	Multiple [individual airports listed separately]	AKAP	\$16,855,355
AK	Adak (Naval) Station/Mitchell Field	Adak	ADK	\$30,000
AK	Akhiok	Akhiok	AKK	\$20,000
AK	Akiachak	Akiachak	Z13	\$30,000
AK	Akiak	Akiak	AKI	\$30,000
AK	Akutan	Akutan	7AK	\$20,000
AK	Akutan	Akutan	KQA	\$20,000
AK	Alakanuk	Alakanuk	AUK	\$30,000
AK	Allakaket	Allakaket	6A8	\$20,000
AK	Ambler	Ambler	AFM	\$30,000
AK	Anaktuvuk Pass	Anaktuvuk Pass	AKP	\$30,000
AK	Anchorage	Lake Hood	LHD	\$1,053,070
AK	Anchorage	Merrill Field	MRI	\$17,898,468
AK	Anchorage	Ted Stevens Anchorage International	ANC	\$26,376,060
AK	Anchorage (Borough)	Goose Bay	Z40	\$1,000
AK	Angoon	Angoon	AGN	\$20,000
AK	Aniak	Aniak	ANI	\$1,052,884
AK	Aniak (Census Subarea)	Togiak	TOG	\$20,000
AK	Aniak (Census Subarea)	Twin Hills	A63	\$20,000
AK	Anvik	Anvik	ANV	\$20,000
AK	Arctic Village	Arctic Village	ARC	\$20,000
AK	Atka	Atka	AKA	\$20,000
AK	Atmautluak	Atmautluak	4A2	\$30,000
AK	Atkasuk	Atkasuk Edward Burnell Sr Memorial	ATK	\$20,000
AK	Barrow	Wiley Post-Will Rogers Memorial	BRW	\$1,191,121
AK	Barrow (County)	Wainwright	AWI	\$30,000
AK	Beaver	Beaver	WBQ	\$20,000
AK	Bethel	Bethel	BET	\$2,271,355
AK	Bettles	Bettles	BTT	\$20,000
AK	Big Lake	Big Lake	BGQ	\$30,000
AK	Birch Creek	Birch Creek	Z91	\$20,000
AK	Birchwood	Birchwood	BCV	\$30,000
AK	Boundary	Boundary	BYA	\$20,000
AK	Brevig Mission	Brevig Mission	KTS	\$30,000
AK	Bristol Bay (Borough)	Aleknagik /New	5A8	\$20,000
AK	Bristol Bay (Borough)	Igiugig	IGG	\$20,000
AK	Bristol Bay (Borough)	Koliganek	JZZ	\$20,000
AK	Bristol Bay (Borough)	Manokotak	MBA	\$20,000
AK	Bristol Bay (Borough)	New Stuyahok	KNW	\$20,000
AK	Bristol Bay (Borough)	Pedro Bay	4K0	\$20,000
AK	Bristol Bay (Borough)	Portage Creek	A14	\$20,000
AK	Buckland	Buckland	BVK	\$30,000
AK	Central	Central	CEM	\$20,000
AK	Chalkyitsik	Chalkyitsik	CIK	\$20,000
AK	Chandalar	Chandalar Lake	WCR	\$20,000
AK	Chefornak	Chefornak	CFK	\$30,000
AK	Chevak	Chevak	VAK	\$30,000
AK	Chicken	Chicken	CKX	\$20,000

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AK	Chignik	Chignik	AJC	\$20,000
AK	Chignik Flats	Chignik Lagoon	KCL	\$20,000
AK	Chignik Lake	Chignik Lake	A79	\$20,000
AK	Chisana	Chisana	CZN	\$20,000
AK	Chuathbaluk	Chuathbaluk	9A3	\$20,000
AK	Circle	Circle City	CRC	\$20,000
AK	Circle Hot Springs	Circle Hot Springs	CHP	\$1,000
AK	Clarks Point	Clarks Point	CLP	\$20,000
AK	Clear	Clear	Z84	\$1,000
AK	Coffman Cove	Coffman Cove	KCC	\$20,000
AK	Cold Bay	Cold Bay	CDB	\$30,000
AK	Coldfoot	Coldfoot	CXF	\$30,000
AK	Cordova	Cordova Municipal	CKU	\$20,000
AK	Cordova	Merle K (Mudhole) Smith	CDV	\$1,072,638
AK	Council	Council	K29	\$20,000
AK	Craig	Craig	CGA	\$20,000
AK	Crooked Creek	Crooked Creek	CJX	\$20,000
AK	Dahl Creek	Dahl Creek	DCK	\$1,000
AK	Deadhorse	Deadhorse	SCC	\$1,179,621
AK	Deering	Deering	DEE	\$20,000
AK	Dillingham	Dillingham	DLG	\$1,141,936
AK	Diomedes	Diomedes	DM2	\$20,000
AK	Eagle	Eagle	EAA	\$20,000
AK	Eek	Eek	EEK	\$30,000
AK	Egegik	Egegik	EII	\$20,000
AK	Ekwok	Ekwok	KEK	\$20,000
AK	Elfin Cove	Elfin Cove	ELV	\$20,000
AK	Elim	Elim	ELI	\$30,000
AK	Emmonak	Emmonak	ENM	\$637,512
AK	English Bay	Nanwalek	KEB	\$20,000
AK	Eureka	Gulkana	GKN	\$20,000
AK	Fairbanks	Fairbanks International	FAI	\$5,704,159
AK	Fairbanks North Star (Borough)	Northway	ORT	\$20,000
AK	False Pass	False Pass	KFP	\$20,000
AK	Flat	Flat	FLT	\$20,000
AK	Fort Yukon	Fort Yukon	FYU	\$30,000
AK	Funter Bay	Funter Bay	FNR	\$20,000
AK	Galena	Edward G Pitka Sr	GAL	\$38,841
AK	Gambell	Gambell	GAM	\$30,000
AK	Girdwood	Girdwood	AQY	\$20,000
AK	Golovin	Golovin	GLV	\$20,000
AK	Goodnews Bay	Goodnews	GNU	\$20,000
AK	Grayling	Grayling	KGX	\$20,000
AK	Gustavus	Gustavus	GST	\$1,045,355
AK	Haines	Haines	3Z9	\$1,000
AK	Haines	Haines	HNS	\$33,023
AK	Hollis	Clark Bay	HYL	\$20,000
AK	Holy Cross	Holy Cross	HCA	\$20,000
AK	Homer	Homer	HOM	\$1,192,837
AK	Hoonah	Hoonah	HNH	\$30,000

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AK	Hoonah	Hoonah	OOH	\$1,000
AK	Hooper Bay	Hooper Bay	HPB	\$30,000
AK	Hughes	Hughes	HUS	\$20,000
AK	Huslia	Huslia	HLA	\$30,000
AK	Hydaburg	Hydaburg	HYG	\$20,000
AK	Hyder	Hyder	4Z7	\$20,000
AK	Iliamna	Iliamna	ILI	\$30,000
AK	Juneau	Juneau Harbor	5Z1	\$20,000
AK	Juneau	Juneau International	JNU	\$21,736,343
AK	Kake	Baranof Warm Springs Float and Seaplane Fl	BNF	\$1,000
AK	Kake	Kake	AFE	\$20,000
AK	Kake	Kake	KAE	\$30,000
AK	Kaktovik	Barter Island	BTI	\$30,000
AK	Kalskag	Kalskag	KLG	\$30,000
AK	Kaltag	Kaltag	KAL	\$20,000
AK	Kantishna	Kantishna	5Z5	\$20,000
AK	Karluk	Karluk	KYK	\$20,000
AK	Kasaan	Kasaan	KXA	\$20,000
AK	Kasigluk	Kasigluk	Z09	\$30,000
AK	Kenai	Kenai Municipal	ENA	\$1,622,758
AK	Ketchikan	Ketchikan International	KTN	\$2,041,089
AK	Ketchikan	Murphys Pullout	8K9	\$1,000
AK	Kiana	Bob Baker Memorial	IAN	\$30,000
AK	King Cove	King Cove	KVC	\$20,000
AK	King Salmon	King Salmon	AKN	\$1,181,580
AK	Kipnuk	Kipnuk	IIK	\$30,000
AK	Kitoi Bay	Kitoi Bay	KKB	\$20,000
AK	Kivalina	Kivalina	KVL	\$30,000
AK	Klawock	Klawock	AKW	\$1,055,559
AK	Klawock	Klawock	AQC	\$1,000
AK	Kobuk	Kobuk	OBU	\$20,000
AK	Kodiak	Kodiak	ADQ	\$1,443,837
AK	Kodiak	Kodiak Municipal	KDK	\$20,000
AK	Kodiak	Trident Basin	T44	\$20,000
AK	Kodiak Island (Borough)	Ugashik	9A8	\$20,000
AK	Kokhanok	Kokhanok	9K2	\$20,000
AK	Kongiganak	Kongiganak	DUY	\$30,000
AK	Kotlik	Kotlik	2A9	\$30,000
AK	Kotzebue	Ralph Wien Memorial	OTZ	\$1,284,193
AK	Koyuk	Koyuk Alfred Adams	KKA	\$20,000
AK	Koyukuk	Koyukuk	KYU	\$20,000
AK	Kwethluk	Kwethluk	KWT	\$30,000
AK	Kwigillingok	Kwigillingok	GGV	\$30,000
AK	Lake Louise	Lake Louise	Z55	\$20,000
AK	Lake Minchumina	Minchumina	MHM	\$20,000
AK	Larsen Bay	Larsen Bay	2A3	\$20,000
AK	Levelock	Levelock	9Z8	\$20,000
AK	Lime Village	Lime Village	2AK	\$20,000
AK	Manley Hot Springs	Manley Hot Springs	MLY	\$20,000
AK	Marshall	Marshall Don Hunter Sr	MDM	\$30,000

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AK	Matanuska-Susitna (Borough)	Chitina	CXC	\$20,000
AK	Matanuska-Susitna (Borough)	Tatitlek	7KA	\$20,000
AK	Matanuska-Susitna (Borough)	Whittier	IEM	\$1,000
AK	May Creek	May Creek	MYK	\$20,000
AK	McCarthy	McCarthy	15Z	\$20,000
AK	McGrath	McGrath	MCG	\$20,000
AK	Mekoryuk	Mekoryuk	MYU	\$20,000
AK	Metlakatla	Metlakatla	MTM	\$20,000
AK	Meyers Chuck	Meyers Chuck	84K	\$1,000
AK	Minto	Minto Al Wright	51Z	\$20,000
AK	Mountain Village	Mountain Village	MOU	\$30,000
AK	Naknek	Naknek	5NK	\$20,000
AK	Napakiak	Napakiak	WNA	\$20,000
AK	Napaskiak	Napaskiak	PKA	\$20,000
AK	Nelson Lagoon	Nelson Lagoon	OUL	\$20,000
AK	Nenana	Nenana Municipal	ENN	\$30,000
AK	Newtok	Newtok	EWU	\$20,000
AK	Nightmute	Nightmute	IGT	\$20,000
AK	Nikolai	Nikolai	FSP	\$20,000
AK	Noatak	Noatak	WTK	\$30,000
AK	Nome	Nome	OME	\$1,263,834
AK	Nome (Census Area)	Galbraith Lake	GBH	\$20,000
AK	Nondalton	Nondalton	5NN	\$20,000
AK	Noorvik	Robert /Bob/ Curtis Memorial	D76	\$30,000
AK	North Whale Pass	Whale Pass Seaplane Float Harbor Facility	96Z	\$20,000
AK	Nuiqsut	Nuiqsut	AQT	\$20,000
AK	Nulato	Nulato	NUL	\$30,000
AK	Nunapitchuk	Nunapitchuk	16A	\$30,000
AK	Old Harbor	Old Harbor	6R7	\$20,000
AK	Ophir	Ophir	Z17	\$1,000
AK	Ouzinkie	Ouzinkie	4K5	\$20,000
AK	Palmer	Warren "Bud" Woods Palmer Municipal	PAQ	\$30,000
AK	Pelican	Pelican	PEC	\$20,000
AK	Perryville	Perryville	PEV	\$20,000
AK	Petersburg	Lloyd R Roundtree Seaplane Facility	63A	\$1,000
AK	Petersburg	Petersburg James A Johnson	PSG	\$1,100,889
AK	Pilot Point	Pilot Point	PNP	\$20,000
AK	Pilot Station	Pilot Station	0AK	\$30,000
AK	Platinum	Platinum	PTU	\$20,000
AK	Point Baker	Point Baker	KPB	\$1,000
AK	Point Hope	Point Hope	PHO	\$30,000
AK	Point Lay	Point Lay LRRS	PIZ	\$20,000
AK	Port Graham	Port Graham	PGM	\$20,000
AK	Port Heiden	Port Heiden	PTH	\$20,000
AK	Port Lions	Port Lions	ORI	\$20,000
AK	Port Protection	Port Protection	19P	\$20,000
AK	Quinhagak	Quinhagak	AQH	\$30,000
AK	Rampart	Rampart	RMP	\$20,000
AK	Red Devil	Red Devil	RDV	\$20,000
AK	Ruby	Ruby	RBV	\$20,000

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AK	Russian Mission	Russian Mission	RSH	\$30,000
AK	Saint Paul Island	St Paul Island	SNP	\$30,000
AK	Sand Point	Sand Point	SDP	\$30,000
AK	Savoonga	Savoonga	SVA	\$30,000
AK	Scammon Bay	Scammon Bay	SCM	\$30,000
AK	Selawik	Selawik	WLK	\$30,000
AK	Seldovia	Seldovia	SOV	\$30,000
AK	Seward	Hope	5HO	\$1,000
AK	Seward	Seward	SWD	\$30,000
AK	Seward (County)	Chenega Bay	C05	\$20,000
AK	Shageluk	Shageluk	SHX	\$20,000
AK	Shaktoolik	Shaktoolik	2C7	\$30,000
AK	Sheldon Point	Nunam Iqua	SXP	\$20,000
AK	Shishmaref	Shishmaref	SHH	\$30,000
AK	Shungnak	Shungnak	SHG	\$20,000
AK	Sitka	Sitka	A29	\$1,000
AK	Sitka	Sitka Rocky Gutierrez	SIT	\$1,524,494
AK	Skagway	Skagway	SGY	\$30,135
AK	Skagway-Yakutat-Angoon (Census	Excursion Inlet	EXI	\$20,000
AK	Skwentna	Skwentna	SKW	\$20,000
AK	Sleetmute	Sleetmute	SLQ	\$20,000
AK	Soldotna	Soldotna	SXQ	\$30,000
AK	South Naknek	South Naknek Nr 2	WSN	\$20,000
AK	St. George	St George	PBV	\$20,000
AK	St. Mary's (ANV/ANVSA)	St Mary's	KSM	\$1,047,079
AK	St. Michael (ANV/ANVSA)	St Michael	SMK	\$20,000
AK	Stebbins	Stebbins	WBB	\$30,000
AK	Stevens Village	Stevens Village	SVS	\$20,000
AK	Stony River	Stony River 2	SRV	\$20,000
AK	Takotna	Takotna	TCT	\$20,000
AK	Talkeetna	Talkeetna	TKA	\$30,000
AK	Tanana	Ralph M Calhoun Memorial	TAL	\$20,000
AK	Telida	Telida	2K5	\$20,000
AK	Teller	Teller	TER	\$20,000
AK	Tenakee Springs	Tenakee	TKE	\$20,000
AK	Tetlin	Tetlin	3T4	\$20,000
AK	Thorne Bay	Thorne Bay	KTB	\$20,000
AK	Tok	Tok Junction	6K8	\$30,000
AK	Tuluksak	Tuluksak	TLT	\$30,000
AK	Tuntutuliak	Tuntutuliak	A61	\$30,000
AK	Tununak	Tununak	4KA	\$20,000
AK	Unalakleet	Unalakleet	UNK	\$1,066,689
AK	Unalaska	Unalaska	DUT	\$1,120,265
AK	Valdez	Valdez Pioneer Field	VDZ	\$1,041,351
AK	Venetie	Venetie	VEE	\$20,000
AK	Wade Hampton (Census Area)	Toksook Bay	OOK	\$30,000
AK	Wales	Wales	IWK	\$20,000
AK	Wasilla	Wasilla	IYS	\$30,000
AK	White Mountain	White Mountain	WMO	\$20,000
AK	Willow	Willow	UWO	\$30,000

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AK	Wiseman	Chandalar Shelf	5CD	\$20,000
AK	Wiseman	Wiseman	WSM	\$1,000
AK	Wrangell	Wrangell	68A	\$20,000
AK	Wrangell	Wrangell	WRG	\$1,057,740
AK	Wrangell-Petersburg (Census Area)	Port Alexander	AHP	\$20,000
AK	Yakutat	Yakutat	2Y3	\$1,000
AK	Yakutat	Yakutat	YAK	\$1,048,552
AK	Yukon-Koyukuk (Census Area)	Healy River	HRR	\$20,000
AK	Yukon-Koyukuk (Census Area)	Prospect Creek	PPC	\$1,000
AL	Abbeville	Abbeville Municipal	0J0	\$1,000
AL	Alabaster	Shelby County	EET	\$69,000
AL	Albertville	Albertville Regional-Thomas J Brumlik Field	8A0	\$69,000
AL	Alexander City	Thomas C Russell Field	ALX	\$69,000
AL	Aliceville	George Downer	AIV	\$1,000
AL	Andalusia	South Alabama Regional at Bill Benton Field	79J	\$30,000
AL	Anniston	Anniston Regional	ANB	\$20,000
AL	Ashland	Ashland/Lineville	26A	\$20,000
AL	Atmore	Atmore Municipal	0R1	\$20,000
AL	Auburn	Auburn University Regional	AUO	\$69,000
AL	Bay Minette	Bay Minette Municipal	1R8	\$20,000
AL	Bessemer	Bessemer	EKY	\$69,000
AL	Birmingham	Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International	BHM	\$18,745,394
AL	Brewton	Brewton Municipal	12J	\$30,000
AL	Butler	Butler-Choctaw County	09A	\$1,000
AL	Camden	Camden Municipal	61A	\$20,000
AL	Centre	Centre-Piedmont-Cherokee County Regional	PYP	\$30,000
AL	Centreville	Bibb County	0A8	\$20,000
AL	Clanton	Chilton County	02A	\$30,000
AL	Clayton	Clayton Municipal	11A	\$1,000
AL	Courtland	Courtland	9A4	\$30,000
AL	Cullman	Cullman Regional-Folsom Field	CMD	\$69,000
AL	Dauphin Island	Jeremiah Denton	4R9	\$20,000
AL	Decatur	Pryor Field Regional	DCU	\$69,000
AL	Demopolis	Demopolis Regional	DYA	\$30,000
AL	Dothan	Dothan Regional	DHN	\$1,449,039
AL	Elba	Carl Folsom	14J	\$30,000
AL	Enterprise	Enterprise Municipal	EDN	\$30,000
AL	Eufaula	Weedon Field	EUF	\$30,000
AL	Evergreen	Evergreen Regional/Middleton Field	GZH	\$20,000
AL	Fairhope	H. L. (Sonny) Callahan	CQF	\$69,000
AL	Fayette	Richard Arthur Field	M95	\$20,000
AL	Florala	Florala Municipal	0J4	\$20,000
AL	Foley	Foley Municipal	5R4	\$30,000
AL	Fort Payne	Isbell Field	4A9	\$69,000
AL	Gadsden	Northeast Alabama Regional	GAD	\$30,000
AL	Geneva	Geneva Municipal	33J	\$30,000
AL	Greensboro	Greensboro Municipal	7A0	\$20,000
AL	Greenville	MacCrenshaw Memorial	PRN	\$20,000
AL	Gulf Shores	Jack Edwards National	JKA	\$69,000
AL	Guntersville	Guntersville Municipal - Joe Starnes Field	8A1	\$30,000

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AL	Haleyville	Posey Field	1M4	\$20,000
AL	Hamilton	Marion County-Rankin Fite	HAB	\$30,000
AL	Hartselle	Hartselle-Morgan County Regional	5M0	\$30,000
AL	Headland	Headland Municipal	0J6	\$30,000
AL	Huntsville	Huntsville Executive Tom Sharp Jr Field	MDQ	\$30,000
AL	Huntsville	Huntsville International-Carl T Jones Field	HSV	\$13,785,691
AL	Jackson	Jackson Municipal	4R3	\$1,000
AL	Jasper	Walker County-Bevill Field	JFX	\$30,000
AL	Lanett	Lanett Municipal	7A3	\$20,000
AL	Marion	Vaiden Field	A08	\$20,000
AL	Mobile	Mobile Downtown	BFM	\$69,000
AL	Mobile	Mobile Regional	MOB	\$15,103,747
AL	Monroeville	Monroe County Aeroplex	MVC	\$30,000
AL	Montgomery	Montgomery Regional (Dannelly Field)	MGM	\$2,576,658
AL	Muscle Shoals	Northwest Alabama Regional	MSL	\$69,000
AL	Oneonta	Robbins Field	20A	\$20,000
AL	Ozark	Ozark-Blackwell Field	71J	\$30,000
AL	Pell City	St Clair County	PLR	\$30,000
AL	Prattville	Prattville - Grouby Field	1A9	\$30,000
AL	Reform	North Pickens	3M8	\$20,000
AL	Roanoke	Roanoke Municipal	7A5	\$20,000
AL	Russellville	Bill Pugh Field	M22	\$20,000
AL	Scottsboro	Scottsboro Municipal-Word Field	4A6	\$30,000
AL	Selma	Craig Field	SEM	\$20,000
AL	St. Elmo	St Elmo	2R5	\$30,000
AL	Sylacauga	Merkel Field Sylacauga Municipal	SCD	\$30,000
AL	Talladega	Talladega Municipal	ASN	\$30,000
AL	Troy	Troy Municipal at N Kenneth Campbell Field	TOI	\$69,000
AL	Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa Regional	TCL	\$157,000
AL	Tuskegee	Moton Field Municipal	06A	\$20,000
AL	Union Springs	Franklin Field	07A	\$20,000
AL	Wetumpka	Wetumpka Municipal	08A	\$30,000
AR	Almyra	Almyra Municipal	M73	\$20,000
AR	Arkadelphia	Dexter B Florence Memorial Field	ADF	\$30,000
AR	Ash Flat	Sharp County Regional	CVK	\$20,000
AR	Augusta	Woodruff County	M60	\$1,000
AR	Batesville	Batesville Regional	BVX	\$69,000
AR	Benton	Saline County Regional	SUZ	\$69,000
AR	Bentonville	Bentonville Municipal/Louise M Thaden Field	VBT	\$69,000
AR	Bentonville	Northwest Arkansas Regional	XNA	\$8,217,024
AR	Berryville	Carroll County	4M1	\$20,000
AR	Blytheville	Arkansas International	BYH	\$20,000
AR	Blytheville	Blytheville Municipal	HKA	\$20,000
AR	Brinkley	Frank Federer Memorial	M36	\$1,000
AR	Calico Rock	Calico Rock-Izard County	37T	\$1,000
AR	Camden	Harrell Field	CDH	\$20,000
AR	Carlisle	Carlisle Municipal	4M3	\$30,000
AR	Clarendon	Clarendon Municipal	4M8	\$20,000
AR	Clarksville	Clarksville Municipal	H35	\$30,000
AR	Clinton	Clinton Municipal	CCA	\$30,000

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AR	Colt	Delta Regional	DRP	\$20,000
AR	Conway	Cantrell Field	CXW	\$69,000
AR	Corning	Corning Municipal	4M9	\$20,000
AR	Crossett	Z M Jack Stell Field	CRT	\$20,000
AR	Danville	Danville Municipal	32A	\$1,000
AR	De Queen	J Lynn Helms Sevier County	DEQ	\$20,000
AR	De Witt	De Witt Municipal Airport Whitcomb Field	5M1	\$30,000
AR	Dumas	Billy Free Municipal	0M0	\$20,000
AR	El Dorado	South Arkansas Regional at Goodwin Field	ELD	\$69,000
AR	Fayetteville	Drake Field	FYV	\$69,000
AR	Flippin	Marion County Regional	FLP	\$20,000
AR	Fordyce	Fordyce Municipal	5M4	\$1,000
AR	Fort Smith	Fort Smith Regional	FSM	\$11,614,426
AR	Harrison	Boone County	HRO	\$69,000
AR	Heber Springs	Heber Springs Municipal	HBZ	\$30,000
AR	Hope	Hope Municipal	M18	\$30,000
AR	Horseshoe Bend	Horseshoe Bend	6M2	\$20,000
AR	Hot Springs	Memorial Field	HOT	\$2,945,915
AR	Jonesboro	Jonesboro Municipal	JBR	\$69,000
AR	Lake Village	Lake Village Municipal	M32	\$20,000
AR	Little Rock	Bill and Hillary Clinton National/Adams Field	LIT	\$25,159,788
AR	Magnolia	Ralph C Weiser Field	AGO	\$20,000
AR	Malvern	Malvern Municipal	M78	\$30,000
AR	Manila	Manila Municipal	MXA	\$30,000
AR	Marianna	Marianna/Lee County-Steve Edwards Field	6M7	\$1,000
AR	Marked Tree	Marked Tree Municipal	6M8	\$1,000
AR	Marshall	Searcy County	4A5	\$1,000
AR	McGehee	McGehee Municipal	7M1	\$20,000
AR	Melbourne	Melbourne Municipal - John E Miller Field	42A	\$30,000
AR	Mena	Mena Intermountain Municipal	MEZ	\$30,000
AR	Monticello	Monticello Municipal/Ellis Field	LLQ	\$30,000
AR	Morrilton	Morrilton Municipal	BDQ	\$30,000
AR	Morrilton	Petit Jean Park	MPJ	\$1,000
AR	Mount Ida	Bearce	7M3	\$20,000
AR	Mountain Home	Baxter County	BPK	\$30,000
AR	Nashville	Howard County	M77	\$1,000
AR	Newport	Newport Regional	M19	\$30,000
AR	North Little Rock	North Little Rock Municipal	ORK	\$69,000
AR	Osceola	Osceola Municipal	7M4	\$20,000
AR	Ozark	Ozark-Franklin County	7M5	\$20,000
AR	Paragould	Kirk Field	PGR	\$30,000
AR	Paris	Paris Municipal	7M6	\$1,000
AR	Piggott	Piggott Municipal	7M7	\$20,000
AR	Pine Bluff	Pine Bluff Regional Airport Grider Field	PBF	\$69,000
AR	Pocahontas	Pocahontas Municipal	M70	\$30,000
AR	Rogers	Rogers Executive - Carter Field	ROG	\$157,000
AR	Russellville	Russellville Regional	RUE	\$69,000
AR	Searcy	Searcy Municipal	SRC	\$69,000
AR	Sheridan	Sheridan Municipal	9M8	\$30,000
AR	Siloam Springs	Smith Field	SLG	\$30,000

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AR	Springdale	Springdale Municipal	ASG	\$69,000
AR	Texarkana	Texarkana Regional-Webb Field	TXK	\$1,154,703
AR	Ulm	Stuttgart Municipal Carl Humphrey Field	SGT	\$30,000
AR	Waldron	Waldron Municipal	M27	\$1,000
AR	Walnut Ridge	Walnut Ridge Regional	ARG	\$30,000
AR	Warren	Warren Municipal	3M9	\$1,000
AR	West Helena	Thompson-Robbins	HEE	\$30,000
AR	West Memphis	West Memphis Municipal	AWM	\$69,000
AS	Fitiuta	Fitiuta	FAQ	\$20,000
AS	Ofu Village	Ofu	Z08	\$20,000
AS	Pago Pago	Pago Pago International	PPG	\$1,341,262
AZ	Ajo	Eric Marcus Municipal	P01	\$20,000
AZ	Bagdad	Bagdad	E51	\$20,000
AZ	Benson	Benson Municipal	E95	\$30,000
AZ	Bisbee	Bisbee Municipal	P04	\$20,000
AZ	Buckeye	Buckeye Municipal	BXK	\$30,000
AZ	Bullhead City	Laughlin/Bullhead International	IFP	\$3,810,569
AZ	Casa Grande	Casa Grande Municipal	CGZ	\$30,000
AZ	Chandler	Chandler Municipal	CHD	\$69,000
AZ	Chinle	Chinle Municipal	E91	\$20,000
AZ	Cibecue	Cibecue	Z95	\$20,000
AZ	Clifton	Greenlee County	CFT	\$1,000
AZ	Colorado City	Colorado City Municipal	AZC	\$30,000
AZ	Coolidge	Coolidge Municipal	P08	\$30,000
AZ	Cottonwood	Cottonwood	P52	\$20,000
AZ	Douglas	Bisbee Douglas International	DUG	\$20,000
AZ	Eloy	Eloy Municipal	E60	\$30,000
AZ	Flagstaff	Flagstaff Pulliam	FLG	\$18,134,294
AZ	Fort Huachuca	Sierra Vista Municipal-Libby AAF	FHU	\$30,000
AZ	Gila Bend	Gila Bend Municipal	E63	\$20,000
AZ	Glendale	Glendale Municipal	GEU	\$69,000
AZ	Globe	San Carlos Apache	P13	\$20,000
AZ	Goodyear	Phoenix Goodyear	GYR	\$69,000
AZ	Grand Canyon	Grand Canyon National Park	GCN	\$3,474,498
AZ	Holbrook	Holbrook Municipal	P14	\$20,000
AZ	Kayenta	Kayenta	0V7	\$20,000
AZ	Kingman	Kingman	IGM	\$69,000
AZ	Lake Havasu City	Lake Havasu City	HII	\$69,000
AZ	Marana	Marana Regional	AVQ	\$69,000
AZ	Maricopa	Ak-Chin Regional	A39	\$20,000
AZ	Mesa	Falcon Field	FFZ	\$69,000
AZ	Mesa	Phoenix-Mesa Gateway	IWA	\$20,530,276
AZ	Nogales	Nogales International	OLS	\$30,000
AZ	Page	Page Municipal	PGA	\$1,157,769
AZ	Parker	Avi Suquilla	P20	\$20,000
AZ	Payson	Payson	PAN	\$30,000
AZ	Peach Springs	Grand Canyon West	1G4	\$30,000
AZ	Phoenix	Phoenix Deer Valley	DVT	\$157,000
AZ	Phoenix	Phoenix Sky Harbor International	PHX	\$147,883,988
AZ	Pinal (County)	Pinal Airpark	MZJ	\$20,000

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AZ	Polacca	Polacca	P10	\$20,000
AZ	Prescott	Prescott Regional - Ernest A Love Field	PRC	\$1,042,532
AZ	Safford	Safford Regional	SAD	\$30,000
AZ	Saint Johns	St Johns Industrial Air Park	SJN	\$20,000
AZ	San Manuel	San Manuel	E77	\$1,000
AZ	Scottsdale	Scottsdale	SDL	\$157,000
AZ	Sedona	Sedona	SEZ	\$69,000
AZ	Show Low	Show Low Regional	SOW	\$69,000
AZ	Springerville	Springerville Municipal	JTC	\$20,000
AZ	Taylor	Taylor	TYL	\$20,000
AZ	Tuba City	Tuba City	T03	\$20,000
AZ	Tucson	Ryan Field	RYN	\$69,000
AZ	Tucson	Tucson International	TUS	\$22,558,891
AZ	Whiteriver	Whiteriver	E24	\$20,000
AZ	Wickenburg	Wickenburg Municipal	E25	\$30,000
AZ	Willcox	Cochise County	P33	\$30,000
AZ	Williams	H A Clark Memorial Field	CMR	\$20,000
AZ	Window Rock	Window Rock	RQE	\$20,000
AZ	Winslow	Winslow-Lindbergh Regional	INW	\$20,000
AZ	Yuma	Yuma MCAS/Yuma International	NYL	\$4,420,354
CA	Alturas	Alturas Municipal	AAT	\$20,000
CA	Alturas	Tulelake Municipal	O81	\$20,000
CA	Apple Valley	Apple Valley	APV	\$30,000
CA	Arcata	California Redwood Coast-Humboldt County	ACV	\$18,141,626
CA	Atwater	Castle	MER	\$30,000
CA	Auburn	Auburn Municipal	AUN	\$30,000
CA	Bakersfield	Bakersfield Municipal	L45	\$30,000
CA	Bakersfield	Meadows Field	BFL	\$1,758,998
CA	Banning	Banning Municipal	BNG	\$30,000
CA	Beckwourth	Nervino	O02	\$30,000
CA	Big Bear City	Big Bear City	L35	\$30,000
CA	Bishop	Bishop	BIH	\$30,000
CA	Blythe	Blythe	BLH	\$20,000
CA	Boonville	Boonville	D83	\$20,000
CA	Borrego Springs	Borrego Valley	L08	\$20,000
CA	Brawley	Brawley Municipal	BWC	\$30,000
CA	Bridgeport	Bryant Field	O57	\$1,000
CA	Burbank	Bob Hope	BUR	\$21,081,611
CA	Byron	Byron	C83	\$69,000
CA	Calexico	Calexico International	CXL	\$30,000
CA	California City	California City Municipal	L71	\$20,000
CA	Camarillo	Camarillo	CMA	\$157,000
CA	Cameron Park	Cameron Park	O61	\$30,000
CA	Carlsbad	McClellan-Palomar	CRQ	\$157,000
CA	Cedarville	Cedarville	O59	\$1,000
CA	Chester	Rogers Field	O05	\$20,000
CA	Chico	Chico Municipal	CIC	\$20,000
CA	Chino	Chino	CNO	\$157,000
CA	Chowchilla	Chowchilla	2O6	\$30,000
CA	Cloverdale	Cloverdale Municipal	O60	\$30,000

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CA	Coalinga	New Coalinga Municipal	C80	\$20,000
CA	Columbia	Columbia	O22	\$30,000
CA	Colusa	Colusa County	O08	\$30,000
CA	Compton	Compton/Woodley	CPM	\$30,000
CA	Concord	Buchanan Field	CCR	\$1,053,806
CA	Corning	Corning Municipal	004	\$20,000
CA	Corona	Corona Municipal	AJO	\$30,000
CA	Covelo	Round Valley	O09	\$1,000
CA	Crescent City	Jack McNamara Field	CEC	\$69,000
CA	Daggett	Barstow-Daggett	DAG	\$20,000
CA	Davis	University	EDU	\$30,000
CA	Davis	Yolo County	DWA	\$30,000
CA	Delano	Delano Municipal	DLO	\$20,000
CA	Dorris	Butte Valley	A32	\$1,000
CA	Dunsmuir	Dunsmuir Municipal-Mott	106	\$20,000
CA	El Monte	San Gabriel Valley	EMT	\$69,000
CA	Eureka	Kneeland	O19	\$1,000
CA	Eureka	Murray Field	EKA	\$30,000
CA	Fall River Mills	Fall River Mills	O89	\$20,000
CA	Fallbrook	Fallbrook Community Airpark	L18	\$30,000
CA	Firebaugh	Firebaugh	F34	\$20,000
CA	Fort Jones	Scott Valley	A30	\$30,000
CA	Fortuna	Rohnerville	FOT	\$20,000
CA	Franklin	Franklin Field	F72	\$20,000
CA	Fresno	Fresno Chandler Executive	FCH	\$69,000
CA	Fresno	Fresno Yosemite International	FAT	\$12,935,441
CA	Fullerton	Fullerton Municipal	FUL	\$69,000
CA	Garberville	Garberville	O16	\$20,000
CA	Georgetown	Georgetown	E36	\$30,000
CA	Grass Valley	Nevada County	GOO	\$30,000
CA	Groveland	Pine Mountain Lake	E45	\$30,000
CA	Gustine	Gustine	3O1	\$30,000
CA	Half Moon Bay	Half Moon Bay	HAF	\$30,000
CA	Hanford	Hanford Municipal	HJO	\$30,000
CA	Happy Camp	Happy Camp	36S	\$1,000
CA	Havasu Lake	Chemehuevi Valley	49X	\$20,000
CA	Hawthorne	Jack Northrop Field/Hawthorne Municipal	HHR	\$69,000
CA	Hayfork	Hayfork	F62	\$20,000
CA	Hayward	Hayward Executive	HWD	\$157,000
CA	Healdsburg	Healdsburg Municipal	HES	\$30,000
CA	Hemet	Hemet-Ryan	HMT	\$30,000
CA	Hollister	Hollister Municipal	CVH	\$30,000
CA	Hoopa	Hoopa	O21	\$20,000
CA	Imperial	Imperial County	IPL	\$69,000
CA	Independence	Independence	207	\$1,000
CA	Inyo (County)	Trona	L72	\$20,000
CA	Inyokern	Inyokern	IYK	\$20,000
CA	Jackson	Westover Field Amador County	JAQ	\$30,000
CA	Kernville	Kern Valley	L05	\$20,000
CA	King City	Mesa Del Rey	KIC	\$30,000

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CA	La Verne	Brackett Field	POC	\$69,000
CA	Lakeport	Lampson Field	1O2	\$30,000
CA	Lancaster	General Wm J Fox Airfield	WJF	\$69,000
CA	Lee Vining	Lee Vining	O24	\$1,000
CA	Lincoln	Lincoln Regional/Karl Harder Field	LHM	\$69,000
CA	Little River	Little River	LLR	\$30,000
CA	Livermore	Livermore Municipal	LVK	\$69,000
CA	Lompoc	Lompoc	LPC	\$30,000
CA	Lone Pine	Lone Pine/Death Valley	O26	\$20,000
CA	Long Beach	Long Beach /Daugherty Field/	LGB	\$18,403,630
CA	Los Angeles	Los Angeles International	LAX	\$323,636,269
CA	Los Angeles	Whiteman	WHP	\$69,000
CA	Los Banos	Los Banos Municipal	LSN	\$30,000
CA	Madera	Madera Municipal	MAE	\$69,000
CA	Mammoth Lakes	Mammoth Yosemite	MMH	\$1,096,783
CA	Marina	Marina Municipal	OAR	\$30,000
CA	Mariposa	Mariposa-Yosemite	MPI	\$30,000
CA	Marysville	Yuba County	MYV	\$30,000
CA	Mendota	William Robert Johnston Municipal	M90	\$1,000
CA	Merced	Merced Regional/Macready Field	MCE	\$16,885,618
CA	Merced	Turlock Municipal	O15	\$30,000
CA	Modesto	Modesto City County-Harry Sham Field	MOD	\$69,000
CA	Mojave	Mojave Air and Space Port	MHV	\$30,000
CA	Montague	Siskiyou County	SIY	\$30,000
CA	Monterey	Monterey Regional	MRY	\$12,664,025
CA	Napa	Napa County	APC	\$69,000
CA	Needles	Needles	EED	\$20,000
CA	Novato	Gnoss Field	DVO	\$69,000
CA	Oakdale	Oakdale	O27	\$30,000
CA	Oakland	Metropolitan Oakland International	OAK	\$44,662,438
CA	Oceano	Oceano County	L52	\$30,000
CA	Oceanside	Bob Maxwell Memorial Airfield	OKB	\$30,000
CA	Ontario	Ontario International	ONT	\$22,184,140
CA	Orland	Haigh Field	O37	\$30,000
CA	Oroville	Oroville Municipal	OVE	\$30,000
CA	Oxnard	Oxnard	OXR	\$69,000
CA	Palm Springs	Jacqueline Cochran Regional	TRM	\$69,000
CA	Palm Springs	Palm Springs International	PSP	\$11,067,877
CA	Palmdale	Palmdale USAF Plant 42	PMD	\$1,000
CA	Palo Alto	Palo Alto	PAO	\$69,000
CA	Paso Robles	Paso Robles Municipal	PRB	\$69,000
CA	Petaluma	Petaluma Municipal	O69	\$69,000
CA	Placerville	Placerville	PVF	\$30,000
CA	Porterville	Porterville Municipal	PTV	\$30,000
CA	Quincy	Gansner Field	2O1	\$30,000
CA	Ramona	Ramona	RNM	\$69,000
CA	Red Bluff	Red Bluff Municipal	RBL	\$30,000
CA	Redding	Benton Field	O85	\$30,000
CA	Redding	Redding Municipal	RDD	\$1,248,075
CA	Redlands	Redlands Municipal	REI	\$30,000

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CA	Reedley	Reedley Municipal	O32	\$30,000
CA	Rio Vista	Rio Vista Municipal	O88	\$30,000
CA	Riverside	March ARB	RIV	\$157,000
CA	Riverside	Riverside Municipal	RAL	\$69,000
CA	Riverside (County)	French Valley	F70	\$69,000
CA	Ruth	Ruth	T42	\$1,000
CA	Sacramento	McClellan Airfield	MCC	\$1,000
CA	Sacramento	Sacramento Executive	SAC	\$69,000
CA	Sacramento	Sacramento International	SMF	\$49,840,864
CA	Sacramento	Sacramento Mather	MHR	\$30,000
CA	Salinas	Salinas Municipal	SNS	\$69,000
CA	San Andreas	Calaveras County-Maury Rasmussen Field	CPU	\$30,000
CA	San Bernardino	San Bernardino International	SBD	\$69,000
CA	San Carlos	San Carlos	SQL	\$69,000
CA	San Diego	Brown Field Municipal	SDM	\$157,000
CA	San Diego	Gillespie Field	SEE	\$157,000
CA	San Diego	Montgomery-Gibbs Executive	MYF	\$69,000
CA	San Diego	San Diego International	SAN	\$91,221,894
CA	San Francisco International Airport	San Francisco International	SFO	\$254,780,449
CA	San Jose	Norman Y Mineta San Jose International	SJC	\$65,633,236
CA	San Jose	Reid-Hillview of Santa Clara County	RHV	\$69,000
CA	San Luis Obispo	San Luis County Regional	SBP	\$20,081,810
CA	San Martin	San Martin	E16	\$30,000
CA	Santa Ana	John Wayne Airport-Orange County	SNA	\$44,910,254
CA	Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara Municipal	SBA	\$9,555,321
CA	Santa Maria	Santa Maria Public/Capt G Allan Hancock Fie	SMX	\$1,094,668
CA	Santa Monica	Santa Monica Municipal	SMO	\$69,000
CA	Santa Rosa	Charles M Schulz - Sonoma County	STS	\$19,661,086
CA	Santa Ynez	Santa Ynez	IZA	\$30,000
CA	Shafter	Shafter-Minter Field	MIT	\$30,000
CA	Shelter Cove	Shelter Cove	0Q5	\$1,000
CA	South Lake Tahoe	Lake Tahoe	TVL	\$30,000
CA	Stockton	Stockton Metropolitan	SCK	\$18,550,962
CA	Susanville	Susanville Municipal	SVE	\$30,000
CA	Taft	Taft-Kern County	L17	\$30,000
CA	Tehachapi	Tehachapi Municipal	TSP	\$30,000
CA	Torrance	Zamperini Field	TOA	\$69,000
CA	Tracy	Tracy Municipal	TCY	\$30,000
CA	Trinity Center	Trinity Center	O86	\$30,000
CA	Truckee	Truckee-Tahoe	TRK	\$157,000
CA	Tulare	Mefford Field	TLR	\$30,000
CA	Twentynine Palms	Twentynine Palms	TNP	\$20,000
CA	Ukiah	Ukiah Municipal	UKI	\$30,000
CA	Upland	Cable	CCB	\$69,000
CA	Vacaville	Nut Tree	VCB	\$69,000
CA	Van Nuys	Van Nuys	VNY	\$157,000
CA	Victorville	Southern California Logistics	VCV	\$157,000
CA	Visalia	Sequoia Field	D86	\$20,000
CA	Visalia	Visalia Municipal	VIS	\$69,000
CA	Wasco	Wasco-Kern County	L19	\$1,000

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CA	Watsonville	Watsonville Municipal	WVI	\$69,000
CA	Weaverville	Lonnie Pool Field/Weaverville	O54	\$1,000
CA	Weed	Weed	O46	\$20,000
CA	Willits	Ells Field-Willits Municipal	O28	\$30,000
CA	Willow Creek	Dinsmore	D63	\$1,000
CA	Willows	Willows-Glenn County	WLW	\$30,000
CA	Woodlake	Woodlake	O42	\$20,000
CA	Yuba City	Sutter County	O52	\$30,000
CO	Akron	Colorado Plains Regional	AKO	\$20,000
CO	Alamosa	San Luis Valley Regional/Bergman Field	ALS	\$30,000
CO	Aspen	Aspen-Pitkin County/Sardy Field	ASE	\$3,438,823
CO	Boulder	Boulder Municipal	BDU	\$30,000
CO	Broomfield	Rocky Mountain Metropolitan	BJC	\$157,000
CO	Buena Vista	Central Colorado Regional	AEJ	\$20,000
CO	Burlington	Kit Carson County	ITR	\$30,000
CO	Canon City	Fremont County	1V6	\$30,000
CO	Colorado Springs	City of Colorado Springs Municipal	COS	\$24,340,290
CO	Cortez	Cortez Municipal	CEZ	\$633,102
CO	Craig	Craig-Moffat	CAG	\$30,000
CO	Delta	Blake Field	AJZ	\$30,000
CO	Denver	Denver International	DEN	\$269,073,999
CO	Durango	Durango-La Plata County	DRO	\$2,542,548
CO	Eagle	Eagle County Regional	EGE	\$3,309,462
CO	Englewood	Centennial	APA	\$157,000
CO	Erie	Erie Municipal	EIK	\$30,000
CO	Fort Morgan	Fort Morgan Municipal	FMM	\$30,000
CO	Granby	Granby-Grand County	GNB	\$30,000
CO	Grand Junction	Grand Junction Regional	GJT	\$5,679,740
CO	Greeley	Greeley-Weld County	GXY	\$69,000
CO	Gunnison	Gunnison-Crested Butte Regional	GUC	\$18,010,756
CO	Hayden	Yampa Valley	HDN	\$18,567,547
CO	Holyoke	Holyoke	HEQ	\$20,000
CO	Kremmling	Mc Elroy Airfield	20V	\$30,000
CO	La Junta	La Junta Municipal	LHX	\$20,000
CO	Lamar	Lamar Municipal	LAA	\$30,000
CO	Leadville	Lake County	LXV	\$20,000
CO	Limon	Limon Municipal	LIC	\$30,000
CO	Longmont	Vance Brand	LMO	\$69,000
CO	Loveland	Northern Colorado Regional	FNL	\$16,865,798
CO	Meeker	Meeker Coulter Field	EEO	\$20,000
CO	Monte Vista	Monte Vista Municipal	MVI	\$30,000
CO	Montrose	Montrose Regional	MTJ	\$2,027,443
CO	Nucla	Hopkins Field	AIB	\$20,000
CO	Pagosa Springs	Stevens Field	PSO	\$30,000
CO	Peyton	Meadow Lake	FLY	\$69,000
CO	Pueblo	Pueblo Memorial	PUB	\$1,043,034
CO	Rangely	Rangely	4V0	\$20,000
CO	Rifle	Rifle Garfield County	RIL	\$69,000
CO	Salida	Salida Airport Harriett Alexander Field	ANK	\$30,000
CO	Steamboat Springs	Steamboat Springs/Bob Adams Field	SBS	\$30,000

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CO	Sterling	Sterling Municipal	STK	\$30,000
CO	Telluride	Telluride Regional	TEX	\$30,000
CO	Trinidad	Perry Stokes	TAD	\$20,000
CO	Walsenburg	Spanish Peaks Airfield	4V1	\$20,000
CO	Watkins	Colorado Air and Space Port	CFO	\$69,000
CO	Wray	Wray Municipal	2V5	\$30,000
CO	Yuma	Yuma Municipal	2V6	\$20,000
CT	Bridgeport	Igor I Sikorsky Memorial	BDR	\$157,000
CT	Danbury	Danbury Municipal	DXR	\$69,000
CT	Danielson	Danielson	LZD	\$30,000
CT	Groton	Groton-New London	GON	\$69,000
CT	Hartford	Hartford-Brainard	HFD	\$69,000
CT	Meriden	Meriden Markham Municipal	MMK	\$30,000
CT	New Haven	Tweed-New Haven	HVN	\$1,160,431
CT	Oxford	Waterbury-Oxford	OXC	\$157,000
CT	Plainville	Robertson Field	4B8	\$30,000
CT	Willimantic	Windham	IJD	\$30,000
CT	Windsor Locks	Bradley International	BDL	\$28,543,046
DE	Dover	Delaware Airpark	33N	\$30,000
DE	Georgetown	Delaware Coastal	GED	\$69,000
DE	Middletown	Summit	EVY	\$1,000
DE	Wilmington	New Castle	ILG	\$157,000
FL	Apalachicola	Apalachicola Regional-Cleve Randolph Field	AAF	\$30,000
FL	Arcadia	Arcadia Municipal	X06	\$20,000
FL	Avon Park	Avon Park Executive	AVO	\$30,000
FL	Bartow	Bartow Executive	BOW	\$69,000
FL	Belle Glade	Belle Glade State Municipal	X10	\$20,000
FL	Blountstown	Calhoun County	F95	\$20,000
FL	Boca Raton	Boca Raton	BCT	\$157,000
FL	Bonifay	Tri-County	1J0	\$30,000
FL	Brooksville	Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional	BKV	\$69,000
FL	Bunnell	Flagler Executive	FIN	\$69,000
FL	Cedar Key	George T Lewis	CDK	\$20,000
FL	Clearwater	Clearwater Air Park	CLW	\$30,000
FL	Clearwater	St Pete-Clearwater International	PIE	\$8,737,268
FL	Clewiston	Airglades	2IS	\$30,000
FL	Crestview	Bob Sikes	CEW	\$69,000
FL	Cross City	Cross City	CTY	\$20,000
FL	Crystal River	Crystal River-Captain Tom Davis Field	CGC	\$30,000
FL	Daytona Beach	Daytona Beach International	DAB	\$21,053,492
FL	De Funiak Springs	Defuniak Springs	54J	\$30,000
FL	DeLand	DeLand Municipal-Sidney H Taylor Field	DED	\$69,000
FL	Destin	Destin Executive	DTS	\$69,000
FL	Dunnellon	Marion County	X35	\$30,000
FL	Everglades City	Everglades Airpark	X01	\$1,000
FL	Fernandina Beach	Fernandina Beach Municipal	FHB	\$30,000
FL	Fort Lauderdale	Fort Lauderdale Executive	FXE	\$157,000
FL	Fort Lauderdale	Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International	FLL	\$134,958,902
FL	Fort Myers	Page Field	FMY	\$157,000
FL	Fort Myers	Southwest Florida International	RSW	\$36,603,212

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FL	Fort Pierce	Treasure Coast International	FPR	\$157,000
FL	Gainesville	Gainesville Regional	GNV	\$3,113,693
FL	Hilliard	Hilliard Airpark	01J	\$30,000
FL	Hollywood	North Perry	HWO	\$69,000
FL	Homestead	Miami Homestead General Aviation	X51	\$30,000
FL	Immokalee	Immokalee Regional	IMM	\$30,000
FL	Inverness	Inverness	INF	\$30,000
FL	Jacksonville	Cecil	VQQ	\$69,000
FL	Jacksonville	Herlong Recreational	HEG	\$69,000
FL	Jacksonville	Jacksonville Executive at Craig	CRG	\$69,000
FL	Jacksonville	Jacksonville International	JAX	\$28,169,797
FL	Key West	Key West International	EYW	\$21,789,697
FL	Keystone Heights	Keystone Airpark	42J	\$30,000
FL	Kissimmee	Kissimmee Gateway	ISM	\$157,000
FL	La Belle	La Belle Municipal	X14	\$30,000
FL	Lake City	Lake City Gateway	LCQ	\$69,000
FL	Lake Wales	Lake Wales Municipal	X07	\$20,000
FL	Lakeland	Lakeland Linder International	LAL	\$157,000
FL	Leesburg	Leesburg International	LEE	\$69,000
FL	Live Oak	Suwannee County	24J	\$30,000
FL	Marathon	The Florida Keys Marathon International	MTH	\$69,000
FL	Marco Island	Marco Island Executive	MKY	\$20,000
FL	Marianna	Marianna Municipal	MAI	\$30,000
FL	Melbourne	Melbourne International	MLB	\$19,823,709
FL	Merritt Island	Merritt Island	COI	\$69,000
FL	Miami	Dade-Collier Training and Transition	TNT	\$20,000
FL	Miami	Miami	X44	\$20,000
FL	Miami	Miami Executive	TMB	\$69,000
FL	Miami	Miami International	MIA	\$206,949,557
FL	Miami	Miami-Opa Locka Executive	OPF	\$157,000
FL	Milton	Peter Prince Field	2R4	\$30,000
FL	Naples	Naples Municipal	APF	\$157,000
FL	New Smyrna Beach	New Smyrna Beach Municipal	EVB	\$69,000
FL	Ocala	Ocala International-Jim Taylor Field	OCF	\$69,000
FL	Okeechobee	Okeechobee County	OBE	\$69,000
FL	Orlando	Executive	ORL	\$69,000
FL	Orlando	Orlando International	MCO	\$170,702,779
FL	Ormond Beach	Ormond Beach Municipal	OMN	\$69,000
FL	Pahokee	Palm Beach County Glades	PHK	\$30,000
FL	Palatka	Palatka Municipal - Lt Kay Larkin Field	28J	\$30,000
FL	Panama City	Northwest Florida Beaches International	ECP	\$6,327,925
FL	Pensacola	Pensacola International	PNS	\$11,081,566
FL	Perry	Perry-Foley	FPY	\$20,000
FL	Plant City	Plant City	PCM	\$30,000
FL	Pompano Beach	Pompano Beach Airpark	PMP	\$69,000
FL	Punta Gorda	Punta Gorda	PGD	\$23,846,735
FL	Quincy	Quincy Municipal	2J9	\$30,000
FL	Saint Augustine	Northeast Florida Regional	SGJ	\$157,000
FL	Saint Petersburg	Albert Whitted	SPG	\$30,000
FL	Sanford	Orlando Sanford International	SFB	\$22,742,502

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FL	Sarasota	Sarasota/Bradenton International	SRQ	\$23,294,336
FL	Sebastian	Sebastian Municipal	X26	\$30,000
FL	Sebring	Sebring Regional	SEF	\$69,000
FL	Stuart	Witham Field	SUA	\$157,000
FL	Tallahassee	Tallahassee International	TLH	\$21,213,414
FL	Tampa	Peter O Knight	TPF	\$69,000
FL	Tampa	Tampa Executive	VDF	\$69,000
FL	Tampa	Tampa International	TPA	\$81,029,598
FL	Titusville	Arthur Dunn Air Park	X21	\$30,000
FL	Titusville	Space Coast Regional	TIX	\$30,000
FL	Umatilla	Umatilla Municipal	X23	\$20,000
FL	Valkaria	Valkaria	X59	\$30,000
FL	Valparaiso	Eglin AFB/Destin-Ft Walton Beach	VPS	\$12,429,334
FL	Venice	Venice Municipal	VNC	\$69,000
FL	Vero Beach	Vero Beach Regional	VRB	\$1,042,438
FL	Wauchula	Wauchula Municipal	CHN	\$30,000
FL	West Palm Beach	North Palm Beach County General Aviation	F45	\$69,000
FL	West Palm Beach	Palm Beach County Park	LNA	\$69,000
FL	West Palm Beach	Palm Beach International	PBI	\$36,613,068
FL	Williston	Williston Municipal	X60	\$30,000
FL	Winter Haven	Winter Haven Regional	GIF	\$69,000
FL	Zephyrhills	Zephyrhills Municipal	ZPH	\$69,000
GA	Adel	Cook County	15J	\$30,000
GA	Albany	Southwest Georgia Regional	ABY	\$18,017,560
GA	Alma	Bacon County	AMG	\$20,000
GA	Americus	Jimmy Carter Regional	ACJ	\$30,000
GA	Ashburn	Turner County	75J	\$1,000
GA	Athens	Athens/Ben Epps	AHN	\$30,000
GA	Atlanta	Dekalb-Peachtree	PDK	\$157,000
GA	Atlanta	Fulton County Airport-Brown Field	FTY	\$157,000
GA	Atlanta	Hartsfield - Jackson Atlanta International	ATL	\$338,535,265
GA	Augusta	Augusta Regional at Bush Field	AGS	\$19,376,235
GA	Augusta	Daniel Field	DNL	\$69,000
GA	Bainbridge	Decatur County Industrial Air Park	BGE	\$30,000
GA	Baxley	Baxley Municipal	BHC	\$20,000
GA	Blairsville	Blairsville	DZJ	\$30,000
GA	Blakely	Early County	BIJ	\$20,000
GA	Brunswick	Brunswick Golden Isles	BQK	\$1,166,405
GA	Brunswick	St Simons Island	SSI	\$69,000
GA	Butler	Butler Municipal	6A1	\$20,000
GA	Cairo	Cairo-Grady County	70J	\$20,000
GA	Calhoun	Tom B David Field	CZL	\$30,000
GA	Camilla	Camilla-Mitchell County	CXU	\$30,000
GA	Canon	Franklin County	18A	\$30,000
GA	Canton	Cherokee County	CNI	\$69,000
GA	Carrollton	West Georgia Regional - O V Gray Field	CTJ	\$69,000
GA	Cartersville	Cartersville	VPC	\$69,000
GA	Cedartown	Polk County Airport- Cornelius Moore Field	4A4	\$30,000
GA	Claxton	Claxton-Evans County	CWV	\$20,000
GA	Cochran	Cochran	48A	\$30,000

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GA	Columbus	Columbus	CSG	\$1,203,070
GA	Cordele	Crisp County-Cordele	CKF	\$30,000
GA	Cornelia	Habersham County	AJR	\$30,000
GA	Covington	Covington Municipal	CVC	\$30,000
GA	Cuthbert	Lower Chattahoochee Regional	25J	\$1,000
GA	Dallas	Paulding Northwest Atlanta	PUJ	\$30,000
GA	Dalton	Dalton Municipal	DNN	\$69,000
GA	Dawson	Dawson Municipal	16J	\$30,000
GA	Donalsonville	Donalsonville Municipal	17J	\$30,000
GA	Douglas	Douglas Municipal	DQH	\$30,000
GA	Dublin	W H 'Bud' Barron	DBN	\$30,000
GA	Eastman	Heart of Georgia Regional	EZM	\$30,000
GA	Elberton	Elbert County-Patz Field	EBA	\$30,000
GA	Ellijay	Gilmer County	49A	\$30,000
GA	Fitzgerald	Fitzgerald Municipal	FZG	\$30,000
GA	Fort Stewart (U.S. Army)	Wright AAF (Fort Stewart)/Midcoast Regional	LHW	\$30,000
GA	Gainesville	Lee Gilmer Memorial	GVL	\$69,000
GA	Greensboro	Greene County Regional	3J7	\$30,000
GA	Griffin	Griffin-Spalding County	6A2	\$30,000
GA	Hampton	Henry County Airport	HMP	\$69,000
GA	Hazlehurst	Hazlehurst	AZE	\$30,000
GA	Homerville	Homerville	HOE	\$1,000
GA	Jasper	Pickens County	JZP	\$30,000
GA	Jefferson	Jackson County	JCA	\$30,000
GA	Jekyll Island	Jekyll Island	09J	\$1,000
GA	Jesup	Jesup-Wayne County	JES	\$20,000
GA	La Fayette	Barwick Lafayette	9A5	\$30,000
GA	La Grange	La Grange-Callaway	LGC	\$69,000
GA	Lawrenceville	Gwinnett County - Briscoe Field	LZU	\$157,000
GA	Louisville	Louisville Municipal	2J3	\$20,000
GA	Macon	Macon Downtown	MAC	\$30,000
GA	Macon	Middle Georgia Regional	MCN	\$1,063,492
GA	Madison	Madison Municipal	52A	\$30,000
GA	Marietta	Cobb County International-McCollum Field	RYY	\$157,000
GA	Metter	Metter Municipal	MHP	\$30,000
GA	Milledgeville	Baldwin County Regional	MLJ	\$69,000
GA	Millen	Millen	2J5	\$20,000
GA	Monroe	Monroe-Walton County	D73	\$30,000
GA	Montezuma	Dr C P Savage Sr.	53A	\$1,000
GA	Moultrie	Moultrie Municipal	MGR	\$30,000
GA	Nahunta	Brantley County	4J1	\$1,000
GA	Nashville	Berrien County	4J2	\$20,000
GA	Newnan	Newnan Coweta County	CCO	\$69,000
GA	Peachtree City	Atlanta Regional Falcon Field	FFC	\$69,000
GA	Perry	Perry-Houston County	PXE	\$30,000
GA	Pine Mountain	Harris County	PIM	\$30,000
GA	Quitman	Quitman Brooks County	4J5	\$20,000
GA	Reidsville	Swinton Smith Field at Reidsville Municipal	RVJ	\$20,000
GA	Rome	Richard B Russell Regional - J H Towers Field	RMG	\$69,000
GA	Sandersville	Kaolin Field	OKZ	\$20,000

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GA	Savannah	Savannah/Hilton Head International	SAV	\$26,824,077
GA	Statesboro	Statesboro-Bulloch County	TBR	\$30,000
GA	Swainsboro	East Georgia Regional	SBO	\$20,000
GA	Sylvania	Plantation Airpark	JYL	\$30,000
GA	Sylvester	Sylvester	SYV	\$1,000
GA	Thomaston	Thomaston-Upson County	OPN	\$30,000
GA	Thomasville	Thomasville Regional	TVI	\$69,000
GA	Thomson	Thomson-McDuffie County	HQU	\$69,000
GA	Tifton	Henry Tift Myers	TMA	\$30,000
GA	Toccoa	Toccoa - R G LeTourneau Field	TOC	\$30,000
GA	Valdosta	Valdosta Regional	VLD	\$1,183,547
GA	Vidalia	Vidalia Regional	VDI	\$30,000
GA	Warm Springs	Roosevelt Memorial	5A9	\$20,000
GA	Washington	Washington-Wilkes County	IYY	\$20,000
GA	Waycross	Waycross-Ware County	AYS	\$69,000
GA	Waynesboro	Burke County	BXG	\$20,000
GA	Wheeler	Telfair-Wheeler	MQW	\$20,000
GA	Winder	Barrow County	WDR	\$69,000
GA	Wrens	Wrens Memorial	65J	\$20,000
GU	Tamuning	Guam International	GUM	\$20,693,369
HI	Hana	Hana	HNM	\$69,000
HI	Hanapepe	Port Allen	PAK	\$1,000
HI	Hawi	Upolu	UPP	\$1,000
HI	Hilo	Hilo International	ITO	\$6,295,953
HI	Honolulu	Daniel K Inouye International	HNL	\$74,811,046
HI	Kahului	Kahului	OGG	\$23,656,740
HI	Kailua Kona	Ellison Onizuka Kona International at Keahole	KOA	\$13,085,108
HI	Kalaupapa	Kalaupapa	LUP	\$69,000
HI	Kamuela	Waimea-Kohala	MUE	\$69,000
HI	Kapolei	Kalaeloa (John Rodgers Field)	JRF	\$30,000
HI	Kaunakakai	Molokai	MKK	\$1,497,842
HI	Lahaina	Kapalua	JHM	\$1,000
HI	Lanai City	Lanai	LNJ	\$1,302,047
HI	Lihue	Lihue	LIH	\$12,426,188
HI	Wahiawa	Dillingham Airfield	HDH	\$20,000
IA	Albia	Albia Municipal	4C8	\$1,000
IA	Algona	Algona Municipal	AXA	\$30,000
IA	Ames	Ames Municipal	AMW	\$69,000
IA	Ankeny	Ankeny Regional	IKV	\$69,000
IA	Atlantic	Atlantic Municipal	AIO	\$30,000
IA	Audubon	Audubon County	ADU	\$1,000
IA	Belle Plaine	Belle Plaine Municipal	TZT	\$20,000
IA	Bloomfield	Bloomfield Municipal	4K6	\$1,000
IA	Boone	Boone Municipal	BNW	\$30,000
IA	Burlington	Southeast Iowa Regional	BRL	\$669,000
IA	Carroll	Arthur N Neu	CIN	\$30,000
IA	Cedar Rapids	The Eastern Iowa	CID	\$22,845,236
IA	Centerville	Centerville Municipal	TVK	\$30,000
IA	Chariton	Chariton Municipal	CNC	\$20,000
IA	Charles City	Northeast Iowa Regional	CCY	\$30,000

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IA	Cherokee	Cherokee County Regional	CKP	\$30,000
IA	Clarinda	Schenck Field	ICL	\$30,000
IA	Clarion	Clarion Municipal	CAV	\$20,000
IA	Clinton	Clinton Municipal	CWI	\$30,000
IA	Council Bluffs	Council Bluffs Municipal	CBF	\$69,000
IA	Creston	Creston Municipal	CSQ	\$30,000
IA	Davenport	Davenport Municipal	DVN	\$69,000
IA	Decorah	Decorah Municipal	DEH	\$30,000
IA	Denison	Denison Municipal	DNS	\$20,000
IA	Des Moines	Des Moines International	DSM	\$23,117,329
IA	Dubuque	Dubuque Regional	DBQ	\$1,159,773
IA	Emmetsburg	Emmetsburg Municipal	EGQ	\$1,000
IA	Estherville	Estherville Municipal	EST	\$30,000
IA	Fairfield	Fairfield Municipal	FFL	\$30,000
IA	Forest City	Forest City Municipal	FXY	\$30,000
IA	Fort Dodge	Fort Dodge Regional	FOD	\$669,000
IA	Fort Madison	Fort Madison Municipal	FSW	\$20,000
IA	Greenfield	Greenfield Municipal	GFZ	\$30,000
IA	Grinnell	Grinnell Regional	GGI	\$30,000
IA	Guthrie Center	Guthrie County Regional	GCT	\$20,000
IA	Hampton	Hampton Municipal	HPT	\$30,000
IA	Harlan	Harlan Municipal	HNR	\$30,000
IA	Humboldt	Humboldt Municipal	OK7	\$30,000
IA	Independence	Independence Municipal	IIB	\$30,000
IA	Iowa City	Iowa City Municipal	IOW	\$69,000
IA	Iowa Falls	Iowa Falls Municipal	IFA	\$30,000
IA	Jefferson	Jefferson Municipal	EFW	\$30,000
IA	Keokuk	Keokuk Municipal	EOK	\$30,000
IA	Knoxville	Knoxville Municipal	OXV	\$30,000
IA	Lamoni	Lamoni Municipal	LWD	\$30,000
IA	Le Mars	Le Mars Municipal	LRJ	\$30,000
IA	Manchester	Manchester Municipal	C27	\$20,000
IA	Mapleton	James G Whiting Memorial Field	MEY	\$20,000
IA	Maquoketa	Maquoketa Municipal	OQW	\$20,000
IA	Marshalltown	Marshalltown Municipal	MIW	\$30,000
IA	Mason City	Mason City Municipal	MCW	\$17,489,416
IA	Maurice	Sioux County Regional	SXK	\$30,000
IA	Monticello	Monticello Regional	MXO	\$30,000
IA	Mount Pleasant	Mount Pleasant Municipal	MPZ	\$30,000
IA	Muscatine	Muscatine Municipal	MUT	\$69,000
IA	Newton	Newton Municipal-Earl Johnson Field	TNU	\$30,000
IA	Oelwein	Oelwein Municipal	OLZ	\$30,000
IA	Osceola	Osceola Municipal	I75	\$30,000
IA	Oskaloosa	Oskaloosa Municipal	OOA	\$30,000
IA	Ottumwa	Ottumwa Regional	OTM	\$69,000
IA	Pella	Pella Municipal	PEA	\$69,000
IA	Perry	Perry Municipal	PRO	\$30,000
IA	Pocahontas	Pocahontas Municipal	POH	\$30,000
IA	Red Oak	Red Oak Municipal	RDK	\$30,000
IA	Rockwell City	Rockwell City Municipal	2Y4	\$20,000

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IA	Sac City	Sac City Municipal	SKI	\$20,000
IA	Sheldon	Sheldon Regional	SHL	\$30,000
IA	Shenandoah	Shenandoah Municipal	SDA	\$20,000
IA	Sioux City	Sioux Gateway/Brig Gen Bud Day Field	SUX	\$1,184,246
IA	Spencer	Spencer Municipal	SPW	\$69,000
IA	Storm Lake	Storm Lake Municipal	SLB	\$30,000
IA	Tipton	Mathews Memorial	8C4	\$30,000
IA	Vinton	Vinton Veterans Memorial Airpark	VTI	\$30,000
IA	Washington	Washington Municipal	AWG	\$30,000
IA	Waterloo	Waterloo Regional	ALO	\$1,098,305
IA	Waverly	Waverly Municipal	C25	\$30,000
IA	Webster City	Webster City Municipal	EBS	\$30,000
IA	West Union	George L Scott Municipal	3Y2	\$20,000
IA	Winterset	Winterset Municipal	3Y3	\$30,000
ID	Aberdeen	Aberdeen Municipal	U36	\$20,000
ID	Arbon Valley	Pocatello Regional	PIH	\$1,190,517
ID	Arco	Arco-Butte County	AOC	\$20,000
ID	Blackfoot	McCarley Field	U02	\$30,000
ID	Boise	Boise Air Terminal/Gowen Field	BOI	\$18,930,039
ID	Bonnors Ferry	Boundary County	65S	\$30,000
ID	Buhl	Buhl Municipal	U03	\$20,000
ID	Burley	Burley Municipal	BYI	\$30,000
ID	Caldwell	Caldwell Industrial	EUL	\$69,000
ID	Cascade	Cascade	U70	\$30,000
ID	Challis	Challis	LLJ	\$20,000
ID	Council	Council Municipal	U82	\$20,000
ID	Driggs	Driggs-Reed Memorial	DIJ	\$69,000
ID	Gooding	Gooding Municipal	GNG	\$30,000
ID	Grangeville	Idaho County	GIC	\$30,000
ID	Hailey	Friedman Memorial	SUN	\$18,476,130
ID	Hayden Lake	Coeur D'Alene - Pappy Boyington Field	COE	\$69,000
ID	Homedale	Homedale Municipal	S66	\$20,000
ID	Idaho Falls	Idaho Falls Regional	IDA	\$2,279,821
ID	Jerome	Jerome County	JER	\$30,000
ID	Kamiah	Kamiah Municipal	S73	\$1,000
ID	Kellogg	Shoshone County	S83	\$20,000
ID	Lewiston	Lewiston-Nez Perce County	LWS	\$1,238,468
ID	McCall	McCall Municipal	MYL	\$30,000
ID	Mountain Home	Mountain Home Municipal	U76	\$30,000
ID	Nampa	Nampa Municipal	MAN	\$30,000
ID	Orofino	Orofino Municipal	S68	\$20,000
ID	Paris	Bear Lake County	1U7	\$20,000
ID	Preston	Preston	U10	\$30,000
ID	Priest River	Priest River Municipal	1S6	\$20,000
ID	Rexburg	Rexburg-Madison County	RXE	\$30,000
ID	Saint Maries	St Maries Municipal	S72	\$30,000
ID	Salmon	Lemhi County	SMN	\$30,000
ID	Sandpoint	Sandpoint	SZT	\$30,000
ID	Twin Falls	Joslin Field - Magic Valley Regional	TWF	\$1,193,730
ID	Weiser	Weiser Municipal	S87	\$30,000

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IL	Alton	St Louis Regional	ALN	\$69,000
IL	Aurora	Aurora Municipal	ARR	\$157,000
IL	Beardstown	Greater Beardstown	K06	\$1,000
IL	Belleville	Scott AFB/Midamerica	BLV	\$3,658,446
IL	Benton	Benton Municipal	H96	\$20,000
IL	Bloomington-Normal Airport	Central IL Regional Airport at Bloomington-Nc	BMI	\$4,632,066
IL	Bolingbrook	Bolingbrook's Clow International	1C5	\$30,000
IL	Cahokia	St Louis Downtown	CPS	\$69,000
IL	Cairo	Cairo Regional	CIR	\$30,000
IL	Canton	Ingersoll	CTK	\$30,000
IL	Carbondale	Southern Illinois	MDH	\$69,000
IL	Carmi	Carmi Municipal	CUL	\$20,000
IL	Casey	Casey Municipal	1H8	\$20,000
IL	Centralia	Centralia Municipal	ENL	\$30,000
IL	Chicago	Chicago Midway International	MDW	\$82,301,882
IL	Chicago	Chicago O'Hare International	ORD	\$294,441,928
IL	Chicago	Lansing Municipal	IGQ	\$69,000
IL	Danville	Vermilion Regional	DNV	\$30,000
IL	De Kalb	De Kalb Taylor Municipal	DKB	\$30,000
IL	Decatur	Decatur	DEC	\$17,494,522
IL	Dixon	Dixon Municipal-Charles R Walgreen Field	C73	\$30,000
IL	DuPage (County)	Dupage	DPA	\$157,000
IL	Effingham	Effingham County Memorial	1H2	\$69,000
IL	Fairfield	Fairfield Municipal	FWC	\$20,000
IL	Flora	Flora Municipal	FOA	\$20,000
IL	Freeport	Albertus	FEP	\$30,000
IL	Galesburg	Galesburg Municipal	GBG	\$30,000
IL	Greenville	Greenville	GRE	\$30,000
IL	Harrisburg	Harrisburg-Raleigh	HSB	\$20,000
IL	Havana	Havana Regional	910	\$20,000
IL	Jacksonville	Jacksonville Municipal	IJX	\$30,000
IL	Joliet	Joliet Regional	JOT	\$30,000
IL	Kankakee	Greater Kankakee	IKK	\$69,000
IL	Kewanee	Kewanee Municipal	EZI	\$30,000
IL	Lacon	Marshall County	C75	\$30,000
IL	Lake in the Hills	Lake in the Hills	3CK	\$69,000
IL	Lawrenceville	Lawrenceville-Vincennes International	LWV	\$30,000
IL	Lawrenceville	Mount Carmel Municipal	AJG	\$30,000
IL	Lincoln	Logan County	AAA	\$30,000
IL	Litchfield	Litchfield Municipal	3LF	\$30,000
IL	Macomb	Macomb Municipal	MQB	\$30,000
IL	Marion	Veterans Airport of Southern Illinois	MWA	\$1,133,703
IL	Mattoon	Coles County Memorial	MTO	\$69,000
IL	Metropolis	Metropolis Municipal	M30	\$20,000
IL	Moline	Quad City International	MLI	\$8,063,175
IL	Monee	Bult Field	C56	\$30,000
IL	Monmouth	Monmouth Municipal	C66	\$20,000
IL	Morris	Morris Municipal - James R Washburn Field	C09	\$30,000
IL	Mount Sterling	Mount Sterling Municipal	I63	\$20,000
IL	Mount Vernon	Mount Vernon	MVN	\$30,000

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IL	Olney	Olney-Noble	OLY	\$30,000
IL	Paris	Edgar County	PRG	\$20,000
IL	Pekin	Pekin Municipal	C15	\$30,000
IL	Peoria	General Downing - Peoria International	PIA	\$6,177,124
IL	Peoria	Mount Hawley Auxiliary	3MY	\$30,000
IL	Peru	Illinois Valley Regional-Walter A Duncan Field	VYS	\$69,000
IL	Pinckneyville	Pinckneyville-Du Quoin	PJY	\$30,000
IL	Pittsfield	Pittsfield Penstone Municipal	PPQ	\$20,000
IL	Pontiac	Pontiac Municipal	PNT	\$30,000
IL	Quincy	Quincy Regional-Baldwin Field	UIN	\$1,047,865
IL	Rantoul	Rantoul National Aviation Center-Frank Elliott	TIP	\$20,000
IL	Robinson	Crawford Co	RSV	\$30,000
IL	Rochelle	Rochelle Municipal Airport-Koritz Field	RPJ	\$30,000
IL	Rockford	Chicago/Rockford International	RFD	\$18,629,312
IL	Romeo (RR name for Romeoville)	Lewis University	LOT	\$69,000
IL	Salem	Salem-Leckrone	SLO	\$20,000
IL	Savanna	Tri-Township	SFY	\$20,000
IL	Savoy	University of Illinois-Willard	CMI	\$1,838,071
IL	Schaumburg	Schaumburg Municipal Helistop	4H1	\$1,000
IL	Schaumburg	Schaumburg Regional	06C	\$30,000
IL	Shelbyville	Shelby County	2H0	\$30,000
IL	Sparta	Sparta Community-Hunter Field	SAR	\$30,000
IL	Springfield	Abraham Lincoln Capital	SPI	\$4,661,086
IL	Sterling	Whiteside County-Jos H Bittorf Field	SQI	\$30,000
IL	Taylorville	Taylorville Municipal	TAZ	\$30,000
IL	Vandalia	Vandalia Municipal	VLA	\$20,000
IL	Waukegan	Waukegan National	UGN	\$157,000
IL	Wheeling	Chicago Executive	PWK	\$157,000
IN	Anderson	Anderson Municipal-Darlington Field	AID	\$30,000
IN	Angola	Tri-State Steuben County	ANQ	\$30,000
IN	Auburn	De Kalb County	GWB	\$69,000
IN	Bedford	Virgil I Grissom Municipal	BFR	\$30,000
IN	Bloomington	Monroe County	BMG	\$69,000
IN	Columbus	Columbus Municipal	BAK	\$69,000
IN	Connersville	Mettel Field	CEV	\$20,000
IN	Crawfordsville	Crawfordsville Regional	CFJ	\$30,000
IN	Danville	Hendricks County-Gordon Graham Field	2R2	\$30,000
IN	Delphi	Delphi Municipal	1I9	\$30,000
IN	Elkhart	Elkhart Municipal	EKM	\$69,000
IN	Evansville	Evansville Regional	EVV	\$19,766,993
IN	Fishers	Indianapolis Metropolitan	UMP	\$69,000
IN	Fort Wayne	Fort Wayne International	FWA	\$14,538,406
IN	Fort Wayne	Smith Field	SMD	\$30,000
IN	Frankfort	Frankfort Municipal	FKR	\$30,000
IN	French Lick	French Lick Municipal	FRH	\$20,000
IN	Gary	Gary/Chicago International	GYG	\$157,000
IN	Goshen	Goshen Municipal	GSH	\$69,000
IN	Greencastle	Putnam County Regional	GPC	\$30,000
IN	Greensburg	Greensburg Municipal	I34	\$30,000
IN	Greenwood	Indy South Greenwood	HFY	\$69,000

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IN	Griffith	Griffith-Merrillville	05C	\$1,000
IN	Huntingburg	Huntingburg	HNB	\$69,000
IN	Huntington	Huntington Municipal	HHG	\$30,000
IN	Indianapolis	Eagle Creek Airpark	EYE	\$69,000
IN	Indianapolis	Indianapolis Downtown	8A4	\$20,000
IN	Indianapolis	Indianapolis International	IND	\$52,275,549
IN	Jeffersonville	Clark Regional	JVY	\$69,000
IN	Kendallville	Kendallville Municipal	C62	\$30,000
IN	Kentland	Kentland Municipal	50I	\$20,000
IN	Knox	Starke County	OXI	\$30,000
IN	Kokomo	Kokomo Municipal	OKK	\$30,000
IN	La Porte	La Porte Municipal	PPO	\$30,000
IN	Lafayette	Purdue University	LAF	\$69,000
IN	Logansport	Logansport/Cass County	GGP	\$30,000
IN	Madison	Madison Municipal	IMS	\$30,000
IN	Marion	Marion Municipal	MZZ	\$69,000
IN	McCordsville	Indianapolis Regional	MQJ	\$69,000
IN	Michigan City	Michigan City Municipal-Phillips Field	MGC	\$30,000
IN	Monticello	White County	MCX	\$30,000
IN	Muncie	Delaware County Regional	MIE	\$69,000
IN	New Castle	New Castle Henry County Marlatt Field	UWL	\$30,000
IN	North Vernon	North Vernon	OVO	\$30,000
IN	Paoli	Paoli Municipal	I42	\$30,000
IN	Peru	Peru Municipal	I76	\$30,000
IN	Plymouth	Plymouth Municipal	C65	\$30,000
IN	Portland	Portland Municipal	PLD	\$30,000
IN	Rensselaer	Jasper County	RZL	\$30,000
IN	Richmond	Richmond Municipal	RID	\$30,000
IN	Rochester	Fulton County	RCR	\$30,000
IN	Salem	Salem Municipal	I83	\$30,000
IN	Seymour	Freeman Municipal	SER	\$30,000
IN	Shelbyville	Shelbyville Municipal	GEZ	\$30,000
IN	South Bend	South Bend International	SBN	\$7,284,942
IN	Sullivan	Sullivan County	SIV	\$30,000
IN	Tell City	Perry County Municipal	TEL	\$20,000
IN	Terre Haute	Terre Haute Regional	HUF	\$69,000
IN	Valparaiso	Porter County Regional	VPZ	\$69,000
IN	Wabash	Wabash Municipal	IWH	\$30,000
IN	Warsaw	Warsaw Municipal	ASW	\$69,000
IN	Washington	Daviess County	DCY	\$30,000
IN	Winamac	Arens Field	RWN	\$20,000
IN	Winchester	Randolph County	I22	\$30,000
IN	Zionsville	Indianapolis Executive	TYQ	\$157,000
KS	Abilene	Abilene Municipal	K78	\$30,000
KS	Anthony	Anthony Municipal	ANY	\$20,000
KS	Atchison	Amelia Earhart	K59	\$30,000
KS	Atwood	Atwood-Rawlins County City-County	ADT	\$30,000
KS	Augusta	Augusta Municipal	3AU	\$30,000
KS	Belleville	Belleville Municipal	RPB	\$1,000
KS	Beloit	Moritz Memorial	K61	\$30,000

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KS	Burlington	Coffey County	UKL	\$30,000
KS	Chanute	Chanute Martin Johnson	CNU	\$20,000
KS	Cimarron	Cimarron Municipal	8K8	\$1,000
KS	Clay Center	Clay Center Municipal	CYW	\$30,000
KS	Coffeyville	Coffeyville Municipal	CFV	\$30,000
KS	Colby	Shalz Field	CBK	\$30,000
KS	Concordia	Blosser Municipal	CNK	\$30,000
KS	Dodge City	Dodge City Regional	DDC	\$69,000
KS	El Dorado	El Dorado/Captain Jack Thomas Memorial	EQA	\$30,000
KS	Elkhart	Elkhart-Morton County	EHA	\$20,000
KS	Ellsworth	Ellsworth Municipal	9K7	\$20,000
KS	Emporia	Emporia Municipal	EMP	\$30,000
KS	Eureka	Lt William M Milliken	13K	\$20,000
KS	Fort Scott	Fort Scott Municipal	FSK	\$30,000
KS	Garden City	Garden City Regional	GCK	\$17,959,219
KS	Gardner	Gardner Municipal	K34	\$30,000
KS	Garnett	Garnett Municipal	K68	\$20,000
KS	Goodland	Renner Field /Goodland Municipal/	GLD	\$30,000
KS	Great Bend	Great Bend Municipal	GBD	\$69,000
KS	Hallowell	Oswego Municipal	K67	\$1,000
KS	Hays	Hays Regional	HYS	\$1,049,358
KS	Hill City	Hill City Municipal	HLC	\$20,000
KS	Hugoton	Hugoton Municipal	HQG	\$30,000
KS	Hutchinson	Hutchinson Regional	HUT	\$69,000
KS	Independence	Independence Municipal	IDP	\$20,000
KS	Iola	Allen County	K88	\$20,000
KS	Johnson	Stanton County Municipal	JHN	\$30,000
KS	Junction City	Freeman Field	3JC	\$30,000
KS	Kingman	Kingman Airport - Clyde Cessna Field	9K8	\$30,000
KS	Lakin	Kearny County	36K	\$30,000
KS	Larned	Larned-Pawnee County	LQR	\$30,000
KS	Lawrence	Lawrence Municipal	LWC	\$69,000
KS	Leoti	Mark Hoard Memorial	3K7	\$20,000
KS	Liberal	Liberal Mid-America Regional	LBL	\$69,000
KS	Lyons	Lyons-Rice County Municipal	LYO	\$20,000
KS	Manhattan	Manhattan Regional	MHK	\$2,106,072
KS	Marysville	Marysville Municipal	MYZ	\$20,000
KS	McPherson	McPherson	MPR	\$30,000
KS	Meade	Meade Municipal	MEJ	\$20,000
KS	Medicine Lodge	Medicine Lodge	K51	\$20,000
KS	Morris (County)	Herington Regional	HRU	\$20,000
KS	Ness City	Ness City Municipal	48K	\$20,000
KS	Newton	Newton-City-County	EWK	\$69,000
KS	Norton	Norton Municipal	NRN	\$30,000
KS	Oakley	Oakley Municipal	OEL	\$1,000
KS	Oberlin	Oberlin Municipal	OIN	\$30,000
KS	Olathe	Johnson County Executive	OJC	\$30,000
KS	Olathe	New Century Aircenter	IXD	\$69,000
KS	Osage City	Osage City Municipal	53K	\$20,000
KS	Ottawa	Ottawa Municipal	OWI	\$30,000

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KS	Paola	Miami County	K81	\$20,000
KS	Parsons	Tri-City	PPF	\$30,000
KS	Phillipsburg	Phillipsburg Municipal	PHG	\$30,000
KS	Pittsburg	Atkinson Municipal	PTS	\$69,000
KS	Pratt	Pratt Regional	PTT	\$30,000
KS	Russell	Russell Municipal	RSL	\$30,000
KS	Sabetha	Sabetha Municipal	K83	\$20,000
KS	Salina	Salina Regional	SLN	\$1,836,078
KS	Satanta	Satanta Municipal	1K9	\$20,000
KS	Scott City	Scott City Municipal	TQK	\$30,000
KS	Smith Center	Smith Center Municipal	K82	\$20,000
KS	St. Francis	Cheyenne County Municipal	SYF	\$20,000
KS	Stockton (Township of)	Rooks County Regional	RCP	\$20,000
KS	Syracuse	Syracuse-Hamilton County Municipal	3K3	\$30,000
KS	Topeka	Philip Billard Municipal	TOP	\$30,000
KS	Topeka	Topeka Regional	FOE	\$16,867,555
KS	Tribune	Tribune Municipal	5K2	\$20,000
KS	Ulysses	Ulysses	ULS	\$30,000
KS	Wakeeney	Trego Wakeeney	0H1	\$1,000
KS	Wellington	Wellington Municipal	EGT	\$30,000
KS	Wichita	Colonel James Jabara	AAO	\$157,000
KS	Wichita	Wichita Dwight D Eisenhower National	ICT	\$11,328,130
KS	Winfield	Strother Field	WLD	\$30,000
KY	Bardstown	Samuels Field	BRY	\$30,000
KY	Bowling Green	Bowling Green-Warren County Regional	BWG	\$69,000
KY	Cadiz	Lake Barkley State Park	1M9	\$1,000
KY	Campbellsville	Taylor County	AAS	\$20,000
KY	Cynthiana	Cynthiana-Harrison County	0I8	\$30,000
KY	Danville	Stuart Powell Field	DVK	\$69,000
KY	Debord	Big Sandy Regional	SJS	\$30,000
KY	Elizabethtown	Addington Field	EKX	\$30,000
KY	Falls of Rough	Rough River State Park	2I3	\$1,000
KY	Falmouth	Gene Snyder	K62	\$30,000
KY	Flemingsburg	Fleming-Mason	FGX	\$30,000
KY	Frankfort	Capital City	FFT	\$69,000
KY	Fulton	Fulton	1M7	\$30,000
KY	Georgetown	Georgetown-Scott County Regional	27K	\$69,000
KY	Gilbertsville	Kentucky Dam State Park	M34	\$1,000
KY	Glasgow	Glasgow Municipal	GLW	\$30,000
KY	Greater Cincinnati International Airport	Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International	CVG	\$42,899,066
KY	Greenville	Muhlenberg County	M21	\$30,000
KY	Hardinsburg	Breckinridge County	I93	\$20,000
KY	Harlan	Tucker-Guthrie Memorial	I35	\$20,000
KY	Hartford	Ohio County	JQD	\$20,000
KY	Hazard	Wendell H Ford	CPF	\$30,000
KY	Henderson	Henderson City-County	EHR	\$69,000
KY	Hopkinsville	Hopkinsville-Christian County	HVC	\$30,000
KY	Jackson	Julian Carroll	JKL	\$1,000
KY	Jamestown	Russell County	K24	\$30,000
KY	Leitchfield	Leitchfield-Grayson Co	M20	\$20,000

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KY	Lewisport	Hancock Co-Ron Lewis Field	KY8	\$30,000
KY	Lexington	Blue Grass	LEX	\$9,567,339
KY	London	London-Corbin Airport-Magee Field	LOZ	\$30,000
KY	Louisville	Bowman Field	LOU	\$69,000
KY	Louisville	Louisville Muhammad Ali International	SDF	\$21,078,352
KY	Madisonville	Madisonville Regional	2I0	\$30,000
KY	Marion	Marion-Crittenden County	5M9	\$30,000
KY	Mayfield	Mayfield Graves County	M25	\$30,000
KY	Middlesboro	Middlesboro-Bell County	1A6	\$30,000
KY	Monticello	Wayne County	EKQ	\$20,000
KY	Morehead	Morehead-Rowan County Clyde A Thomas R	SYM	\$30,000
KY	Mount Sterling	Mount Sterling-Montgomery County	IOB	\$69,000
KY	Murray	Kyle-Oakley Field	CEY	\$30,000
KY	Owensboro	Owensboro-Daviess County Regional	OWB	\$1,080,366
KY	Paducah	Barkley Regional	PAH	\$1,086,134
KY	Pikeville	Pike County-Hatcher Field	PBX	\$30,000
KY	Pine Knot	McCreary County	18I	\$1,000
KY	Princeton	Princeton-Caldwell County	2M0	\$20,000
KY	Richmond	Central Kentucky Regional	RGA	\$30,000
KY	Russellville	Russellville-Logan County	4M7	\$30,000
KY	Somerset	Lake Cumberland Regional	SME	\$30,000
KY	Springfield	Lebanon Springfield-George Hoerter Field	6I2	\$30,000
KY	Stanton	Stanton	I50	\$20,000
KY	Sturgis	Sturgis Municipal	TWT	\$20,000
KY	Tompkinsville	Tompkinsville-Monroe County	TZV	\$30,000
KY	West Liberty	West Liberty	9I3	\$20,000
KY	Williamsburg	Williamsburg-Whitley County	BYL	\$20,000
KY	Worthington	Ashland Regional	DWU	\$30,000
LA	Abbeville	Abbeville Chris Crusta Memorial	IYA	\$30,000
LA	Alexandria	Alexandria International	AEX	\$2,266,472
LA	Bastrop	Morehouse Memorial	BQP	\$30,000
LA	Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge Metropolitan, Ryan Field	BTR	\$8,413,011
LA	Bogalusa	George R Carr Memorial Air Field	BXA	\$30,000
LA	Coushatta	The Red River	0R7	\$1,000
LA	Covington	St Tammany Regional	L31	\$30,000
LA	Crowley	Le Gros Memorial	3R2	\$30,000
LA	DeQuincy	DeQuincy Industrial Airpark	5R8	\$20,000
LA	DeRidder	Beauregard Regional	DRI	\$30,000
LA	Eunice	Eunice	4R7	\$30,000
LA	Farmerville	Union Parish	F87	\$30,000
LA	Galliano	South Lafourche Leonard Miller Jr	GAO	\$69,000
LA	Gonzales	Louisiana Regional	REG	\$69,000
LA	Hammond	Hammond Northshore Regional	HDC	\$157,000
LA	Homer	Homer Municipal	5F4	\$1,000
LA	Houma	Houma-Terrebonne	HUM	\$69,000
LA	Jena	Jena	1R1	\$20,000
LA	Jennings	Jennings	3R7	\$30,000
LA	Jonesboro	Jonesboro	F88	\$20,000
LA	Jonesville	Jonesville	L32	\$20,000
LA	Kenner	Louis Armstrong New Orleans International	MSY	\$42,793,389

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LA	Lafayette	Lafayette Regional/Paul Fournet Field	LFT	\$2,862,075
LA	Lake Charles	Chennault International	CWF	\$20,000
LA	Lake Charles	Lake Charles Regional	LCH	\$18,094,502
LA	Lake Providence	Byerley	0M8	\$1,000
LA	Leesville	Leesville	L39	\$30,000
LA	Mansfield	C E 'Rusty' Williams	3F3	\$20,000
LA	Many	Hart	3R4	\$20,000
LA	Marksville	Marksville Municipal	MKV	\$30,000
LA	Minden	Minden	MNE	\$30,000
LA	Monroe	Monroe Regional	MLU	\$2,000,813
LA	Natchitoches	Natchitoches Regional	IER	\$30,000
LA	New Iberia	Acadiana Regional	ARA	\$30,000
LA	New Orleans	Lakefront	NEW	\$157,000
LA	New Roads	False River Regional	HZR	\$30,000
LA	Oak Grove	Kelly-Dumas	9M6	\$30,000
LA	Oakdale	Allen Parish	ACP	\$20,000
LA	Opelousas	St Landry Parish-Ahart Field	OPL	\$30,000
LA	Patterson	Harry P Williams Memorial	PTN	\$30,000
LA	Pineville	Esler Regional	ESF	\$30,000
LA	Rayville	John H Hooks Jr Memorial	M79	\$30,000
LA	Reserve	Port of South Louisiana Executive Regional	APS	\$30,000
LA	Ruston	Ruston Regional	RSN	\$69,000
LA	Shreveport	Shreveport Downtown	DTN	\$69,000
LA	Shreveport	Shreveport Regional	SHV	\$5,610,038
LA	Slidell	Slidell	ASD	\$69,000
LA	Springhill	Springhill	SPH	\$20,000
LA	Sulphur	Southland Field	UXL	\$30,000
LA	Tallulah	Vicksburg Tallulah Regional	TVR	\$30,000
LA	Terrebonne (Parish)	Thibodaux Municipal	L83	\$30,000
LA	Vidalia	Concordia Parish	0R4	\$30,000
LA	Vivian	Vivian	3F4	\$20,000
LA	Winnfield	David G Joyce	0R5	\$1,000
LA	Winnsboro	Winnsboro Municipal	F89	\$30,000
MA	Bedford	Laurence G Hanscom Field	BED	\$1,041,944
MA	Beverly	Beverly Regional	BVY	\$69,000
MA	Boston	General Edward Lawrence Logan International	BOS	\$141,340,992
MA	Chatham	Chatham Municipal	CQX	\$30,000
MA	Chicopee	Westover ARB/Metropolitan	CEF	\$69,000
MA	Fitchburg	Fitchburg Municipal	FIT	\$69,000
MA	Gardner	Gardner Municipal	GDM	\$30,000
MA	Great Barrington	Walter J Koladza	GBR	\$1,000
MA	Hyannis	Barnstable Municipal-Boardman/Polando Field	HYA	\$17,971,966
MA	Lawrence	Lawrence Municipal	LWM	\$69,000
MA	Mansfield	Mansfield Municipal	1B9	\$30,000
MA	Marshfield	Marshfield Municipal - George Harlow Field	GHG	\$69,000
MA	Montague	Turners Falls	0B5	\$30,000
MA	Nantucket	Nantucket Memorial	ACK	\$6,203,288
MA	New Bedford	New Bedford Regional	EWB	\$69,000
MA	North Adams	Harriman-And-West	AQW	\$30,000
MA	Norwood	Norwood Memorial	OWD	\$69,000

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MA	Orange	Orange Municipal	ORE	\$30,000
MA	Pittsfield	Pittsfield Municipal	PSF	\$69,000
MA	Plymouth	Plymouth Municipal	PYM	\$69,000
MA	Provincetown	Provincetown Municipal	PVC	\$1,042,446
MA	Southbridge	Southbridge Municipal	3B0	\$30,000
MA	Taunton	Taunton Municipal - King Field	TAN	\$30,000
MA	Vineyard Haven	Martha's Vineyard	MVY	\$1,216,447
MA	Westfield	Westfield-Barnes Regional	BAF	\$69,000
MA	Worcester	Worcester Regional	ORH	\$1,299,693
MD	Cambridge	Cambridge-Dorchester Regional	CGE	\$30,000
MD	College Park	College Park	CGS	\$30,000
MD	Crisfield	Crisfield-Somerset County	W41	\$1,000
MD	Easton	Easton/Newnam Field	ESN	\$157,000
MD	Frederick	Frederick Municipal	FDK	\$69,000
MD	Gaithersburg	Montgomery County Airpark	GAI	\$69,000
MD	Glen Burnie	Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood	BWI	\$87,643,261
MD	Hagerstown	Hagerstown Regional-Richard A Henson Fiel	HGR	\$1,126,907
MD	Indian Head	Maryland	2W5	\$1,000
MD	Leonardtwn	St Mary's County Regional	2W6	\$69,000
MD	Middle River	Martin State	MTN	\$157,000
MD	Oakland	Garrett County	2G4	\$30,000
MD	Ocean City	Ocean City Municipal	OXB	\$30,000
MD	Odenton	Tipton	FME	\$69,000
MD	Salisbury	Salisbury-Ocean City Wicomico Regional	SBY	\$18,120,304
MD	Stevensville	Bay Bridge	W29	\$30,000
MD	Westminster	Carroll County Regional/Jack B Poage Field	DMW	\$69,000
MD	Wiley Ford	Greater Cumberland Regional	CBE	\$30,000
ME	Auburn	Auburn/Lewiston Municipal	LEW	\$69,000
ME	Augusta	Augusta State	AUG	\$69,000
ME	Bangor	Bangor International	BGR	\$4,170,711
ME	Bar Harbor	Hancock County-Bar Harbor	BHB	\$35,003
ME	Belfast	Belfast Municipal	BST	\$20,000
ME	Bethel	Bethel Regional	0B1	\$30,000
ME	Biddeford	Biddeford Municipal	B19	\$30,000
ME	Brunswick	Brunswick Executive	BXM	\$30,000
ME	Caribou	Caribou Municipal	CAR	\$20,000
ME	Carrabassett	Sugarloaf Regional	B21	\$20,000
ME	Dexter	Dexter Regional	1B0	\$30,000
ME	Dover-Foxcroft	Charles A Chase Jr Memorial Field	44B	\$1,000
ME	Eastport	Eastport Municipal	EPM	\$20,000
ME	Frenchville	Northern Aroostook Regional	FVE	\$20,000
ME	Fryeburg	Eastern Slopes Regional	IZG	\$30,000
ME	Greenville	Greenville Municipal	3B1	\$30,000
ME	Houlton	Houlton International	HUL	\$30,000
ME	Islesboro	Islesboro	57B	\$1,000
ME	Jackman	Newton Field	59B	\$20,000
ME	Lincoln	Lincoln Regional	LRG	\$30,000
ME	Machias	Machias Valley	MVM	\$20,000
ME	Millinocket	Millinocket Municipal	MLT	\$30,000
ME	Norridgewock	Central Maine Airport of Norridgewock	OWK	\$30,000

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ME	Old Town	Dewitt Field, Old Town Municipal	OLD	\$30,000
ME	Oxford	Oxford County Regional	81B	\$20,000
ME	Pittsfield	Pittsfield Municipal	2B7	\$30,000
ME	Portland	Portland International Jetport	PWM	\$12,162,498
ME	Presque Isle	Presque Isle International	PQI	\$1,044,705
ME	Princeton	Princeton Municipal	PNN	\$20,000
ME	Rangeley	Stephen A Bean Municipal	8B0	\$20,000
ME	Rockland	Knox County Regional	RKD	\$17,925,850
ME	Sanford	Sanford Seacoast Regional	SFM	\$69,000
ME	Stonington	Stonington Municipal	93B	\$1,000
ME	Waterville	Waterville Robert Lafleur	WVL	\$30,000
ME	Wiscasset	Wiscasset	IWI	\$30,000
MI	Adrian	Lenawee County	ADG	\$30,000
MI	Allegan	Padgham Field	35D	\$30,000
MI	Alma	Gratiot Community	AMN	\$30,000
MI	Alpena	Alpena County Regional	APN	\$17,903,142
MI	Ann Arbor	Ann Arbor Municipal	ARB	\$69,000
MI	Atlanta	Atlanta Municipal	Y93	\$20,000
MI	Bad Axe	Huron County Memorial	BAX	\$30,000
MI	Battle Creek	W K Kellogg	BTL	\$69,000
MI	Bay City	James Clements Municipal	3CM	\$30,000
MI	Beaver Island	Beaver Island	SJX	\$20,000
MI	Bellaire	Antrim County	ACB	\$30,000
MI	Benton Harbor	Southwest Michigan Regional	BEH	\$69,000
MI	Big Rapids	Roben-Hood	RQB	\$30,000
MI	Cadillac	Wexford County	CAD	\$30,000
MI	Caro	Tuscola Area	CFS	\$30,000
MI	Charlevoix	Charlevoix Municipal	CVX	\$30,000
MI	Charlotte	Fitch H Beach	FPK	\$30,000
MI	Cheboygan	Cheboygan County	SLH	\$30,000
MI	Clare	Clare Municipal	48D	\$30,000
MI	Clinton (Township of)	Capital Region International	LAN	\$10,321,307
MI	Coldwater	Branch County Memorial	OEB	\$30,000
MI	Detroit	Coleman A Young Municipal	DET	\$69,000
MI	Detroit	Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County	DTW	\$141,886,415
MI	Detroit	Willow Run	YIP	\$157,000
MI	Dowagiac	Dowagiac Municipal	C91	\$30,000
MI	Drummond Island	Drummond Island	DRM	\$20,000
MI	Escanaba	Delta County	ESC	\$1,076,012
MI	Ewart	Ewart Municipal	9C8	\$1,000
MI	Flint	Bishop International	FNT	\$7,246,521
MI	Frankfort	Frankfort Dow Memorial Field	FKS	\$20,000
MI	Fremont	Fremont Municipal	FFX	\$30,000
MI	Gaylord	Gaylord Regional	GLR	\$30,000
MI	Gladwin	Gladwin Zettel Memorial	GDW	\$20,000
MI	Grand Haven	Grand Haven Memorial Airpark	3GM	\$30,000
MI	Grand Ledge	Abrams Municipal	4D0	\$30,000
MI	Grand Rapids	Gerald R Ford International	GRR	\$16,261,068
MI	Grayling	Grayling AAF	GOV	\$1,000
MI	Greenville	Greenville Municipal	6D6	\$30,000

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MI	Grosse Ile (Township of)	Grosse Ile Municipal	ONZ	\$30,000
MI	Gwinn	Sawyer International	SAW	\$18,075,846
MI	Hancock	Houghton County Memorial	CMX	\$1,098,918
MI	Harbor Springs	Harbor Springs	MGN	\$30,000
MI	Hart	Oceana County	C04	\$30,000
MI	Hastings	Hastings	9D9	\$30,000
MI	Hillsdale	Hillsdale Municipal	JYM	\$20,000
MI	Holland	West Michigan Regional	BIV	\$157,000
MI	Houghton Lake	Roscommon County - Blodgett Memorial	HTL	\$30,000
MI	Howell	Livingston County Spencer J Hardy	OZW	\$30,000
MI	Ionia	Ionia County	Y70	\$30,000
MI	Iron Mountain	Ford	IMT	\$1,085,245
MI	Ironwood	Gogebic-Iron County	IWD	\$30,000
MI	Jackson	Jackson County-Reynolds Field	JXN	\$69,000
MI	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International	AZO	\$19,108,163
MI	Lakeview	Lakeview-Griffith Field	13C	\$30,000
MI	Lapeer	Dupont-Lapeer	D95	\$30,000
MI	Ludington	Mason County	LDM	\$30,000
MI	Mackinac Island	Mackinac Island	MCD	\$30,000
MI	Manistee	Manistee Co-Blacker	MBL	\$30,000
MI	Manistique	Schoolcraft County	ISQ	\$20,000
MI	Marlette	Marlette Township	77G	\$30,000
MI	Marshall	Brooks Field	RMY	\$30,000
MI	Mason	Mason Jewett Field	TEW	\$30,000
MI	Menominee	Menominee Regional	MNM	\$30,000
MI	Midland	Jack Barstow	IKW	\$30,000
MI	Mio	Oscoda County Dennis Kauffman Memorial	51M	\$20,000
MI	Monroe	Custer	TTF	\$30,000
MI	Mount Pleasant	Mount Pleasant Municipal	MOP	\$30,000
MI	Muskegon	Muskegon County	MKG	\$1,090,341
MI	New Hudson	Oakland Southwest	Y47	\$30,000
MI	Newberry	Luce County	ERY	\$20,000
MI	Niles	Jerry Tyler Memorial	3TR	\$30,000
MI	Ontonagon	Ontonagon County - Schuster Field	OGM	\$20,000
MI	Oscoda	Oscoda-Wurtsmith	OSC	\$30,000
MI	Owosso	Owosso Community	RNP	\$30,000
MI	Pellston	Pellston Regional Airport of Emmet County	PLN	\$1,104,773
MI	Plymouth	Canton-Plymouth-Mettetal	1D2	\$30,000
MI	Pointe Aux Pins	Bois Blanc Island	6Y1	\$20,000
MI	Pontiac	Oakland County International	PTK	\$157,000
MI	Port Huron	St Clair County International	PHN	\$69,000
MI	Rogers City	Presque Isle County	PZQ	\$1,000
MI	Romeo	Romeo State	D98	\$30,000
MI	Saginaw	MBS International	MBS	\$1,968,790
MI	Saginaw	Saginaw County H W Browne	HYX	\$30,000
MI	Sandusky	Sandusky City	Y83	\$30,000
MI	Sault Ste. Marie	Chippewa County International	CIU	\$1,095,968
MI	South Haven	South Haven Area Regional	LWA	\$30,000
MI	Sparta	Paul C Miller-Sparta	8D4	\$30,000
MI	St. Ignace	Mackinac County	83D	\$30,000

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MI	Sturgis	Kirsch Municipal	IRS	\$30,000
MI	Three Rivers	Three Rivers Municipal Dr Haines	HAI	\$30,000
MI	Traverse City	Cherry Capital	TVC	\$14,819,260
MI	Troy	Oakland/Troy	VLL	\$69,000
MI	West Branch	West Branch Community	Y31	\$30,000
MI	White Cloud	White Cloud	42C	\$20,000
MN	Aitkin	Aitkin Municipal-Steve Kurtz Field	AIT	\$20,000
MN	Albert Lea	Albert Lea Municipal	AEL	\$30,000
MN	Alexandria	Chandler Field	AXN	\$30,000
MN	Austin	Austin Municipal	AUM	\$30,000
MN	Baudette	Baudette International	BDE	\$20,000
MN	Bemidji	Bemidji Regional	BJI	\$1,123,770
MN	Benson	Benson Municipal	BBB	\$30,000
MN	Blaine	Anoka County-Blaine (Janes Field)	ANE	\$157,000
MN	Blue Earth	Blue Earth Municipal	SBU	\$30,000
MN	Brainerd	Brainerd Lakes Regional	BRD	\$17,955,696
MN	Buffalo	Buffalo Municipal	CFE	\$30,000
MN	Caledonia	Houston County	CHU	\$20,000
MN	Cambridge	Cambridge Municipal	CBG	\$30,000
MN	Canby	Myers Field	CNB	\$30,000
MN	Cloquet	Cloquet Carlton County	COQ	\$30,000
MN	Cook	Cook Municipal	CQM	\$30,000
MN	Crookston	Crookston Municipal Kirkwood Field	CKN	\$30,000
MN	Detroit Lakes	Detroit Lakes-Wething Field	DTL	\$30,000
MN	Dodge Center	Dodge Center	TOB	\$30,000
MN	Duluth	Duluth International	DLH	\$5,246,844
MN	Duluth	Sky Harbor	DYT	\$30,000
MN	Elbow Lake	Elbow Lake Municipal - Pride of the Prairie	Y63	\$30,000
MN	Ely	Ely Municipal	ELO	\$30,000
MN	Eveleth	Eveleth-Virginia Municipal	EVM	\$30,000
MN	Fairmont	Fairmont Municipal	FRM	\$30,000
MN	Faribault	Faribault Municipal-Liz Wall Strohfus Field	FBL	\$30,000
MN	Fergus Falls	Fergus Falls Municipal-Einar Mickelson Field	FFM	\$30,000
MN	Fosston	Fosston Municipal-Anderson Field	FSE	\$20,000
MN	Glencoe	Glencoe Municipal	GYL	\$30,000
MN	Glenwood	Glenwood Municipal	GHW	\$20,000
MN	Grand Marais	Grand Marais/Cook County	CKC	\$30,000
MN	Grand Rapids	Grand Rapids/Itasca County Airport-Gordon N	GPZ	\$69,000
MN	Hallock	Hallock Municipal	HCO	\$30,000
MN	Hawley	Hawley Municipal	04Y	\$30,000
MN	Hector	Hector Municipal	1D6	\$30,000
MN	Hibbing	Range Regional	HIB	\$1,070,404
MN	Hutchinson	Hutchinson Municipal-Butler Field	HCD	\$30,000
MN	International Falls	Falls International-Einarson Field	INL	\$1,070,873
MN	Jackson	Jackson Municipal	MJQ	\$30,000
MN	Lake Elmo	Lake Elmo	21D	\$69,000
MN	Lakeville	Airlake	LVN	\$69,000
MN	Le Sueur	Le Sueur Municipal	12Y	\$20,000
MN	Litchfield	Litchfield Municipal	LJF	\$30,000
MN	Little Falls	Little Falls/Morrison County-Lindbergh Field	LXL	\$30,000

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MN	Long Prairie	Todd Field	14Y	\$20,000
MN	Longville	Longville Municipal	XVG	\$30,000
MN	Luverne	Quentin Aanenson Field	LYV	\$30,000
MN	Madison	Lac qui Parle County	DXX	\$20,000
MN	Mahnomen	Mahnomen County	3N8	\$30,000
MN	Mankato	Mankato Regional	MKT	\$69,000
MN	Marshall	Southwest Minnesota Regional Marshall/Ryar	MML	\$69,000
MN	Minneapolis	Crystal	MIC	\$69,000
MN	Minneapolis	Flying Cloud	FCM	\$157,000
MN	Minneapolis	Minneapolis-St Paul International/Wold-Cham	MSP	\$125,174,962
MN	Montevideo	Montevideo-Chippewa County	MVE	\$20,000
MN	Moorhead	Moorhead Municipal	JKJ	\$30,000
MN	Moose Lake	Moose Lake Carlton County	MZH	\$30,000
MN	Mora	Mora Municipal	JMR	\$30,000
MN	Morris	Morris Municipal - Charlie Schmidt Field	MOX	\$30,000
MN	New Ulm	New Ulm Municipal	ULM	\$30,000
MN	Orr	Orr Regional	ORB	\$20,000
MN	Ortonville	Ortonville Municipal-Martinson Field	VVV	\$1,000
MN	Owatonna	Owatonna Degner Regional	OWA	\$30,000
MN	Park Rapids	Park Rapids Municipal-Konshok Field	PKD	\$30,000
MN	Paynesville	Paynesville Municipal	PEX	\$30,000
MN	Pine River	Pine River Regional	PWC	\$30,000
MN	Pipestone	Pipestone Municipal	PQN	\$30,000
MN	Preston	Fillmore County	FKA	\$30,000
MN	Princeton	Princeton Municipal	PNM	\$30,000
MN	Red Wing	Red Wing Regional	RGK	\$69,000
MN	Redwood Falls	Redwood Falls Municipal	RWF	\$30,000
MN	Rochester	Rochester International	RST	\$2,479,991
MN	Roseau	Roseau Municipal/Rudy Billberg Field	ROX	\$30,000
MN	Rush City	Rush City Regional	ROS	\$30,000
MN	Rushford	Rushford Municipal-Robert W Bunke Field	55Y	\$20,000
MN	Sauk Centre	Sauk Centre Municipal	D39	\$30,000
MN	Silver Bay	Silver Bay Municipal	BFW	\$20,000
MN	South St. Paul	South St Paul Municipal-Richard E Fleming F	SGS	\$69,000
MN	Springfield	Springfield Municipal	D42	\$1,000
MN	St. Cloud	St. Cloud Regional	STC	\$1,092,430
MN	St. James	St James Municipal	JYG	\$20,000
MN	St. Paul	St Paul Downtown Holman Field	STP	\$157,000
MN	Staples	Staples Municipal	SAZ	\$30,000
MN	Thief River Falls	Thief River Falls Regional	TVF	\$30,000
MN	Tower	Tower Municipal	12D	\$20,000
MN	Tracy	Tracy Municipal	TKC	\$20,000
MN	Two Harbors	Richard B Helgeson	TWM	\$30,000
MN	Wadena	Wadena Municipal	ADC	\$20,000
MN	Walker	Walker Municipal	Y49	\$30,000
MN	Warroad	Warroad International Memorial	RRT	\$30,000
MN	Waseca	Waseca Municipal	ACQ	\$30,000
MN	Wheaton	Wheaton Municipal	ETH	\$20,000
MN	Willmar	Willmar Municipal-John L Rice Field	BDH	\$69,000
MN	Windom	Windom Municipal	MWM	\$30,000

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MN	Winona	Winona Municipal-Max Conrad Field	ONA	\$30,000
MN	Winsted	Winsted Municipal	10D	\$20,000
MN	Worthington	Worthington Municipal	OTG	\$30,000
MO	Aurora	Jerry Sumners Sr Aurora Municipal	2H2	\$30,000
MO	Bolivar	Bolivar Municipal	M17	\$30,000
MO	Boonville	Jesse Viertel Memorial	VER	\$30,000
MO	Bowling Green	Bowling Green Municipal	H19	\$20,000
MO	Branson West	Branson West Municipal - Emerson Field	FWB	\$30,000
MO	Brookfield	North Central Missouri Regional	MO8	\$20,000
MO	Butler	Butler Memorial	BUM	\$30,000
MO	Cabool	Cabool Memorial	TVB	\$20,000
MO	Camdenton	Camdenton Memorial-Lake Regional	OZS	\$30,000
MO	Cameron	Cameron Memorial	EZZ	\$30,000
MO	Cape Girardeau	Cape Girardeau Regional	CGI	\$17,493,045
MO	Caruthersville	Caruthersville Memorial	M05	\$20,000
MO	Cassville	Cassville Municipal	94K	\$20,000
MO	Chesterfield	Spirit of St. Louis	SUS	\$157,000
MO	Chillicothe	Chillicothe Municipal	CHT	\$30,000
MO	Clinton	Clinton Regional	GLY	\$30,000
MO	Columbia	Columbia Regional	COU	\$18,763,287
MO	Cuba	Cuba Municipal	UBX	\$30,000
MO	Dexter	Dexter Municipal	DXE	\$30,000
MO	Eldon	Eldon Model Airpark	H79	\$30,000
MO	Farmington	Farmington Regional	FAM	\$69,000
MO	Fort Leonard Wood (U.S. Army)	Waynesville-St Robert Regional Forney Field	TBN	\$69,000
MO	Fredericktown	A Paul Vance Fredericktown Regional	H88	\$20,000
MO	Fulton	Elton Hensley Memorial	FTT	\$30,000
MO	Hannibal	Hannibal Regional	HAE	\$30,000
MO	Harrisonville	Lawrence Smith Memorial	LRY	\$30,000
MO	Higginsville	Higginsville Industrial Municipal	HIG	\$30,000
MO	Houston	Houston Memorial	M48	\$30,000
MO	Jefferson City	Jefferson City Memorial	JEF	\$69,000
MO	Joplin	Joplin Regional	JLN	\$1,164,636
MO	Kaiser	Lee C Fine Memorial	AIZ	\$20,000
MO	Kansas City	Charles B Wheeler Downtown	MKC	\$157,000
MO	Kansas City	Kansas City International	MCI	\$43,275,969
MO	Kennett	Kennett Memorial	TKX	\$30,000
MO	Kirksville	Kirksville Regional	IRK	\$69,000
MO	Lamar	Lamar Municipal	LLU	\$30,000
MO	Lebanon	Floyd W Jones Lebanon	LBO	\$30,000
MO	Lee's Summit	Lee's Summit Municipal	LXT	\$69,000
MO	Linn	State Technical College of Missouri	1H3	\$20,000
MO	Macon	Macon-Fower Memorial	K89	\$20,000
MO	Malden	Malden Regional	MAW	\$30,000
MO	Marshall	Marshall Memorial Municipal	MHL	\$30,000
MO	Maryville	Northwest Missouri Regional	EVU	\$30,000
MO	Memphis	Memphis Memorial	03D	\$20,000
MO	Mexico	Mexico Memorial	MYJ	\$30,000
MO	Moberly	Omar N Bradley	MBY	\$30,000
MO	Monett	Monett Regional	HFJ	\$30,000

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MO	Monticello	Lewis County Regional	6M6	\$1,000
MO	Mosby	Midwest National Air Center	GPH	\$69,000
MO	Mountain Grove	Mountain Grove Memorial	1MO	\$20,000
MO	Mountain View	Mountain View	MNF	\$30,000
MO	Neosho	Neosho Hugh Robinson	EOS	\$30,000
MO	Nevada	Nevada Municipal	NVD	\$30,000
MO	New Madrid	County Memorial	EIW	\$20,000
MO	Osage Beach	Grand Glaize-Osage Beach	K15	\$20,000
MO	Perryville	Perryville Regional	PCD	\$20,000
MO	Piedmont	Piedmont Municipal	PYN	\$20,000
MO	Poplar Bluff	Poplar Bluff Municipal	POF	\$69,000
MO	Potosi	Washington County	8WC	\$20,000
MO	Salem	Salem Memorial	K33	\$20,000
MO	Sedalia	Sedalia Regional	DMO	\$30,000
MO	Sikeston	Sikeston Memorial Municipal	SIK	\$69,000
MO	Springfield	Springfield-Branson National	SGF	\$9,259,051
MO	St. Charles	St Charles County Smartt	SET	\$69,000
MO	St. Joseph	Rosecrans Memorial	STJ	\$69,000
MO	St. Louis	Creve Coeur	1H0	\$69,000
MO	St. Louis	St Louis Lambert International	STL	\$59,995,499
MO	Sullivan	Sullivan Regional	UUV	\$30,000
MO	Tarkio	Gould Peterson Municipal	K57	\$30,000
MO	Trenton	Trenton Municipal	TRX	\$20,000
MO	Vichy	Rolla National	VIH	\$30,000
MO	Warrensburg	Skyhaven	RCM	\$30,000
MO	Warsaw	Warsaw Municipal	RAW	\$20,000
MO	Washington	Washington Regional	FYG	\$30,000
MO	West Plains	West Plains Regional	UNO	\$30,000
MP	Northern Islands (Municipality)	Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International	GRO	\$1,047,832
MP	Shomu-Shon	Pagan Airstrip	TT01	\$20,000
MP	Saipan	Francisco C Ada/Saipan International	GSN	\$20,532,901
MP	Tinian (Municipality)	Tinian International	TNI	\$1,159,085
MS	Aberdeen	Monroe County	M40	\$30,000
MS	Ackerman	Ackerman Choctaw County	9M4	\$1,000
MS	Batesville	Panola County	PMU	\$30,000
MS	Bay Springs	Thigpen Field	00M	\$1,000
MS	Bay St. Louis	Stennis International	HSA	\$69,000
MS	Belmont	Tishomingo County	01M	\$20,000
MS	Belzoni	Belzoni Municipal	1M2	\$20,000
MS	Booneville	Booneville/Baldwyn	8M1	\$20,000
MS	Brookhaven	Brookhaven-Lincoln County	1R7	\$30,000
MS	Carroll (County)	Greenwood-Leflore	GWO	\$69,000
MS	Carthage	Carthage-Leake County	08M	\$20,000
MS	Charleston	Charleston Municipal	09M	\$1,000
MS	Clarksdale	Fletcher Field	CKM	\$30,000
MS	Cleveland	Cleveland Municipal	RNV	\$30,000
MS	Columbia	Columbia-Marion County	0R0	\$30,000
MS	Columbus	Columbus-Lowndes County	UBS	\$30,000
MS	Columbus	Golden Triangle Regional	GTR	\$1,190,282
MS	Corinth	Roscoe Turner	CRX	\$30,000

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MS	Crosby	Crosby Municipal	C71	\$1,000
MS	Crystal Springs	Copiah County	M11	\$30,000
MS	Drew	Ruleville-Drew	M37	\$20,000
MS	Eupora	Eupora	06M	\$1,000
MS	Forest	G V Montgomery	2M4	\$1,000
MS	Greenville	Greenville Mid-Delta	GLH	\$69,000
MS	Grenada	Grenada Municipal	GNF	\$30,000
MS	Gulfport	Gulfport-Biloxi International	GPT	\$20,979,795
MS	Hattiesburg	Hattiesburg Bobby L Chain Municipal	HBG	\$30,000
MS	Hollandale	Hollandale Municipal	14M	\$1,000
MS	Holly Springs	Holly Springs-Marshall County	M41	\$20,000
MS	Houston	Houston Municipal	M44	\$20,000
MS	Indianola	Indianola Municipal	IDL	\$30,000
MS	Iuka	Iuka	15M	\$30,000
MS	Jackson	Hawkins Field	HKS	\$69,000
MS	Jackson	Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International	JAN	\$8,561,630
MS	Kosciusko	Kosciusko-Attala County	OSX	\$20,000
MS	Laurel	Hesler-Noble Field	LUL	\$69,000
MS	Lexington	C A Moore	19M	\$20,000
MS	Louisville	Louisville Winston County	LMS	\$30,000
MS	Lumberton	I H Bass Jr Memorial	4R1	\$1,000
MS	Macon	Macon Municipal	20M	\$20,000
MS	Madison	Bruce Campbell Field	MBO	\$30,000
MS	Magee	Magee Municipal	17M	\$20,000
MS	McComb	McComb/Pike County/John E Lewis Field	MCB	\$30,000
MS	Meridian	Key Field	MEI	\$1,079,543
MS	Moselle	Hattiesburg-Laurel Regional	PIB	\$69,000
MS	Natchez	Hardy-Anders Field Natchez-Adams County	HEZ	\$69,000
MS	New Albany	New Albany-Union County	M72	\$30,000
MS	Newton	James H Eason Field	M23	\$20,000
MS	Okolona	Okolona Municipal-Richard Stovall Field	5A4	\$30,000
MS	Olive Branch	Olive Branch	OLV	\$69,000
MS	Oxford	University-Oxford	UOX	\$69,000
MS	Pascagoula	Trent Lott International	PQL	\$69,000
MS	Philadelphia	Philadelphia Municipal	MPE	\$20,000
MS	Picayune	Picayune Municipal	MJD	\$30,000
MS	Pittsboro	Calhoun County	04M	\$20,000
MS	Pontotoc	Pontotoc County	22M	\$30,000
MS	Poplarville	Poplarville-Pearl River County	M13	\$20,000
MS	Prentiss	Prentiss-Jefferson Davis County	M43	\$20,000
MS	Quitman	Clarke County	23M	\$20,000
MS	Raymond	John Bell Williams	JVW	\$30,000
MS	Richton	Richton-Perry County	M59	\$1,000
MS	Ripley	Ripley	25M	\$20,000
MS	Starkville	George M Bryan	STF	\$69,000
MS	Tunica	Tunica Municipal	UTA	\$69,000
MS	Tupelo	Tupelo Regional	TUP	\$1,055,781
MS	Tylertown	Paul Pittman Memorial	T36	\$20,000
MS	Vicksburg	Vicksburg Municipal	VKS	\$30,000
MS	Water Valley	Water Valley Municipal	33M	\$1,000

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MS	Waynesboro	Waynesboro Municipal	2R0	\$20,000
MS	West Point	McCharen Field	M83	\$20,000
MS	Wiggins	Dean Griffin Memorial	M24	\$20,000
MS	Winona	Winona-Montgomery County	5A6	\$30,000
MS	Yazoo City	Yazoo County	87I	\$20,000
MT	Anaconda	Bowman Field	3U3	\$20,000
MT	Baker	Baker Municipal	BHK	\$30,000
MT	Big Sandy	Big Sandy	3U8	\$20,000
MT	Big Timber	Big Timber	6S0	\$20,000
MT	Billings	Billings Logan International	BIL	\$12,721,011
MT	Bozeman	Bozeman Yellowstone International	BZN	\$15,446,029
MT	Broadus	Broadus	00F	\$20,000
MT	Butte	Bert Mooney	BTM	\$1,143,102
MT	Chester	Liberty County	LTY	\$20,000
MT	Chinook	Edgar G Obie	S71	\$20,000
MT	Choteau	Choteau	CII	\$20,000
MT	Circle	Circle Town County	4U6	\$20,000
MT	Colstrip	Colstrip	M46	\$20,000
MT	Columbus	Woltermann Memorial	6S3	\$30,000
MT	Conrad	Conrad	S01	\$20,000
MT	Culbertson	Big Sky Field	S85	\$20,000
MT	Cut Bank	Cut Bank International	CTB	\$30,000
MT	Deer Lodge	Deer Lodge-City-County	38S	\$20,000
MT	Dillon	Dillon	DLN	\$30,000
MT	Ekalaka	Ekalaka	97M	\$20,000
MT	Ennis	Ennis - Big Sky	EKS	\$30,000
MT	Eureka	Eureka	88M	\$20,000
MT	Forsyth	Tillitt Field	1S3	\$30,000
MT	Fort Benton	Fort Benton	79S	\$30,000
MT	Gardiner	Gardiner	29S	\$20,000
MT	Geraldine	Geraldine	5U8	\$1,000
MT	Glasgow	Wokal Field/Glasgow-Valley County	GGW	\$30,000
MT	Glendive	Dawson Community	GDV	\$30,000
MT	Great Falls	Great Falls International	GTF	\$3,960,216
MT	Hamilton	Ravalli County	6S5	\$30,000
MT	Hardin	Big Horn County	00U	\$30,000
MT	Harlem	Harlem	48S	\$20,000
MT	Harlowton	Wheatland County at Harlowton	HWQ	\$20,000
MT	Havre	Havre City-County	HVR	\$30,000
MT	Helena	Helena Regional	HLN	\$2,999,713
MT	Jordan	Jordan	JDN	\$20,000
MT	Kalispell	Glacier Park International	GPI	\$11,572,182
MT	Kalispell	Kalispell City	S27	\$30,000
MT	Laurel	Laurel Municipal	6S8	\$30,000
MT	Lewistown	Lewistown Municipal	LWT	\$30,000
MT	Libby	Libby	S59	\$30,000
MT	Lincoln	Lincoln	S69	\$20,000
MT	Livingston	Mission Field	LVM	\$30,000
MT	Malta	Malta	M75	\$20,000
MT	Miles City	Frank Wiley Field	MLS	\$30,000

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MT	Missoula	Missoula International	MSO	\$5,616,102
MT	Philipsburg	Riddick Field	U05	\$1,000
MT	Plains	Plains	S34	\$20,000
MT	Plentywood	Sher-Wood	PWD	\$20,000
MT	Polson	Polson	8S1	\$30,000
MT	Poplar	Poplar Municipal	PO1	\$20,000
MT	Red Lodge	Red Lodge	RED	\$20,000
MT	Ronan	Ronan	7S0	\$30,000
MT	Roundup	Roundup	RPX	\$20,000
MT	Scobey	Scobey	9S2	\$30,000
MT	Shelby	Shelby	SBX	\$30,000
MT	Sidney	Sidney-Richland Regional	SDY	\$1,041,372
MT	Stanford	Stanford/Biggerstaff Field	S64	\$20,000
MT	Stevensville	Stevensville	32S	\$30,000
MT	Superior	Mineral County	9S4	\$20,000
MT	Terry	Terry	8U6	\$20,000
MT	Thompson Falls	Thompson Falls	THM	\$20,000
MT	Three Forks	Three Forks	9S5	\$30,000
MT	Townsend	Townsend	8U8	\$20,000
MT	Turner	Turner	9U0	\$20,000
MT	Twin Bridges	Twin Bridges	7S1	\$20,000
MT	Valier	Valier	7S7	\$1,000
MT	West Yellowstone	Yellowstone	WYS	\$17,889,095
MT	White Sulphur Springs	White Sulphur Springs	7S6	\$20,000
MT	Winifred	Winifred	9S7	\$20,000
MT	Wolf Point	L M Clayton	OLF	\$30,000
NC	Ahoskie	Tri-County	ASJ	\$20,000
NC	Albemarle	Stanly County	VUJ	\$30,000
NC	Andrews	Western Carolina Regional	RHP	\$30,000
NC	Asheboro	Asheboro Regional	HBI	\$30,000
NC	Asheville	Asheville Regional	AVL	\$14,409,270
NC	Beaufort	Michael J Smith Field	MRH	\$69,000
NC	Burlington	Burlington-Alamance Regional	BUY	\$69,000
NC	Charlotte	Charlotte/Douglas International	CLT	\$135,568,960
NC	Clinton	Clinton-Sampson County	CTZ	\$30,000
NC	Concord	Concord-Padgett Regional	JQF	\$2,149,846
NC	Currituck	Currituck County Regional	ONX	\$30,000
NC	Edenton	Northeastern Regional	EDE	\$30,000
NC	Elizabeth City	Elizabeth City CG Air Station/Regional	ECG	\$30,000
NC	Elizabethtown	Curtis L Brown Jr Field	EYF	\$30,000
NC	Elkin	Elkin Municipal	ZEF	\$30,000
NC	Engelhard	Hyde County	7W6	\$20,000
NC	Erwin	Harnett Regional Jetport	HRJ	\$69,000
NC	Fayetteville	Fayetteville Regional/Grannis Field	FAY	\$2,968,903
NC	Franklin	Macon County	1A5	\$30,000
NC	Gastonia	Gastonia Municipal	AKH	\$30,000
NC	Goldsboro	Wayne Executive Jetport	GWW	\$69,000
NC	Greensboro	Piedmont Triad International	GSO	\$16,416,302
NC	Greenville	Pitt-Greenville	PGV	\$18,067,663
NC	Hatteras	Billy Mitchell	HSE	\$20,000

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NC	Hickory	Hickory Regional	HKY	\$157,000
NC	Jacksonville	Albert J Ellis	OAJ	\$3,257,082
NC	Jefferson	Ashe County	GEV	\$30,000
NC	Kenansville	Duplin County	DPL	\$30,000
NC	Kill Devil Hills	First Flight	FFA	\$20,000
NC	Kinston	Kinston Regional Jetport at Stallings Field	ISO	\$69,000
NC	Lenoir	Foothills Regional	MRN	\$69,000
NC	Lexington	Davidson County	EXX	\$69,000
NC	Lincolnton	Lincolnton-Lincoln County Regional	IPJ	\$30,000
NC	Louisburg	Triangle North Executive	LHZ	\$69,000
NC	Lumberton	Lumberton Regional	LBT	\$30,000
NC	Manteo	Dare County Regional	MQI	\$69,000
NC	Maxton	Laurinburg-Maxton	MEB	\$1,000
NC	Monroe	Charlotte-Monroe Executive	EQY	\$69,000
NC	Mount Airy	Mount Airy/Surry County	MWK	\$30,000
NC	Mount Olive	Mount Olive Municipal	W40	\$20,000
NC	New Bern	Coastal Carolina Regional	EWN	\$18,670,874
NC	North Wilkesboro	Wilkes County	UKF	\$69,000
NC	Ocean Isle Beach	Odell Williamson Municipal	60J	\$20,000
NC	Ocracoke	Ocracoke Island	W95	\$20,000
NC	Oxford	Henderson-Oxford	HNZ	\$30,000
NC	Plymouth	Plymouth Municipal	PMZ	\$20,000
NC	Raleigh	Raleigh-Durham International	RDU	\$49,591,593
NC	Reidsville	Rockingham County Nc Shiloh	SIF	\$30,000
NC	Roanoke Rapids	Halifax-Northampton Regional	IXA	\$30,000
NC	Rockingham	Richmond County	RCZ	\$20,000
NC	Rocky Mount	Rocky Mount-Wilson Regional	RWI	\$69,000
NC	Roxboro	Raleigh Regional at Person County	TDF	\$30,000
NC	Rutherfordton	Rutherford County-Marchman Field	FQD	\$69,000
NC	Salisbury	Mid-Carolina Regional	RUQ	\$69,000
NC	Sanford	Raleigh Exec Jetport at Sanford-Lee County	TTA	\$69,000
NC	Shelby	Shelby-Cleveland County Regional	EHO	\$30,000
NC	Siler City	Siler City Municipal	SCR	\$30,000
NC	Smithfield	Johnston Regional	JNX	\$69,000
NC	Southern Pines	Moore County	SOP	\$69,000
NC	Southport	Cape Fear Regional Jetport/Howie Franklin F	SUT	\$69,000
NC	Spruce Pine	Avery County/Morrison Field/	7A8	\$30,000
NC	Star	Montgomery County	43A	\$20,000
NC	Statesville	Statesville Regional	SVH	\$157,000
NC	Sylva	Jackson County	24A	\$20,000
NC	Tarboro	Tarboro-Edgecombe	ETC	\$1,000
NC	Wadesboro	Anson County - Jeff Cloud Field	AFP	\$30,000
NC	Wallace	Henderson Field	ACZ	\$30,000
NC	Washington	Washington-Warren	OCW	\$30,000
NC	Whiteville	Columbus County Municipal	CPC	\$30,000
NC	Williamston	Martin County	MCZ	\$20,000
NC	Wilmington	Wilmington International	ILM	\$19,841,323
NC	Winston-Salem	Smith Reynolds	INT	\$157,000
ND	Ashley	Ashley Municipal	ASY	\$20,000
ND	Beach	Beach	20U	\$20,000

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ND	Bismarck	Bismarck Municipal	BIS	\$20,291,850
ND	Bottineau	Bottineau Municipal	D09	\$30,000
ND	Bowman	Bowman Regional	BWW	\$30,000
ND	Cando	Cando Municipal	9D7	\$20,000
ND	Carrington	Carrington Municipal	46D	\$30,000
ND	Casselton	Casselton Robert Miller Regional	5N8	\$30,000
ND	Cavalier	Cavalier Municipal	2C8	\$30,000
ND	Cooperstown	Cooperstown Municipal	S32	\$20,000
ND	Crosby	Crosby Municipal	D50	\$20,000
ND	Devils Lake	Devils Lake Regional	DVL	\$16,882,627
ND	Dickinson	Dickinson - Theodore Roosevelt Regional	DIK	\$1,092,969
ND	Dunseith	International Peace Garden	S28	\$20,000
ND	Edgeley	Edgeley Municipal	51D	\$20,000
ND	Ellendale	Ellendale Municipal	4E7	\$20,000
ND	Fargo	Hector International	FAR	\$21,637,515
ND	Fort Yates	Standing Rock	Y27	\$20,000
ND	Garrison	Garrison Municipal	D05	\$20,000
ND	Glen Ullin	Glen Ullin Regional	D57	\$20,000
ND	Grafton	Hutson Field	GAF	\$30,000
ND	Grand Forks	Grand Forks International	GFK	\$18,855,574
ND	Gwinner	Gwinner-Roger Melroe Field	GWR	\$20,000
ND	Harvey	Harvey Municipal	5H4	\$20,000
ND	Hazen	Mercer County Regional	HZE	\$20,000
ND	Hettinger	Hettinger Municipal	HEI	\$30,000
ND	Hillsboro	Hillsboro Municipal	3H4	\$30,000
ND	Jamestown	Jamestown Regional	JMS	\$1,061,538
ND	Kenmare	Kenmare Municipal	7K5	\$30,000
ND	Kindred	Robert Odegaard Field	K74	\$30,000
ND	Lakota	Lakota Municipal	5L0	\$20,000
ND	Langdon	Robertson Field	D55	\$30,000
ND	Linton	Linton Municipal	7L2	\$30,000
ND	Lisbon	Lisbon Municipal	6L3	\$20,000
ND	Mandan	Mandan Municipal	Y19	\$30,000
ND	Minot	Minot International	MOT	\$2,753,046
ND	Mohall	Mohall Municipal	HBC	\$30,000
ND	Mott	Mott Municipal	3P3	\$20,000
ND	Northwood	Northwood Municipal-Vince Field	4V4	\$30,000
ND	Oakes	Oakes Municipal	2D5	\$30,000
ND	Park River	Park River - W C Skjerven Field	Y37	\$20,000
ND	Parshall	Parshall-Hankins	Y74	\$20,000
ND	Pembina	Pembina Municipal	PMB	\$20,000
ND	Rolla	Rolla Municipal	06D	\$20,000
ND	Rugby	Rugby Municipal	RUG	\$20,000
ND	Stanley	Stanley Municipal	08D	\$30,000
ND	Tioga	Tioga Municipal	D60	\$30,000
ND	Valley City	Barnes County Municipal	BAC	\$30,000
ND	Wahpeton	Harry Stern	BWP	\$30,000
ND	Walhalla	Walhalla Municipal	96D	\$1,000
ND	Washburn	Washburn Municipal	5C8	\$20,000
ND	Watford City	Watford City Municipal	S25	\$30,000

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ND	Williston	Williston Basin International	XWA	\$1,353,411
NE	Ainsworth	Ainsworth Regional	ANW	\$20,000
NE	Albion	Albion Municipal	BVN	\$20,000
NE	Alliance	Alliance Municipal	AIA	\$30,000
NE	Alma	Alma Municipal	4D9	\$20,000
NE	Atkinson	Stuart-Atkinson Municipal	8V2	\$20,000
NE	Auburn	Farington Field	K01	\$1,000
NE	Aurora	Aurora Municipal - Al Potter Field	AUH	\$30,000
NE	Bassett	Rock County	RBE	\$20,000
NE	Beatrice	Beatrice Municipal	BIE	\$30,000
NE	Blair	Blair Municipal	BTA	\$69,000
NE	Broken Bow	Broken Bow Municipal/Keith Glaze Field	BBW	\$30,000
NE	Burwell	Cram Field	BUB	\$20,000
NE	Cambridge	Cambridge Municipal	CSB	\$20,000
NE	Central City	Central City Municipal - Larry Reineke Field	07K	\$30,000
NE	Chadron	Chadron Municipal	CDR	\$30,000
NE	Chappell	Billy G Ray Field	CNP	\$1,000
NE	Columbus	Columbus Municipal	OLU	\$30,000
NE	Cozad	Cozad Municipal	CZD	\$30,000
NE	Creighton	Creighton Municipal	6K3	\$20,000
NE	Crete	Crete Municipal	CEK	\$30,000
NE	Curtis	Curtis Municipal	47V	\$20,000
NE	David City	David City Municipal	93Y	\$20,000
NE	Fairbury	Fairbury Municipal	FBY	\$30,000
NE	Fairmont	Fairmont State Airfield	FMZ	\$30,000
NE	Falls City	Brenner Field	FNB	\$30,000
NE	Fremont	Fremont Municipal	FET	\$69,000
NE	Gordon	Gordon Municipal	GRN	\$20,000
NE	Grand Island	Central Nebraska Regional	GRI	\$2,666,378
NE	Grant	Grant Municipal	GGF	\$30,000
NE	Hartington	Hartington Municipal/ Bud Becker Field	0B4	\$20,000
NE	Harvard	Harvard State	08K	\$20,000
NE	Hastings	Hastings Municipal	HSI	\$30,000
NE	Hebron	Hebron Municipal	HJH	\$20,000
NE	Holdrege	Brewster Field	HDE	\$30,000
NE	Hyannis	Grant County	1V2	\$20,000
NE	Imperial	Imperial Municipal	IML	\$30,000
NE	Kearney	Kearney Regional	EAR	\$16,874,151
NE	Kimball	Kimball Municipal/Robert E Arraj Field	IBM	\$20,000
NE	Lexington	Jim Kelly Field	LXN	\$30,000
NE	Lincoln	Lincoln	LNK	\$5,612,944
NE	Loup City	Loup City Municipal	0F4	\$20,000
NE	McCook	McCook Ben Nelson Regional	MCK	\$30,000
NE	Minden	Pioneer Village Field	0V3	\$30,000
NE	Nebraska City	Nebraska City Municipal	AFK	\$20,000
NE	Neligh	Antelope County	4V9	\$20,000
NE	Norfolk	Norfolk Regional/Karl Stefan Memorial Field	OFK	\$69,000
NE	North Platte	North Platte Regional Airport Lee Bird Field	LBF	\$3,859,446
NE	Ogallala	Searle Field	OGA	\$20,000
NE	Omaha	Eppley Airfield	OMA	\$32,821,258

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NE	Omaha	Millard	MLE	\$30,000
NE	O'Neill	The O'Neill Municipal-John L Baker Field	ONL	\$30,000
NE	Ord	Evelyn Sharp Field	ODX	\$20,000
NE	Oshkosh	Garden County/King Rhiley Field	OKS	\$20,000
NE	Pawnee City	Pawnee City Municipal	50K	\$20,000
NE	Pender	Pender Municipal	0C4	\$30,000
NE	Plattsmouth	Plattsmouth Municipal	PMV	\$30,000
NE	Red Cloud	Red Cloud Municipal	7V7	\$20,000
NE	Rushville	Modisett	9V5	\$20,000
NE	Sargent	Sargent Municipal	09K	\$1,000
NE	Scottsbluff	Western Nebraska Regional/William B Heilig I	BFF	\$1,058,818
NE	Scribner	Scribner State	SCB	\$20,000
NE	Seward	Seward Municipal	SWT	\$30,000
NE	Sidney	Sidney Municipal/Lloyd W Carr Field	SNY	\$30,000
NE	Superior	Superior Municipal	12K	\$20,000
NE	Tecumseh	Tecumseh Municipal	0G3	\$20,000
NE	Tekamah	Tekamah Municipal	TQE	\$30,000
NE	Thedford	Thomas County	TIF	\$20,000
NE	Valentine	Miller Field	VTN	\$30,000
NE	Wahoo	Wahoo Municipal	AHQ	\$30,000
NE	Wallace	Wallace Municipal	64V	\$20,000
NE	Wayne	Wayne Municipal/ Stan Morris Field	LCG	\$30,000
NE	York	York Municipal	JYR	\$30,000
NH	Berlin	Berlin Regional	BML	\$30,000
NH	Claremont	Claremont Municipal	CNH	\$30,000
NH	Concord	Concord Municipal	CON	\$30,000
NH	Haverhill	Dean Memorial	5B9	\$20,000
NH	Keene	Dillant-Hopkins	EEN	\$69,000
NH	Laconia	Laconia Municipal	LCI	\$69,000
NH	Lebanon	Lebanon Municipal	LEB	\$1,060,370
NH	Manchester	Manchester	MHT	\$12,129,630
NH	Nashua	Boire Field	ASH	\$69,000
NH	Newport	Parlin Field	2B3	\$30,000
NH	Plymouth	Plymouth Municipal	1P1	\$20,000
NH	Portsmouth	Portsmouth International at Pease	PSM	\$1,607,474
NH	Rochester	Skyhaven	DAW	\$30,000
NH	Whitefield	Mount Washington Regional	HIE	\$30,000
NJ	Atlantic City	Atlantic City International	ACY	\$7,892,177
NJ	Bedminster	Somerset	SMQ	\$69,000
NJ	Belmar	Monmouth Executive	BLM	\$1,000
NJ	Caldwell	Essex County	CDW	\$69,000
NJ	Hammonton	Hammonton Municipal	N81	\$30,000
NJ	Lakewood	Lakewood	N12	\$30,000
NJ	Lincoln Park	Lincoln Park	N07	\$69,000
NJ	Linden	Linden	LDJ	\$30,000
NJ	Manville	Central Jersey Regional	47N	\$1,000
NJ	Millville	Millville Municipal	MIV	\$30,000
NJ	Morristown	Morristown Municipal	MMU	\$157,000
NJ	Mount Holly	South Jersey Regional	VAY	\$69,000
NJ	Newark	Newark Liberty International	EWR	\$147,522,766

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NJ	Ocean City	Ocean City Municipal	26N	\$20,000
NJ	Readington	Solberg-Hunterdon	N51	\$1,000
NJ	Robbinsville	Trenton-Robbinsville	N87	\$1,000
NJ	Rocky Hill	Princeton	39N	\$1,000
NJ	Sussex	Sussex	FWN	\$1,000
NJ	Teterboro	Teterboro	TEB	\$157,000
NJ	Toms River	Ocean County	MJX	\$69,000
NJ	Trenton	Trenton Mercer	TTN	\$4,550,905
NJ	West Milford	Greenwood Lake	4N1	\$30,000
NJ	Wildwood	Cape May County	WWD	\$69,000
NJ	Woodbine	Woodbine Municipal	OBI	\$30,000
NM	Alamogordo	Alamogordo-White Sands Regional	ALM	\$30,000
NM	Albuquerque	Albuquerque International Sunport	ABQ	\$19,695,498
NM	Albuquerque	Double Eagle II	AEG	\$69,000
NM	Angel Fire	Angel Fire	AXX	\$20,000
NM	Artesia	Artesia Municipal	ATS	\$30,000
NM	Aztec	Aztec Municipal	N19	\$20,000
NM	Belen	Belen Regional	BRG	\$30,000
NM	Carlsbad	Cavern City Air Terminal	CNM	\$69,000
NM	Carrizozo	Carrizozo Municipal	F37	\$20,000
NM	Clayton	Clayton Municipal Airpark	CAO	\$20,000
NM	Clovis	Clovis Municipal	CVN	\$69,000
NM	Conchas Dam	Conchas Lake	E89	\$20,000
NM	Crownpoint	Crownpoint	0E8	\$20,000
NM	Deming	Deming Municipal	DMN	\$30,000
NM	Dulce	Jicarilla Apache Nation	24N	\$20,000
NM	Espanola	Ohkay Owingeh	E14	\$20,000
NM	Farmington	Four Corners Regional	FMN	\$69,000
NM	Fort Sumner	Fort Sumner Municipal	FSU	\$20,000
NM	Gallup	Gallup Municipal	GUP	\$20,000
NM	Glenwood	Glenwood	E94	\$1,000
NM	Grants	Grants-Milan Municipal	GNT	\$20,000
NM	Hatch	Hatch Municipal	E05	\$20,000
NM	Hobbs	Lea County Regional	HOB	\$1,096,589
NM	Jal	Lea County/Jal/	E26	\$20,000
NM	Las Cruces	Las Cruces International	LRU	\$69,000
NM	Las Vegas	Las Vegas Municipal	LVS	\$20,000
NM	Lordsburg	Lordsburg Municipal	LSB	\$20,000
NM	Los Alamos	Los Alamos	LAM	\$30,000
NM	Lovington	Lea County-Zip Franklin Memorial	E06	\$20,000
NM	Magdalena	Magdalena	N29	\$1,000
NM	Moriarty	Moriarty Municipal	0E0	\$30,000
NM	Navajo Dam	Navajo Lake	1V0	\$1,000
NM	Portales	Portales Municipal	PRZ	\$30,000
NM	Questa	Questa Municipal Nr 2	N24	\$1,000
NM	Raton	Raton Municipal/Crews Field	RTN	\$30,000
NM	Reserve	Reserve	T16	\$20,000
NM	Roswell	Roswell Air Center	ROW	\$1,233,016
NM	Ruidoso	Sierra Blanca Regional	SRR	\$69,000
NM	Santa Fe	Santa Fe Municipal	SAF	\$1,858,505

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NM	Santa Rosa	Santa Rosa Route 66	SXU	\$20,000
NM	Santa Teresa	Dona Ana County International Jetport	DNA	\$69,000
NM	Shiprock	Shiprock Airstrip	5V5	\$20,000
NM	Silver City	Grant County	SVC	\$69,000
NM	Socorro	Socorro Municipal	ONM	\$30,000
NM	Springer	Springer Municipal	S42	\$20,000
NM	Taos	Taos Regional	SKX	\$30,000
NM	Truth or Consequences	Truth Or Consequences Municipal	TCS	\$30,000
NM	Tucumcari	Tucumcari Municipal	TCC	\$20,000
NM	Vaughn	Vaughn Municipal	N17	\$20,000
NM	Zuni	Andrew Othole Memorial	XNI	\$20,000
NV	Alamo	Alamo Landing Field	L92	\$20,000
NV	Austin	Austin	TMT	\$20,000
NV	Battle Mountain	Battle Mountain	BAM	\$20,000
NV	Beatty	Beatty	BTY	\$20,000
NV	Boulder City	Boulder City Municipal	BVU	\$2,695,912
NV	Carson City	Carson	CXP	\$69,000
NV	Elko	Elko Regional	EKO	\$1,356,902
NV	Ely	Ely /Yelland Field/	ELY	\$20,000
NV	Eureka	Eureka	05U	\$20,000
NV	Fallon	Fallon Municipal	FLX	\$30,000
NV	Gabbs	Gabbs	GAB	\$20,000
NV	Hawthorne	Hawthorne Industrial	HTH	\$20,000
NV	Jackpot	Jackpot/Hayden Field	06U	\$20,000
NV	Jean	Jean	0L7	\$30,000
NV	Las Vegas	Henderson Executive	HND	\$157,000
NV	Las Vegas	McCarran International	LAS	\$195,485,334
NV	Las Vegas	North Las Vegas	VGT	\$157,000
NV	Lovelock	Derby Field	LOL	\$20,000
NV	Mesquite	Mesquite	67L	\$30,000
NV	Minden	Minden-Tahoe	MEV	\$69,000
NV	Overton	Perkins Field	U08	\$20,000
NV	Owyhee	Owyhee	10U	\$20,000
NV	Panaca	Lincoln County	1L1	\$20,000
NV	Reno	Reno/Stead	RTS	\$30,000
NV	Reno	Reno/Tahoe International	RNO	\$30,957,866
NV	Silver Springs	Silver Springs	SPZ	\$20,000
NV	Tonopah	Tonopah	TPH	\$20,000
NV	Wells	Wells Municipal/Harriet Field	LWL	\$20,000
NV	Winnemucca	Winnemucca Municipal	WMC	\$30,000
NV	Yerington	Yerington Municipal	O43	\$30,000
NY	Akron	Akron/Jesson Field	9G3	\$1,000
NY	Albany	Albany International	ALB	\$15,277,876
NY	Batavia	Genesee County	GVQ	\$69,000
NY	Bayport	Bayport Aerodrome	23N	\$20,000
NY	Binghamton	Greater Binghamton/Edwin A Link Field	BGM	\$1,356,057
NY	Brockport	Ledgesdale Airpark	7G0	\$1,000
NY	Buffalo	Buffalo Airfield	9G0	\$1,000
NY	Buffalo	Buffalo Niagara International	BUF	\$21,647,814
NY	Canandaigua	Canandaigua	IUA	\$30,000

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NY	Corning	Corning-Painted Post	7N1	\$30,000
NY	Cortland	Cortland County-Chase Field	N03	\$30,000
NY	Dansville	Dansville Municipal	DSV	\$30,000
NY	Dunkirk	Chautauqua County/Dunkirk	DKK	\$30,000
NY	East Hampton	East Hampton	HTO	\$69,000
NY	Ellenville	Joseph Y Resnick	N89	\$30,000
NY	Elmira	Elmira/Corning Regional	ELM	\$2,494,192
NY	Endicott	Tri-Cities	CZG	\$30,000
NY	Fishers Island	Elizabeth Field	0B8	\$20,000
NY	Fulton	Oswego County	FZY	\$30,000
NY	Glens Falls	Floyd Bennett Memorial	GFL	\$69,000
NY	Hamilton	Hamilton Municipal	VGC	\$30,000
NY	Hornell	Hornell Municipal	HTF	\$20,000
NY	Hudson	Columbia County	1B1	\$69,000
NY	Islip	Long Island MacArthur	ISP	\$7,124,107
NY	Ithaca	Ithaca Tompkins Regional	ITH	\$1,775,964
NY	Jamestown	Chautauqua County/Jamestown	JHW	\$69,000
NY	Johnstown	Fulton County	NY0	\$30,000
NY	Kingston	Kingston-Ulster	20N	\$1,000
NY	Lake Placid	Lake Placid	LKP	\$30,000
NY	Lancaster	Buffalo-Lancaster Regional	BQR	\$1,000
NY	Le Roy	Le Roy	5G0	\$1,000
NY	Malone	Malone-Dufort	MAL	\$20,000
NY	Massena	Massena International-Richards Field	MSS	\$69,000
NY	Middletown	Randall	06N	\$1,000
NY	Millbrook	Sky Acres	44N	\$69,000
NY	Montauk	Montauk	MTP	\$1,000
NY	Montgomery	Orange County	MGJ	\$69,000
NY	Monticello	Sullivan County International	MSV	\$30,000
NY	New York	Downtown Manhattan/Wall St	JRB	\$1,000
NY	New York	East 34th Street	6N5	\$1,000
NY	New York	John F Kennedy International	JFK	\$193,389,105
NY	New York	Laguardia	LGA	\$102,931,268
NY	New York	New York Skyports Inc	6N7	\$1,000
NY	New York	West 30th St	JRA	\$1,000
NY	Newburgh	New York Stewart International	SWF	\$6,445,860
NY	Niagara Falls	Niagara Falls International	IAG	\$1,890,589
NY	North Babylon	Republic	FRG	\$157,000
NY	Norwich	Lt Warren Eaton	OIC	\$30,000
NY	Ogdensburg	Ogdensburg International	OGS	\$2,401,267
NY	Olean	Cattaraugus County-Olean	OLE	\$30,000
NY	Oneonta	Albert S Nader Regional	N66	\$20,000
NY	Penn Yan	Penn Yan	PEO	\$69,000
NY	Perry	Perry-Warsaw	01G	\$30,000
NY	Piseco	Piseco	K09	\$20,000
NY	Plattsburgh	Plattsburgh International	PBG	\$2,028,646
NY	Potsdam	Potsdam Municipal/Damon Field	PTD	\$69,000
NY	Poughkeepsie	Hudson Valley Regional	POU	\$30,000
NY	Rochester	Greater Rochester International	ROC	\$12,868,049
NY	Rome	Griffiss International	RME	\$69,000

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NY	Saranac Lake	Adirondack Regional	SLK	\$69,000
NY	Saratoga Springs	Saratoga County	5B2	\$69,000
NY	Schenectady	Schenectady County	SCH	\$69,000
NY	Schroon Lake	Schroon Lake	4B7	\$1,000
NY	Seneca Falls	Finger Lakes Regional	0G7	\$30,000
NY	Shirley	Brookhaven	HWV	\$69,000
NY	Sidney	Sidney Municipal	N23	\$30,000
NY	Sodus	Williamson-Sodus	SDC	\$1,000
NY	Syracuse	Syracuse Hancock International	SYR	\$12,921,402
NY	Ticonderoga	Ticonderoga Municipal	4B6	\$20,000
NY	Warwick	Warwick Municipal	N72	\$30,000
NY	Watertown	Watertown International	ART	\$1,098,108
NY	Weedsport	Whitfords	B16	\$1,000
NY	Wellsville	Wellsville Municipal Airport, Tarantine Field	ELZ	\$30,000
NY	Westhampton Beach	Francis S Gabreski	FOK	\$69,000
NY	White Plains	Westchester County	HPN	\$23,607,111
NY	Wurtsboro	Wurtsboro-Sullivan County	N82	\$1,000
OH	Akron	Akron Fulton International	AKR	\$69,000
OH	Akron	Akron-Canton Regional	CAK	\$7,609,950
OH	Ashland	Ashland County	3G4	\$30,000
OH	Ashtabula	Northeast Ohio Regional	HZY	\$20,000
OH	Athens	Ohio University	UNI	\$69,000
OH	Barnesville	Barnesville-Bradfield	6G5	\$1,000
OH	Batavia	Clermont County	I69	\$69,000
OH	Bellefontaine	Bellefontaine Regional	EDJ	\$20,000
OH	Bluffton	Bluffton	5G7	\$20,000
OH	Bowling Green	Wood County	1G0	\$30,000
OH	Bryan	Williams County	0G6	\$30,000
OH	Bucyrus	Port Bucyrus-Crawford County	17G	\$30,000
OH	Cadiz	Harrison County	8G6	\$30,000
OH	Cambridge	Cambridge Municipal	CDI	\$20,000
OH	Carrollton	Carroll County-Tolson	TSO	\$30,000
OH	Celina	Lakefield	CQA	\$30,000
OH	Chesapeake	Lawrence County Airpark	HTW	\$30,000
OH	Chillicothe	Ross County	RZT	\$30,000
OH	Cincinnati	Cincinnati Municipal Airport Lunken Field	LUK	\$157,000
OH	Circleville	Pickaway County Memorial	CYO	\$30,000
OH	Cleveland	Burke Lakefront	BKL	\$157,000
OH	Cleveland	Cleveland-Hopkins International	CLE	\$46,301,326
OH	Cleveland	Cuyahoga County	CGF	\$157,000
OH	Columbus	Bolton Field	TZR	\$69,000
OH	Columbus	John Glenn Columbus International	CMH	\$31,471,589
OH	Columbus	Ohio State University	OSU	\$157,000
OH	Columbus	Rickenbacker International	LCK	\$2,218,867
OH	Coshocton	Richard Downing	I40	\$30,000
OH	Crestline	Galion Municipal	GQQ	\$30,000
OH	Dayton	Dayton-Wright Brothers	MGY	\$69,000
OH	Dayton	James M Cox Dayton International	DAY	\$14,555,971
OH	Defiance	Defiance Memorial	DFI	\$30,000
OH	Delaware	Delaware Municipal - Jim Moore Field	DLZ	\$69,000

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OH	East Liverpool	Columbiana County	02G	\$30,000
OH	Findlay	Findlay	FDY	\$69,000
OH	Fostoria	Fostoria Metropolitan	FZI	\$30,000
OH	Fremont	Sandusky County Regional	S24	\$20,000
OH	Gallipolis	Gallia-Meigs Regional	GAS	\$30,000
OH	Georgetown	Brown County	GEO	\$20,000
OH	Hamilton	Butler Co Regional-Hogan Field	HAO	\$69,000
OH	Harrison	Cincinnati West	I67	\$30,000
OH	Hillsboro	Highland County	HOC	\$30,000
OH	Jackson	James A Rhodes	I43	\$30,000
OH	Kelleys Island	Kelleys Island Land Field	89D	\$20,000
OH	Kenton	Hardin County	I95	\$30,000
OH	Lancaster	Fairfield County	LHQ	\$30,000
OH	Lebanon	Warren County/John Lane Field	I68	\$30,000
OH	Lima	Lima Allen County	AOH	\$30,000
OH	London	Madison County	UYF	\$30,000
OH	Lorain	Lorain County Regional	LPR	\$69,000
OH	Mansfield	Mansfield Lahm Regional	MFD	\$69,000
OH	Marion	Marion Municipal	MNN	\$30,000
OH	Marysville	Union County	MRT	\$69,000
OH	McArthur	Vinton County	22I	\$20,000
OH	Medina	Medina Municipal	1G5	\$30,000
OH	Middle Bass	Middle Bass Island	3T7	\$20,000
OH	Middlefield	Geauga County	7G8	\$30,000
OH	Middletown	Middletown Regional/Hook Field	MWO	\$69,000
OH	Millersburg	Holmes County	10G	\$30,000
OH	Mount Gilead	Morrow County	4I9	\$30,000
OH	Mount Vernon	Knox County	4I3	\$30,000
OH	Napoleon	Henry County	7W5	\$30,000
OH	New Lexington	Perry County	I86	\$20,000
OH	New Philadelphia	Harry Clever Field	PHD	\$30,000
OH	Newark	Newark-Heath	VTA	\$30,000
OH	North Bass Island	North Bass Island	3X5	\$20,000
OH	Norwalk	Norwalk-Huron County	5A1	\$30,000
OH	Ottawa	Putnam County	OWX	\$30,000
OH	Oxford	Miami University	OXD	\$20,000
OH	Port Clinton	Erie-Ottawa International	PCW	\$69,000
OH	Portsmouth	Greater Portsmouth Regional	PMH	\$30,000
OH	Put-in-Bay	Put-in-Bay	3W2	\$20,000
OH	Ravenna	Portage County	POV	\$30,000
OH	Sidney	Sidney Municipal	SCA	\$30,000
OH	Springfield	Springfield-Beckley Municipal	SGH	\$69,000
OH	Steubenville	Jefferson County Airpark	2G2	\$30,000
OH	Stow	Kent State University	1G3	\$30,000
OH	Tiffin	Seneca County	16G	\$30,000
OH	Toledo	Toledo Express	TOL	\$2,907,370
OH	Upper Sandusky	Wyandot County	56D	\$1,000
OH	Urbana	Grimes Field	I74	\$30,000
OH	Van Wert	Van Wert County	VNW	\$30,000
OH	Versailles	Darke County	VES	\$30,000

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OH	Wadsworth	Wadsworth Municipal	3G3	\$30,000
OH	Walbridge	Toledo Executive	TDZ	\$30,000
OH	Wapakoneta	Neil Armstrong	AXV	\$69,000
OH	Washington Court House	Fayette County	I23	\$30,000
OH	Wauseon	Fulton County	USE	\$30,000
OH	Waverly	Pike County	EOP	\$1,000
OH	West Union	Alexander Salamon	AMT	\$20,000
OH	Willoughby	Lake County Executive	LNN	\$69,000
OH	Wilmington	Clinton Field	I66	\$30,000
OH	Woodsfield	Monroe County	4G5	\$20,000
OH	Wooster	Wayne County	BJJ	\$69,000
OH	Xenia	Greene County-Lewis A Jackson Regional	I19	\$30,000
OH	Youngstown	Youngstown-Warren Regional	YNG	\$69,000
OH	Zanesville	Zanesville Municipal	ZZV	\$69,000
OK	Ada	Ada Regional	ADH	\$30,000
OK	Altus	Altus/Quartz Mountain Regional	AXS	\$30,000
OK	Alva	Alva Regional	AVK	\$30,000
OK	Antlers	Antlers Municipal	80F	\$1,000
OK	Ardmore	Ardmore Downtown Executive	1F0	\$30,000
OK	Ardmore	Ardmore Municipal	ADM	\$69,000
OK	Atoka	Atoka Municipal	AQR	\$30,000
OK	Bartlesville	Bartlesville Municipal	BVO	\$69,000
OK	Beaver	Beaver Municipal	K44	\$20,000
OK	Blackwell	Blackwell-Tonkawa Municipal	BKN	\$20,000
OK	Boise City	Boise City	17K	\$30,000
OK	Bristow	Jones Memorial	3F7	\$30,000
OK	Buffalo	Buffalo Municipal	BFK	\$20,000
OK	Burns Flat	Clinton-Sherman	CSM	\$1,000
OK	Canadian	Carlton Landing Field	91F	\$1,000
OK	Carnegie	Carnegie Municipal	86F	\$20,000
OK	Chandler	Chandler Regional	CQB	\$20,000
OK	Cherokee	Cherokee Municipal	4O5	\$20,000
OK	Cheyenne	Mignon Laird Municipal	93F	\$1,000
OK	Chickasha	Chickasha Municipal	CHK	\$30,000
OK	Claremore	Claremore Regional	GCM	\$30,000
OK	Cleveland	Cleveland Municipal	95F	\$1,000
OK	Clinton	Clinton Regional	CLK	\$30,000
OK	Cordell	Cordell Municipal	F36	\$1,000
OK	Cushing	Cushing Municipal	CUH	\$30,000
OK	Duncan	Halliburton Field	DUC	\$69,000
OK	Durant	Durant Regional - Eaker Field	DUA	\$69,000
OK	El Reno	El Reno Regional	RQO	\$30,000
OK	Elk City	Elk City Regional Business	ELK	\$30,000
OK	Enid	Enid Woodring Regional	WDG	\$69,000
OK	Eufaula	Eufaula Municipal	F08	\$20,000
OK	Eufaula	Fountainhead Lodge Airpark	0F7	\$1,000
OK	Fairview	Fairview Municipal	6K4	\$30,000
OK	Frederick	Frederick Regional	FDR	\$30,000
OK	Gage	Gage	GAG	\$1,000
OK	Goldsby	David Jay Perry	1K4	\$30,000

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OK	Grandfield	Grandfield Municipal	1O1	\$1,000
OK	Grove	Grove Municipal	GMJ	\$30,000
OK	Guthrie	Guthrie-Edmond Regional	GOK	\$30,000
OK	Guymon	Guymon Municipal	GUY	\$30,000
OK	Healdton	Healdton Municipal	F32	\$1,000
OK	Henryetta	Henryetta Municipal	F10	\$1,000
OK	Hinton	Hinton Municipal	2O8	\$20,000
OK	Hobart	Hobart Regional	HBR	\$20,000
OK	Holdenville	Holdenville Municipal	F99	\$20,000
OK	Hollis	Hollis Municipal	O35	\$20,000
OK	Hominy	Hominy Municipal	H92	\$1,000
OK	Hooker	Hooker Municipal	O45	\$20,000
OK	Hugo	Stan Stamper Municipal	HHW	\$30,000
OK	Idabel	McCurtain County Regional	4O4	\$20,000
OK	Ketchum	South Grand Lake Regional	1K8	\$20,000
OK	Kingston	Lake Texoma State Park	F31	\$1,000
OK	Latimer (County)	Talihina Municipal	6F1	\$1,000
OK	Lawton	Lawton-Fort Sill Regional	LAW	\$1,197,853
OK	Lindsay	Lindsay Municipal	1K2	\$1,000
OK	Madill	Madill Municipal	1F4	\$30,000
OK	Mangum	Scott Field	2K4	\$1,000
OK	McAlester	McAlester Regional	MLC	\$69,000
OK	Medford	Medford Municipal	O53	\$20,000
OK	Miami	Miami Regional	MIO	\$30,000
OK	Mooreland	Mooreland Municipal	MDF	\$20,000
OK	Muskogee	Muskogee-Davis Regional	MKO	\$30,000
OK	Norman	University of Oklahoma Westheimer	OUN	\$69,000
OK	Okeene	Christman Airfield	O65	\$1,000
OK	Okemah	Okemah Municipal	F81	\$1,000
OK	Oklahoma City	Clarence E Page Municipal	RCE	\$30,000
OK	Oklahoma City	Wiley Post	PWA	\$157,000
OK	Oklahoma City	Will Rogers World	OKC	\$21,757,913
OK	Okmulgee	Okmulgee Regional	OKM	\$30,000
OK	Pauls Valley	Pauls Valley Municipal	PVJ	\$30,000
OK	Pawnee	Pawnee Municipal	H97	\$1,000
OK	Perry	Perry Municipal	F22	\$30,000
OK	Ponca City	Ponca City Regional	PNC	\$69,000
OK	Poteau	Robert S Kerr	RKR	\$30,000
OK	Prague	Prague Municipal	O47	\$20,000
OK	Pryor	Mid-America Industrial	H71	\$20,000
OK	Purcell	Purcell Municipal - Steven E Shephard Field	3O3	\$20,000
OK	Sallisaw	Sallisaw Municipal	JSV	\$30,000
OK	Sand Springs	William R Pogue Municipal	OWP	\$30,000
OK	Sayre	Sayre Municipal	3O4	\$20,000
OK	Seminole	Seminole Municipal	SRE	\$30,000
OK	Shawnee	Shawnee Regional	SNL	\$30,000
OK	Skiatook	Skiatook Municipal	2F6	\$30,000
OK	Stigler	Stigler Regional	GZL	\$20,000
OK	Stillwater	Stillwater Regional	SWO	\$1,112,414
OK	Stroud	Stroud Municipal	SUD	\$20,000

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OK	Sulphur	Sulphur Municipal	F30	\$20,000
OK	Tahlequah	Tahlequah Municipal	TQH	\$30,000
OK	Thomas	Thomas Municipal	1O4	\$20,000
OK	Tishomingo	Tishomingo Airpark	0F9	\$1,000
OK	Tulsa	Richard Lloyd Jones Jr	RVS	\$157,000
OK	Tulsa	Tulsa International	TUL	\$15,547,550
OK	Vinita	Vinita Municipal	H04	\$20,000
OK	Wagoner	Hefner-Easley	H68	\$30,000
OK	Walters	Walters Municipal	3O5	\$1,000
OK	Watonga	Watonga Regional	JWG	\$30,000
OK	Waynoka	Waynoka Municipal	1K5	\$1,000
OK	Weatherford	Thomas P Stafford	OJA	\$30,000
OK	Wilburton	Wilburton Municipal	H05	\$20,000
OK	Woodward	West Woodward	WWR	\$69,000
OR	Albany	Albany Municipal	S12	\$30,000
OR	Ashland	Ashland Municipal-Sumner Parker Field	S03	\$30,000
OR	Astoria	Astoria Regional	AST	\$30,000
OR	Aurora	Aurora State	UAO	\$157,000
OR	Baker City	Baker City Municipal	BKE	\$30,000
OR	Bandon	Bandon State	S05	\$30,000
OR	Bend	Bend Municipal	BDN	\$69,000
OR	Boardman	Boardman	M50	\$1,000
OR	Brookings	Brookings	BOK	\$30,000
OR	Burns	Burns Municipal	BNO	\$30,000
OR	Cave Junction	Illinois Valley	3S4	\$30,000
OR	Chiloquin	Chiloquin State	2S7	\$20,000
OR	Christmas Valley	Christmas Valley	62S	\$20,000
OR	Condon	Condon State Pauling Field	3S9	\$20,000
OR	Corvallis	Corvallis Municipal	CVO	\$69,000
OR	Cottage Grove	Cottage Grove State	61S	\$20,000
OR	Creswell	Hobby Field	77S	\$30,000
OR	Dallesport	Columbia Gorge Regional/The Dalles Municip	DLS	\$30,000
OR	Eugene	Mahlon Sweet Field	EUG	\$22,654,502
OR	Florence	Florence Municipal	6S2	\$30,000
OR	Gleneden Beach	Siletz Bay State	S45	\$20,000
OR	Gold Beach	Gold Beach Municipal	4S1	\$20,000
OR	Grants Pass	Grants Pass	3S8	\$30,000
OR	Hermiston	Hermiston Municipal	HRI	\$69,000
OR	Hood River	Ken Jernstedt Airfield	4S2	\$30,000
OR	Independence	Independence State	7S5	\$30,000
OR	John Day	Grant County Regional/Ogilvie Field	GCD	\$20,000
OR	Joseph	Joseph State	JSY	\$20,000
OR	Klamath Falls	Crater Lake-Klamath Regional	LMT	\$69,000
OR	La Grande	La Grande/Union County	LGD	\$30,000
OR	Lakeview	Lake County	LKV	\$20,000
OR	Lebanon	Lebanon State	S30	\$30,000
OR	Lexington	Lexington	9S9	\$20,000
OR	Madras	Madras Municipal	S33	\$30,000
OR	McDermitt	McDermitt State	26U	\$20,000
OR	McMinnville	McMinnville Municipal	MMV	\$69,000

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OR	Medford	Rogue Valley International - Medford	MFR	\$15,066,760
OR	Mulino	Mulino State	4S9	\$30,000
OR	Myrtle Creek	Myrtle Creek Municipal	16S	\$20,000
OR	Newport	Newport Municipal	ONP	\$69,000
OR	North Bend	Southwest Oregon Regional	OTH	\$2,550,333
OR	Ontario	Ontario Municipal	ONO	\$30,000
OR	Pendleton	Eastern Oregon Regional at Pendleton	PDT	\$16,881,672
OR	Portland	Portland Downtown	61J	\$1,000
OR	Portland	Portland International	PDX	\$72,302,494
OR	Portland	Portland-Hillsboro	HIO	\$157,000
OR	Portland	Portland-Troutdale	TTD	\$30,000
OR	Prineville	Prineville	S39	\$30,000
OR	Redmond	Roberts Field	RDM	\$8,907,654
OR	Roseburg	Roseburg Regional	RBG	\$69,000
OR	Salem	McNary Field	SLE	\$69,000
OR	Scappoose	Scappoose Industrial Airpark	SPB	\$30,000
OR	Seaside	Seaside Municipal	56S	\$1,000
OR	Tillamook	Tillamook	TMK	\$30,000
OR	Wasco	Wasco State	35S	\$1,000
PA	Allentown	Allentown Queen City Municipal	XLL	\$30,000
PA	Allentown	Lehigh Valley International	ABE	\$6,191,170
PA	Altoona	Altoona-Blair County	AOO	\$69,000
PA	Ambler	Wings Field	LOM	\$69,000
PA	Avoca	Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International	AVP	\$20,044,362
PA	Beaver Falls	Beaver County	BVI	\$69,000
PA	Beaver Falls	Zelienople Municipal	PJC	\$30,000
PA	Bedford	Bedford County	HMZ	\$30,000
PA	Bloomsburg	Bloomsburg Municipal	N13	\$30,000
PA	Bradford	Bradford Regional	BFD	\$69,000
PA	Brookville	Dubois Regional	DUJ	\$1,960,575
PA	Butler	Pittsburgh/Butler Regional	BTP	\$69,000
PA	Chambersburg	Franklin County Regional	N68	\$30,000
PA	Clarion	Clarion County	AXQ	\$30,000
PA	Clearfield	Clearfield-Lawrence	FIG	\$20,000
PA	Coatesville	Chester County G O Carlson	MQS	\$157,000
PA	Connellsville	Joseph A Hardy Connellsville	VVS	\$30,000
PA	Corry	Corry-Lawrence	8G2	\$20,000
PA	Doylestown	Doylestown	DYL	\$69,000
PA	Ebensburg	Ebensburg	9G8	\$20,000
PA	Erie	Erie International/Tom Ridge Field	ERI	\$18,499,203
PA	Franklin	Venango Regional	FKL	\$30,000
PA	Gettysburg	Gettysburg Regional	W05	\$20,000
PA	Greenville	Greenville Municipal	4G1	\$20,000
PA	Grove City	Grove City	29D	\$30,000
PA	Harrisburg	Harrisburg International	MDT	\$9,841,050
PA	Hazleton	Hazleton Regional	HZL	\$30,000
PA	Indiana	Indiana County/Jimmy Stewart Field/	IDI	\$30,000
PA	Johnstown	John Murtha Johnstown-Cambria County	JST	\$5,124,995
PA	Latrobe	Arnold Palmer Regional	LBE	\$2,415,724
PA	Lehighton	Jake Arner Memorial	22N	\$30,000

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PA	Lititz	Lancaster	LNS	\$69,000
PA	Lock Haven	William T Piper Memorial	LHV	\$30,000
PA	Meadville	Port Meadville	GKJ	\$30,000
PA	Mount Pocono	Pocono Mountains Municipal	MPO	\$69,000
PA	New Castle	New Castle Municipal	UCP	\$30,000
PA	New Cumberland Army Depot	Capital City	CXY	\$69,000
PA	Philadelphia	Northeast Philadelphia	PNE	\$157,000
PA	Philadelphia	Philadelphia International	PHL	\$116,281,943
PA	Philipsburg	Mid-State	PSB	\$1,000
PA	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh International	PIT	\$36,066,209
PA	Pottstown	Heritage Field	PTW	\$69,000
PA	Pottstown	Pottstown Municipal	N47	\$30,000
PA	Pottsville	Schuylkill County/Joe Zerbey	ZER	\$30,000
PA	Punxsutawney	Punxsutawney Municipal	N35	\$20,000
PA	Quakertown	Quakertown	UKT	\$30,000
PA	Reading	Reading Regional/Carl A Spaatz Field	RDG	\$157,000
PA	Reedsville	Mifflin County	RVL	\$30,000
PA	Selinsgrove	Penn Valley	SEG	\$69,000
PA	Shamokin	Northumberland County	N79	\$30,000
PA	Somerset	Somerset County	2G9	\$30,000
PA	St. Marys	St Marys Municipal	OYM	\$20,000
PA	State College	University Park	UNV	\$2,337,489
PA	Titusville	Titusville	6G1	\$20,000
PA	Toughkenamon	New Garden	N57	\$69,000
PA	Towanda	Bradford County	N27	\$30,000
PA	Washington	Washington County	AFJ	\$69,000
PA	Wellsboro	Wellsboro Johnston	N38	\$30,000
PA	West Chester	Brandywine Regional	OQN	\$69,000
PA	West Mifflin	Allegheny County	AGC	\$157,000
PA	West Newton	Rostraver	FWQ	\$30,000
PA	Wilkes-Barre	Wilkes-Barre Wyoming Valley	WBW	\$30,000
PA	Williamsport	Williamsport Regional	IPT	\$17,952,146
PR	Aguadilla	Rafael Hernandez	BQN	\$3,527,060
PR	Arecibo	Antonio/Nery/Juarbe Pol	ABO	\$20,000
PR	Ceiba	Jose Aponte De La Torre	RVR	\$1,089,985
PR	Culebra	Benjamin Rivera Noriega	CPX	\$1,060,122
PR	Humacao	Dr Hermenegildo Ortiz Quinones	X63	\$20,000
PR	Mayaguez	Eugenio Maria De Hostos	MAZ	\$69,000
PR	Ponce	Mercedita	PSE	\$1,594,846
PR	San Juan	Fernando Luis Ribas Dominicci	SIG	\$1,058,040
PR	San Juan	Luis Munoz Marin International	SJU	\$33,417,367
PR	Vieques	Antonio Rivera Rodriguez	VQS	\$1,119,413
RI	Block Island	Block Island State	BID	\$1,069,162
RI	Newport	Newport State	UUU	\$30,000
RI	North Kingstown	Quonset State	OQU	\$69,000
RI	Pawtucket	North Central State	SFZ	\$30,000
RI	Warwick	Theodore Francis Green State	PVD	\$21,746,229
RI	Westerly	Westerly State	WST	\$1,072,803
SC	Aiken	Aiken Regional	AIK	\$20,000
SC	Allendale	Allendale County	AQX	\$20,000

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SC	Anderson	Anderson Regional	AND	\$69,000
SC	Andrews	Robert F Swinnie	PHH	\$1,000
SC	Bamberg	Bamberg County	99N	\$1,000
SC	Barnwell	Barnwell Regional	BNL	\$30,000
SC	Beaufort	Beaufort County	ARW	\$30,000
SC	Bennettsville	Marlboro County Jetport - H E Avent Field	BBP	\$20,000
SC	Bishopville	Lee County-Butters Field	52J	\$1,000
SC	Camden	Woodward Field	CDN	\$30,000
SC	Charleston	Charleston AFB/International	CHS	\$22,302,593
SC	Charleston	Charleston Executive	JZI	\$69,000
SC	Cheraw	Cheraw Municipal/Lynch Bellinger Field	CQW	\$30,000
SC	Chester	Chester Catawba Regional	DCM	\$30,000
SC	Columbia	Columbia Metropolitan	CAE	\$8,850,557
SC	Columbia	Jim Hamilton L B Owens	CUB	\$69,000
SC	Conway	Conway-Horry County	HYW	\$30,000
SC	Darlington	Darlington County	UDG	\$20,000
SC	Dillon	Dillon County	DLC	\$1,000
SC	Florence	Florence Regional	FLO	\$18,037,766
SC	Georgetown	Georgetown County	GGE	\$69,000
SC	Greenville	Donaldson Field	GYH	\$69,000
SC	Greenville	Greenville Downtown	GMU	\$157,000
SC	Greenwood	Greenwood County	GRD	\$30,000
SC	Greer	Greenville Spartanburg International	GSP	\$25,826,371
SC	Hartsville	Hartsville Regional	HVS	\$30,000
SC	Hilton Head Island	Hilton Head	HXD	\$1,214,749
SC	Kingstree	Williamsburg Regional	CKI	\$30,000
SC	Lancaster	Lancaster County-Mc Whirter Field	LKR	\$30,000
SC	Laurens	Laurens County	LUX	\$30,000
SC	Loris	Twin City	5J9	\$20,000
SC	Manning	Santee Cooper Regional	MNI	\$20,000
SC	Marion	Marion County	MAO	\$20,000
SC	Moncks Corner	Berkeley County	MKS	\$30,000
SC	Mount Pleasant	Mt Pleasant Regional-Faison Field	LRO	\$30,000
SC	Myrtle Beach	Myrtle Beach International	MYR	\$19,281,057
SC	Newberry	Newberry County	EOE	\$20,000
SC	North Myrtle Beach	Grand Strand	CRE	\$69,000
SC	Orangeburg	Orangeburg Municipal	OGB	\$69,000
SC	Pageland	Pageland	PYG	\$20,000
SC	Pelion	Lexington County	6J0	\$30,000
SC	Pickens	Pickens County	LQK	\$69,000
SC	Ridgeland	Ridgeland-Claude Dean	3J1	\$30,000
SC	Rock Hill	Rock Hill/York County/Bryant Field	UZA	\$69,000
SC	Saluda	Saluda County	6J4	\$20,000
SC	Seneca	Oconee County Regional	CEU	\$69,000
SC	Spartanburg	Spartanburg Downtown Memorial/Simpson Fi	SPA	\$69,000
SC	St. George	St George	6J2	\$1,000
SC	Summerville	Summerville	DYB	\$30,000
SC	Sumter	Sumter	SMS	\$69,000
SC	Union	Union County, Troy Shelton Field	35A	\$20,000
SC	Walterboro	Lowcountry Regional	RBW	\$30,000

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SC	Winnsboro	Fairfield County	FDW	\$30,000
SD	Aberdeen	Aberdeen Regional	ABR	\$1,116,870
SD	Belle Fourche	Belle Fourche Municipal	EFC	\$30,000
SD	Bison	Bison Municipal	6V5	\$20,000
SD	Britton	Britton Municipal	BTN	\$20,000
SD	Brookings	Brookings Regional	BKX	\$30,000
SD	Buffalo	Harding County	9D2	\$20,000
SD	Canton	Canton Municipal	7G9	\$20,000
SD	Chamberlain	Chamberlain Municipal	9V9	\$30,000
SD	Clark	Clark County	8D7	\$30,000
SD	Custer	Custer County	CUT	\$20,000
SD	De Smet	Wilder	6E5	\$20,000
SD	Eagle Butte	Cheyenne Eagle Butte	84D	\$20,000
SD	Edgemont	Edgemont Municipal	6V0	\$1,000
SD	Eureka	Eureka Municipal	3W8	\$20,000
SD	Faith	Faith Municipal	D07	\$20,000
SD	Faulkton	Faulkton Municipal	3FU	\$30,000
SD	Flandreau	Flandreau Municipal	4P3	\$20,000
SD	Gettysburg	Gettysburg Municipal	0D8	\$20,000
SD	Gregory	Gregory Municipal - Flynn Field	9D1	\$20,000
SD	Highmore	Highmore Municipal	9D0	\$20,000
SD	Hot Springs	Hot Springs Municipal	HSR	\$30,000
SD	Howard	Howard Municipal	8D9	\$1,000
SD	Huron	Huron Regional	HON	\$30,000
SD	Kadoka	Kadoka Municipal	5V8	\$1,000
SD	Lemmon	Lemmon Municipal	LEM	\$20,000
SD	Lowry	Hoven Municipal	9F8	\$20,000
SD	Madison	Madison Municipal	MDS	\$30,000
SD	Martin	Martin Municipal	9V6	\$20,000
SD	McLaughlin	Mc Laughlin Municipal	5P2	\$20,000
SD	Milbank	Milbank Municipal	1D1	\$20,000
SD	Miller	Miller Municipal	MKA	\$20,000
SD	Mitchell	Mitchell Municipal	MHE	\$69,000
SD	Mobridge	Mobridge Municipal	MBG	\$30,000
SD	Murdo	Murdo Municipal	8F6	\$20,000
SD	Onida	Onida Municipal	98D	\$30,000
SD	Parkston	Parkston Municipal	8V3	\$20,000
SD	Philip	Philip	PHP	\$20,000
SD	Pierre	Pierre Regional	PIR	\$1,123,947
SD	Pine Ridge	Pine Ridge	IEN	\$20,000
SD	Platte	Platte Municipal	1D3	\$30,000
SD	Presho	Presho Municipal	5P5	\$20,000
SD	Rapid City	Rapid City Regional	RAP	\$9,282,023
SD	Redfield	Redfield Municipal	1D8	\$30,000
SD	Rosebud	Rosebud Sioux Tribal	SUO	\$20,000
SD	Sioux Falls	Joe Foss Field	FSD	\$22,454,505
SD	Sisseton	Sisseton Municipal	8D3	\$20,000
SD	Spearfish	Black Hills-Clyde Ice Field	SPF	\$30,000
SD	Springfield	Springfield Municipal	Y03	\$20,000
SD	Sturgis	Sturgis Municipal	49B	\$30,000

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SD	Tea	Marv Skie-Lincoln County	Y14	\$30,000
SD	Vermillion	Harold Davidson Field	VMR	\$30,000
SD	Wagner	Wagner Municipal	AGZ	\$20,000
SD	Wall	Wall Municipal	6V4	\$20,000
SD	Watertown	Watertown Regional	ATY	\$1,049,638
SD	Webster	The Sigurd Anderson	1D7	\$20,000
SD	Wessington Springs	Wessington Springs	4X4	\$20,000
SD	Winner	Winner Regional	ICR	\$20,000
SD	Yankton	Chan Gurney Municipal	YKN	\$30,000
TN	Alcoa	McGhee Tyson	TYS	\$25,830,652
TN	Athens	McMinn County	MMI	\$30,000
TN	Bolivar	William L Whitehurst Field	M08	\$20,000
TN	Bristol/Johnson/Kingsport	Tri-Cities	TRI	\$10,300,692
TN	Camden	Benton County	0M4	\$30,000
TN	Centerville (CCD)	Centerville Municipal	GHM	\$30,000
TN	Chattanooga	Lovell Field	CHA	\$5,747,955
TN	Clarksville	Outlaw Field	CKV	\$30,000
TN	Cleveland	Cleveland Regional Jetport	RZR	\$69,000
TN	Clifton	Hassell Field	M29	\$20,000
TN	Columbia/Mount Pleasant	Maury County	MRC	\$30,000
TN	Copperhill	Martin Campbell Field	1A3	\$30,000
TN	Covington	Covington Municipal	M04	\$30,000
TN	Crossville	Crossville Memorial-Whitson Field	CSV	\$30,000
TN	Darden	Beech River Regional	PVE	\$30,000
TN	Dayton	Mark Anton	2A0	\$20,000
TN	Dickson	Dickson Municipal	M02	\$30,000
TN	Dyersburg	Dyersburg Regional	DYR	\$69,000
TN	Elizabethton	Elizabethton Municipal	0A9	\$69,000
TN	Fayetteville	Fayetteville Municipal	FYM	\$30,000
TN	Gainesboro	Jackson County	1A7	\$20,000
TN	Gallatin	Sumner County Regional	XNX	\$69,000
TN	Greeneville	Greeneville-Greene County Municipal	GCY	\$30,000
TN	Humboldt	Humboldt Municipal	M53	\$20,000
TN	Huntingdon	Carroll County	HZD	\$30,000
TN	Jacksboro	Colonel Tommy C Stiner Airfield	JAU	\$30,000
TN	Jackson	McKellar-Sipes Regional	MKL	\$69,000
TN	Jamestown	Jamestown Municipal	2A1	\$20,000
TN	Jasper	Marion County-Brown Field	APT	\$30,000
TN	Knoxville	Knoxville Downtown Island	DKX	\$69,000
TN	Lafayette	Lafayette Municipal	3M7	\$30,000
TN	Lawrenceburg	Lawrenceburg-Lawrence County	2M2	\$30,000
TN	Lebanon	Lebanon Municipal	M54	\$69,000
TN	Lewisburg	Ellington	LUG	\$30,000
TN	Linden	James Tucker Airport	M15	\$1,000
TN	Livingston	Livingston Municipal	8A3	\$30,000
TN	Madisonville	Monroe County	MNV	\$30,000
TN	McMinnville	Warren County Memorial	RNC	\$30,000
TN	Memphis	General Dewitt Spain	M01	\$69,000
TN	Memphis	Memphis International	MEM	\$24,687,552
TN	Millington	Charles W Baker	2M8	\$69,000

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TN	Millington	Millington-Memphis	NQA	\$69,000
TN	Morristown	Moore-Murrell	MOR	\$69,000
TN	Mountain City	Johnson County	6A4	\$30,000
TN	Murfreesboro	Murfreesboro Municipal	MBT	\$69,000
TN	Nashville	John C Tune	JWN	\$69,000
TN	Nashville	Nashville International	BNA	\$54,963,454
TN	Oneida	Scott Municipal	SCX	\$30,000
TN	Paris	Henry County	PHT	\$30,000
TN	Portland	Portland Municipal	1M5	\$30,000
TN	Pulaski	Abernathy Field	GZS	\$30,000
TN	Ridgewood	Rockwood Municipal	RKW	\$30,000
TN	Rogersville	Hawkins County	RVN	\$30,000
TN	Savannah	Savannah-Hardin County	SNH	\$30,000
TN	Selmer	Robert Sibley	SZY	\$30,000
TN	Sevierville	Gatlinburg-Pigeon Forge	GKT	\$69,000
TN	Sewanee	Franklin County	UOS	\$20,000
TN	Shelbyville	Bomar Field-Shelbyville Municipal	SYI	\$69,000
TN	Smithville	Smithville Municipal	0A3	\$30,000
TN	Smyrna	Smyrna	MQY	\$157,000
TN	Somerville	Fayette County	FYE	\$30,000
TN	Sparta	Upper Cumberland Regional	SRB	\$30,000
TN	Springfield	Springfield Robertson County	M91	\$30,000
TN	Tazewell	New Tazewell Municipal	3A2	\$30,000
TN	Trenton	Gibson County	TGC	\$30,000
TN	Tullahoma	Tullahoma Regional Airport/Wm Northern Fiel	THA	\$30,000
TN	Union City	Everett-Stewart Regional	UCY	\$30,000
TN	Waverly	Humphreys County	0M5	\$20,000
TN	Winchester	Winchester Municipal	BGF	\$69,000
TX	Abilene	Abilene Regional	ABI	\$1,504,738
TX	Alice	Alice International	ALI	\$20,000
TX	Alpine	Alpine-Casparis Municipal	E38	\$20,000
TX	Amarillo	Rick Husband Amarillo International	AMA	\$7,632,380
TX	Anahuac	Chambers County	T00	\$1,000
TX	Andrews	Andrews County	E11	\$30,000
TX	Angleton	Texas Gulf Coast Regional	LBX	\$69,000
TX	Arlington	Arlington Municipal	GKY	\$69,000
TX	Aspermont	Stonewall County	T60	\$20,000
TX	Athens	Athens Municipal	F44	\$30,000
TX	Atlanta	Hall-Miller Municipal	ATA	\$30,000
TX	Austin	Austin-Bergstrom International	AUS	\$58,735,130
TX	Bay City	Bay City Regional	BYY	\$30,000
TX	Beaumont	Beaumont Municipal	BMT	\$30,000
TX	Beaumont	Jack Brooks Regional	BPT	\$17,969,304
TX	Beeville	Beeville Municipal	BEA	\$20,000
TX	Big Spring	Big Spring McMahon-Wrinkle	BPG	\$30,000
TX	Bonham	Jones Field	F00	\$30,000
TX	Borger	Hutchinson County	BGD	\$20,000
TX	Bowie	Bowie Municipal	0F2	\$30,000
TX	Brady	Curtis Field	BBD	\$30,000
TX	Breckenridge	Stephens County	BKD	\$30,000

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TX	Brenham	Brenham Municipal	11R	\$69,000
TX	Bridgeport	Bridgeport Municipal	XBP	\$30,000
TX	Brownfield	Terry County	BFE	\$20,000
TX	Brownsville	Brownsville/South Padre Island International	BRO	\$1,857,797
TX	Brownwood	Brownwood Regional	BWD	\$30,000
TX	Bryan	Coulter Field	CFD	\$30,000
TX	Burnet	Burnet Municipal Kate Craddock Field	BMQ	\$30,000
TX	Caddo Mills	Caddo Mills Municipal	7F3	\$30,000
TX	Cameron	Cameron Municipal Airpark	T35	\$1,000
TX	Canadian	Hemphill County	HHF	\$20,000
TX	Carrizo Springs	Dimmit County	CZT	\$20,000
TX	Carthage	Panola County-Sharpe Field	4F2	\$20,000
TX	Castroville	Castroville Municipal	CVB	\$30,000
TX	Center	Center Municipal	F17	\$30,000
TX	Clarksville	Clarksville/Red River County-J D Trissell Field	LBR	\$20,000
TX	Cleburne	Cleburne Regional	CPT	\$69,000
TX	Cleveland	Cleveland Municipal	6R3	\$30,000
TX	Clifton	Clifton Municipal/Isenhower Field	7F7	\$20,000
TX	Coleman	Coleman Municipal	COM	\$30,000
TX	College Station	Easterwood Field	CLL	\$1,411,135
TX	Comanche	Comanche County-City	MKN	\$20,000
TX	Commerce	Commerce Municipal	2F7	\$20,000
TX	Conroe	Conroe-North Houston Regional	CXO	\$157,000
TX	Corpus Christi	Corpus Christi International	CRP	\$6,521,022
TX	Corsicana	C David Campbell Field-Corsicana Municipal	CRS	\$30,000
TX	Cotulla	Cotulla-La Salle County	COT	\$20,000
TX	Crockett	Houston County	DKR	\$20,000
TX	Cuero	Cuero Municipal	T71	\$1,000
TX	Dalhart	Dalhart Municipal	DHT	\$30,000
TX	Dallas	Addison	ADS	\$157,000
TX	Dallas	Dallas CBD Vertiport	49T	\$1,000
TX	Dallas	Dallas Executive	RBD	\$69,000
TX	Dallas	Dallas Love Field	DAL	\$53,813,334
TX	Decatur	Decatur Municipal	LUD	\$30,000
TX	Del Rio	Del Rio International	DRT	\$69,000
TX	Denton	Denton Enterprise	DTO	\$157,000
TX	Devine	Devine Municipal	23R	\$20,000
TX	Dimmitt	Dimmitt Municipal	T55	\$1,000
TX	Dumas	Moore County	DUX	\$20,000
TX	Eagle Lake	Eagle Lake	ELA	\$30,000
TX	Eagle Pass	Maverick County Memorial International	5T9	\$20,000
TX	Eastland	Eastland Municipal	ETN	\$20,000
TX	Edinburg	South Texas International at Edinburg	EBG	\$30,000
TX	Edna	Jackson County	26R	\$30,000
TX	El Paso	El Paso International	ELP	\$15,431,799
TX	Ennis	Ennis Municipal	F41	\$20,000
TX	Fabens	Fabens	E35	\$1,000
TX	Falfurrias	Brooks County	BKS	\$1,000
TX	Floydada	Floydada Municipal	41F	\$30,000
TX	Fort Stockton	Fort Stockton-Pecos County	FST	\$30,000

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TX	Fort Worth	Dallas-Fort Worth International	DFW	\$299,199,046
TX	Fort Worth	Fort Worth Alliance	AFW	\$157,000
TX	Fort Worth	Fort Worth Meacham International	FTW	\$157,000
TX	Fort Worth	Fort Worth Spinks	FWS	\$69,000
TX	Fredericksburg	Gillespie County	T82	\$69,000
TX	Gainesville	Gainesville Municipal	GLE	\$69,000
TX	Galveston	Scholes International at Galveston	GLS	\$30,000
TX	Garland	Garland/DFW Heloplex	T57	\$20,000
TX	Gatesville	Gatesville Municipal	GOP	\$20,000
TX	Georgetown	Georgetown Municipal	GTU	\$157,000
TX	Giddings	Giddings-Lee County	GYB	\$30,000
TX	Gilmer	Fox Stephens Field - Gilmer Municipal	JXI	\$30,000
TX	Gladewater	Gladewater Municipal	07F	\$30,000
TX	Graham	Graham Municipal	RPH	\$30,000
TX	Granbury	Granbury Regional	GDJ	\$30,000
TX	Grand Prairie	Grand Prairie Municipal	GPM	\$69,000
TX	Grayson (County)	North Texas Regional/Perrin Field	GYI	\$69,000
TX	Greenville	Majors	GVT	\$69,000
TX	Gruver	Gruver Municipal	E19	\$20,000
TX	Hamilton	Hamilton Municipal	MNZ	\$30,000
TX	Harlingen	Valley International	HRL	\$20,450,551
TX	Haskell	Haskell Municipal	15F	\$1,000
TX	Hearne	Hearne Municipal	LHB	\$20,000
TX	Hebbronville	Jim Hogg County	HBV	\$20,000
TX	Henderson	Rusk County	RFI	\$30,000
TX	Hereford	Hereford Municipal	HRX	\$30,000
TX	Hillsboro	Hillsboro Municipal	INJ	\$30,000
TX	Hondo	South Texas Regional at Hondo	HDO	\$30,000
TX	Houston	David Wayne Hooks Memorial	DWH	\$69,000
TX	Houston	Ellington	EFD	\$157,000
TX	Houston	George Bush Intercontinental/Houston	IAH	\$149,187,874
TX	Houston	Houston-Southwest	AXH	\$69,000
TX	Houston	Sugar Land Regional	SGR	\$157,000
TX	Houston	West Houston	IWS	\$1,000
TX	Houston	William P Hobby	HOU	\$50,866,213
TX	Huntsville	Huntsville Municipal	UTS	\$69,000
TX	Ingleside	McC Campbell-Porter	TFP	\$30,000
TX	Jacksboro	Jacksboro Municipal	21F	\$20,000
TX	Jacksonville	Cherokee County	JSO	\$69,000
TX	Jasper	Jasper County-Bell Field	JAS	\$20,000
TX	Junction	Kimble County	JCT	\$20,000
TX	Kenedy	Kenedy Regional	2R9	\$20,000
TX	Kerrville	Kerrville Municipal/Louis Schreiner Field	ERV	\$69,000
TX	Killeen	Robert Gray AAF	GRK	\$2,217,498
TX	Killeen	Skylark Field	ILE	\$30,000
TX	Kingsville	Kleberg County	IKG	\$20,000
TX	Kountze	Hawthorne Field	45R	\$30,000
TX	La Grange	Fayette Regional Air Center	3T5	\$30,000
TX	La Porte	La Porte Municipal	T41	\$30,000
TX	Lago Vista	Lago Vista Tx - Rusty Allen	RYW	\$30,000

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TX	Lamesa	Lamesa Municipal	LUV	\$30,000
TX	Lampasas	Lampasas	LZZ	\$20,000
TX	Lancaster	Lancaster Regional	LNC	\$69,000
TX	Laredo	Laredo International	LRD	\$18,506,692
TX	Levelland	Levelland Municipal	LLN	\$30,000
TX	Liberty	Liberty Municipal	T78	\$30,000
TX	Littlefield	Littlefield Taylor Brown Municipal	LIU	\$20,000
TX	Livingston	Livingston Municipal	00R	\$30,000
TX	Llano	Llano Municipal	AQO	\$30,000
TX	Lockhart	Lockhart Municipal	50R	\$30,000
TX	Longview	East Texas Regional	GGG	\$1,101,169
TX	Lubbock	Lubbock Preston Smith International	LBB	\$9,535,889
TX	Lufkin	Angelina County	LFK	\$69,000
TX	Marfa	Marfa Municipal	MRF	\$30,000
TX	Marshall	Harrison County	ASL	\$69,000
TX	McAllen	McAllen Miller International	MFE	\$4,016,251
TX	McKinney	McKinney National	TKI	\$157,000
TX	Memphis	Memphis Municipal	F21	\$1,000
TX	Mesquite	Mesquite Metro	HQZ	\$69,000
TX	Mexia	Mexia-Limestone County	LXY	\$20,000
TX	Midland	Midland Airpark	MDD	\$69,000
TX	Midland	Midland International Air And Space Port	MAF	\$22,935,854
TX	Midlothian	Mid-Way Regional	JWY	\$30,000
TX	Mineral Wells	Mineral Wells Regional	MWL	\$69,000
TX	Monahans	Roy Hurd Memorial	E01	\$30,000
TX	Morton	Cochran County	F85	\$1,000
TX	Mount Pleasant	Mount Pleasant Regional	OSA	\$69,000
TX	Mount Vernon	Franklin County	F53	\$20,000
TX	Muleshoe	Muleshoe Municipal	2T1	\$20,000
TX	Nacogdoches	Nacogdoches A L Mangham Jr Regional	OCH	\$30,000
TX	New Braunfels	New Braunfels Regional	BAZ	\$69,000
TX	Odessa	Odessa-Schlemeyer Field	ODO	\$69,000
TX	Olney	Olney Municipal	ONY	\$1,000
TX	Orange	Orange County	ORG	\$30,000
TX	Ozona	Ozona Municipal	OZA	\$20,000
TX	Palacios	Palacios Municipal	PSX	\$20,000
TX	Palestine	Palestine Municipal	PSN	\$69,000
TX	Pampa	Perry Lefors Field	PPA	\$69,000
TX	Paris	Cox Field	PRX	\$69,000
TX	Pearland	Pearland Regional	LVJ	\$69,000
TX	Pecos	Pecos Municipal	PEQ	\$20,000
TX	Perryton	Perryton Ochiltree County	PYX	\$30,000
TX	Plainview	Hale County	PVW	\$30,000
TX	Pleasanton	Pleasanton Municipal	PEZ	\$20,000
TX	Port Isabel	Port Isabel-Cameron County	PIL	\$20,000
TX	Port Lavaca	Calhoun County	PKV	\$30,000
TX	Post	Post-Garza County Municipal	5F1	\$20,000
TX	Quanah	Quanah Municipal	F01	\$30,000
TX	Refugio	Rooke Field	RFG	\$30,000
TX	Robstown	Nueces County	RBO	\$30,000

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TX	Rockport	Aransas County	RKP	\$30,000
TX	Rockwall	Ralph M Hall/Rockwall Municipal	F46	\$30,000
TX	San Angelo	San Angelo Regional/Mathis Field	SJT	\$1,227,539
TX	San Antonio	Kelly Field	SKF	\$20,000
TX	San Antonio	San Antonio International	SAT	\$39,708,109
TX	San Antonio	Stinson Municipal	SSF	\$30,000
TX	San Marcos	San Marcos Regional	HYI	\$157,000
TX	Seminole	Gaines County	GNC	\$30,000
TX	Seymour	Seymour Municipal	60F	\$20,000
TX	Slaton	Slaton Municipal	F49	\$20,000
TX	Smithville	Smithville Crawford Municipal	84R	\$20,000
TX	Snyder	Winston Field	SNK	\$30,000
TX	Spearman	Major Samuel B Cornelius Field	E42	\$20,000
TX	Stamford	Arledge Field	F56	\$30,000
TX	Stephenville	Stephenville Clark Regional	SEP	\$30,000
TX	Sulphur Springs	Sulphur Springs Municipal	SLR	\$30,000
TX	Sweetwater	Avenger Field	SWW	\$20,000
TX	Taylor	Taylor Municipal	T74	\$30,000
TX	Temple	Draughon-Miller Central Texas Regional	TPL	\$69,000
TX	Terrell	Terrell Municipal	TRL	\$30,000
TX	Tulia	City of Tulia/Swisher County Municipal	I06	\$20,000
TX	Tyler	Tyler Pounds Regional	TYR	\$1,218,343
TX	Uvalde	Garner Field	UVA	\$30,000
TX	Van Horn	Culberson County	VHN	\$20,000
TX	Vega	Oldham County	E52	\$20,000
TX	Vernon	Wilbarger County	F05	\$30,000
TX	Victoria	Victoria Regional	VCT	\$69,000
TX	Waco	McGregor Executive	PWG	\$69,000
TX	Waco	TSTC Waco	CNW	\$1,000
TX	Waco	Waco Regional	ACT	\$18,091,301
TX	Wellington	Marian Airpark	F06	\$20,000
TX	Weslaco	Mid Valley	TXW	\$30,000
TX	Wharton	Wharton Regional	ARM	\$30,000
TX	Wichita Falls	Kickapoo Downtown	CWC	\$69,000
TX	Wichita Falls	Sheppard AFB/Wichita Falls Municipal	SPS	\$1,156,460
TX	Wink	Winkler County	INK	\$1,000
TX	Winnie-Stowell (CCD)	Chambers County-Winnie Stowell	T90	\$20,000
TX	Winnsboro	Winnsboro Municipal	F51	\$20,000
UT	Beaver	Beaver Municipal	U52	\$20,000
UT	Blanding	Blanding Municipal	BDG	\$20,000
UT	Brigham City	Brigham City Regional	BMC	\$30,000
UT	Bryce Canyon	Bryce Canyon	BCE	\$20,000
UT	Cedar City	Cedar City Regional	CDC	\$1,065,154
UT	Delta	Delta Municipal	DTA	\$20,000
UT	Duchesne	Duchesne Municipal	U69	\$20,000
UT	Escalante	Escalante Municipal	1L7	\$20,000
UT	Green River	Green River Municipal	U34	\$20,000
UT	Hanksville	Hanksville	HVE	\$20,000
UT	Heber City	Heber Valley	HCR	\$69,000
UT	Hurricane	General Dick Stout Field	1L8	\$30,000

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UT	Kanab	Kanab Municipal	KNB	\$30,000
UT	Loa	Wayne Wonderland	38U	\$20,000
UT	Logan	Logan-Cache	LGU	\$69,000
UT	Manti	Manti-Ephraim	41U	\$20,000
UT	Milford	Milford Municipal/Ben and Judy Briscoe Field	MLF	\$1,000
UT	Moab	Canyonlands Field	CNY	\$1,057,748
UT	Monticello	Cal Black Memorial	U96	\$20,000
UT	Monticello	Monticello	U64	\$20,000
UT	Nephi	Nephi Municipal	U14	\$20,000
UT	Ogden	Ogden-Hinckley	OGD	\$1,075,408
UT	Panguitch	Panguitch Municipal	U55	\$20,000
UT	Parowan	Parowan	1L9	\$30,000
UT	Price	Carbon County Regional/Buck Davis Field	PUC	\$20,000
UT	Provo	Provo Municipal	PVU	\$1,422,704
UT	Richfield	Richfield Municipal	RIF	\$20,000
UT	Roosevelt	Roosevelt Municipal	74V	\$30,000
UT	Salt Lake City	Salt Lake City International	SLC	\$82,419,726
UT	Salt Lake City	South Valley Regional	U42	\$69,000
UT	Spanish Fork	Spanish Fork Airport Springville-Woodhouse I	SPK	\$30,000
UT	St. George	St George Regional	SGU	\$4,383,416
UT	Tooele	Bolinder Field-Tooele Valley	TVY	\$30,000
UT	Vernal	Vernal Regional	VEL	\$1,043,853
UT	Wendover	Wendover	ENV	\$157,000
VA	Abingdon	Virginia Highlands	VJI	\$69,000
VA	Arlington	Ronald Reagan Washington National	DCA	\$85,708,037
VA	Ashland	Hanover County Municipal	OPF	\$30,000
VA	Blacksburg	Virginia Tech/Montgomery Executive	BCB	\$69,000
VA	Brookneal	Brookneal/Campbell County	0V4	\$1,000
VA	Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport	Charlottesville-Albemarle	CHO	\$6,279,972
VA	Chesapeake	Chesapeake Regional	CPK	\$69,000
VA	Chesapeake	Hampton Roads Executive	PVG	\$69,000
VA	Chesterfield	Richmond Executive-Chesterfield County	FCI	\$69,000
VA	Culpeper	Culpeper Regional	CJR	\$30,000
VA	Danville	Danville Regional	DAN	\$69,000
VA	Dublin	New River Valley	PSK	\$30,000
VA	Dulles	Washington Dulles International	IAD	\$143,395,227
VA	Farmville	Farmville Regional	FVX	\$30,000
VA	Front Royal	Front Royal-Warren County	FRR	\$30,000
VA	Halifax	William M Tuck	W78	\$20,000
VA	Highland Springs	Richmond International	RIC	\$18,814,584
VA	Hillsville	Twin County	HLX	\$20,000
VA	Hot Springs	Ingalls Field	HSP	\$20,000
VA	Isle of Wight	Franklin Regional	FKN	\$30,000
VA	Jonesville	Lee County	0VG	\$20,000
VA	Leesburg	Leesburg Executive	JYO	\$69,000
VA	Louisa	Louisa County/Freeman Field	LKU	\$30,000
VA	Luray	Luray Caverns	LUA	\$30,000
VA	Manassas	Manassas Regional/Harry P Davis Field	HEF	\$157,000
VA	Mattaponi	Middle Peninsula Regional	FYJ	\$30,000
VA	Melfa	Accomack County	MFV	\$30,000

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VA	Moonlight	Emporia-Greensville Regional	EMV	\$1,000
VA	Newport News	Newport News/Williamsburg International	PHF	\$4,135,878
VA	Norfolk	Norfolk International	ORF	\$19,847,270
VA	Orange	Orange County	OMH	\$30,000
VA	Quinton	New Kent County	W96	\$30,000
VA	Richlands	Tazewell County	JFZ	\$20,000
VA	Roanoke	Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional/Woodrum Field	ROA	\$20,709,748
VA	Smyth (County)	Mountain Empire	MKJ	\$30,000
VA	South Hill	Mecklenburg-Brunswick Regional	AVC	\$30,000
VA	Spencer	Blue Ridge	MTV	\$69,000
VA	Stafford	Stafford Regional	RMN	\$30,000
VA	Suffolk	Suffolk Executive	SFQ	\$30,000
VA	Sutherland	Dinwiddie County	PTB	\$30,000
VA	Tangier	Tangier Island	TGI	\$20,000
VA	Tappahannock	Tappahannock-Essex County	XSA	\$30,000
VA	Timberlake	Lynchburg Regional/Preston Glenn Field	LYH	\$6,647,475
VA	Warrenton	Warrenton-Fauquier	HWY	\$69,000
VA	Weyers Cave	Shenandoah Valley Regional	SHD	\$2,652,201
VA	Winchester	Winchester Regional	OKV	\$69,000
VA	Wise	Lonesome Pine	LNP	\$30,000
VI	Charlotte Amalie	Cyril E King	STT	\$21,527,641
VI	Christiansted	Henry E Rohlsen	STX	\$19,617,606
VT	Barre	Edward F Knapp State	MPV	\$30,000
VT	Bennington	William H Morse State	DDH	\$30,000
VT	Burlington	Burlington International	BTV	\$8,701,115
VT	Lyndonville	Caledonia County	CDA	\$30,000
VT	Middlebury	Middlebury State	6B0	\$30,000
VT	Morrisville	Morrisville-Stowe State	MVL	\$30,000
VT	Newport	Northeast Kingdom International	EFK	\$30,000
VT	Rutland	Rutland - Southern Vermont Regional	RUT	\$69,000
VT	Springfield	Hartness State (Springfield)	VSF	\$20,000
VT	Swanton	Franklin County State	FSO	\$30,000
WA	Anacortes	Anacortes	74S	\$30,000
WA	Arlington	Arlington Municipal	AWO	\$69,000
WA	Auburn	Auburn Municipal	S50	\$69,000
WA	Bellingham	Bellingham International	BLI	\$5,015,751
WA	Bremerton	Bremerton Ntl	PWT	\$69,000
WA	Brewster	Anderson Field	S97	\$30,000
WA	Burlington	Skagit Regional	BVS	\$69,000
WA	Camas	Grove Field	1W1	\$30,000
WA	Cashmere	Cashmere-Dryden	8S2	\$20,000
WA	Chehalis	Chehalis-Centralia	CLS	\$69,000
WA	Chelan	Lake Chelan	S10	\$30,000
WA	Cle Elum	Cle Elum Municipal	S93	\$1,000
WA	Colfax	Port of Whitman Business Air Center	S94	\$20,000
WA	Colville	Colville Municipal	63S	\$30,000
WA	Davenport	Davenport	68S	\$20,000
WA	Deer Park	Deer Park	DEW	\$30,000
WA	East Wenatchee	Pangborn Memorial	EAT	\$18,120,860
WA	Eastsound	Orcas Island	ORS	\$1,041,561

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WA	Electric City	Grand Coulee Dam	3W7	\$20,000
WA	Ellensburg	Bowers Field	ELN	\$69,000
WA	Ephrata	Ephrata Municipal	EPH	\$30,000
WA	Everett	Snohomish County (Paine Field)	PAE	\$157,000
WA	Friday Harbor	Friday Harbor	FHR	\$1,055,534
WA	Friday Harbor	Friday Harbor	W33	\$20,000
WA	Hoquiam	Bowerman	HQM	\$69,000
WA	Ione	Ione Municipal	S23	\$20,000
WA	Kelso	Southwest Washington Regional	KLS	\$30,000
WA	Lopez	Lopez Island	S31	\$30,000
WA	Moses Lake	Grant County International	MWH	\$30,000
WA	Ocean Shores	Ocean Shores Municipal	W04	\$20,000
WA	Odessa	Odessa Municipal	43D	\$20,000
WA	Olympia	Olympia Regional	OLM	\$69,000
WA	Omak	Omak	OMK	\$20,000
WA	Oroville	Dorothy Scott	0S7	\$20,000
WA	Othello	Othello Municipal	S70	\$20,000
WA	Packwood	Packwood	55S	\$20,000
WA	Pasco	Tri-Cities	PSC	\$5,892,059
WA	Port Angeles	William R Fairchild International	CLM	\$69,000
WA	Port Townsend	Jefferson County International	0S9	\$30,000
WA	Prosser	Prosser	S40	\$30,000
WA	Pullman	Pullman/Moscow Regional	PUW	\$18,129,792
WA	Puyallup	Pierce County - Thun Field	PLU	\$30,000
WA	Quillayute	Quillayute	UIL	\$20,000
WA	Renton	Renton Municipal	RNT	\$69,000
WA	Richland	Richland	RLD	\$69,000
WA	Ritzville	Pru Field	33S	\$1,000
WA	Rosalia	Rosalia Municipal	72S	\$1,000
WA	Seattle	Boeing Field/King County International	BFI	\$18,089,678
WA	Seattle	Seattle-Tacoma International	SEA	\$192,133,300
WA	Shelton	Sanderson Field	SHN	\$30,000
WA	Snohomish	Harvey Field	S43	\$69,000
WA	Spokane	Felts Field	SFF	\$69,000
WA	Spokane	Spokane International	GEG	\$29,589,274
WA	Sunnyside	Sunnyside Municipal	1S5	\$20,000
WA	Tacoma	Tacoma Narrows	TIW	\$30,000
WA	Toledo	Ed Carlson Memorial Field - South Lewis Cou	TDO	\$30,000
WA	Vancouver	Pearson Field	VUO	\$30,000
WA	Vashon	Vashon Municipal	2S1	\$20,000
WA	Walla Walla	Walla Walla Regional	ALW	\$18,059,137
WA	Wilbur	Wilbur	2S8	\$30,000
WA	Winthrop	Methow Valley State	S52	\$20,000
WA	Yakima	Yakima Air Terminal/McAllister Field	YKM	\$1,286,003
WI	Amery	Amery Municipal	AHH	\$30,000
WI	Antigo	Langlade County	AIG	\$20,000
WI	Appleton	Appleton International	ATW	\$14,962,538
WI	Ashland	John F Kennedy Memorial	ASX	\$30,000
WI	Baraboo	Baraboo-Wisconsin Dells Regional	DLL	\$69,000
WI	Black River Falls	Black River Falls Area	BCK	\$30,000

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WI	Boscobel	Boscobel	OVS	\$30,000
WI	Boyceville	Boyceville Municipal	3T3	\$20,000
WI	Brookfield	Capitol	02C	\$69,000
WI	Burlington	Burlington Municipal	BUU	\$20,000
WI	Cable	Cable Union	3CU	\$1,000
WI	Clintonville	Clintonville Municipal	CLI	\$30,000
WI	Crandon	Crandon/Steve Conway Municipal	Y55	\$20,000
WI	Crivitz	Crivitz Municipal	3D1	\$20,000
WI	Cumberland	Cumberland Municipal	UBE	\$30,000
WI	Eagle River	Eagle River Union	EGV	\$30,000
WI	East Troy	East Troy Municipal	57C	\$30,000
WI	Eau Claire	Chippewa Valley Regional	EAU	\$6,821,859
WI	Ephraim	Ephraim-Gibraltar	3D2	\$30,000
WI	Fond du Lac	Fond du Lac County	FLD	\$69,000
WI	Fort Atkinson	Fort Atkinson Municipal	61C	\$30,000
WI	Friendship	Adams County Legion Field	63C	\$30,000
WI	Grantsburg	Grantsburg Municipal	GTG	\$20,000
WI	Green Bay	Green Bay-Austin Straubel International	GRB	\$7,951,770
WI	Hartford	Hartford Municipal	HXF	\$30,000
WI	Hayward	Sawyer County	HYR	\$30,000
WI	Janesville	Southern Wisconsin Regional	JVL	\$157,000
WI	Juneau	Dodge County	UNU	\$69,000
WI	Kenosha	Kenosha Regional	ENW	\$69,000
WI	La Crosse	La Crosse Regional	LSE	\$1,766,727
WI	La Pointe	Major Gilbert Field	4R5	\$20,000
WI	Ladysmith	Rusk County	RCX	\$30,000
WI	Lancaster	Lancaster Municipal	73C	\$20,000
WI	Land O'Lakes	Kings Land O' Lakes	LNL	\$30,000
WI	Lone Rock	Tri-County Regional	LNR	\$30,000
WI	Madison	Dane County Regional-Truax Field	MSN	\$14,746,665
WI	Manitowish Waters	Manitowish Waters	D25	\$30,000
WI	Manitowoc	Manitowoc County	MTW	\$30,000
WI	Marshfield	Marshfield Municipal	MFI	\$30,000
WI	Medford	Taylor County	MDZ	\$20,000
WI	Menomonie	Menomonie Municipal-Score Field	LUM	\$30,000
WI	Merrill	Merrill Municipal	RRL	\$30,000
WI	Middleton	Middleton Municipal - Morey Field	C29	\$69,000
WI	Milwaukee	General Mitchell International	MKE	\$29,029,159
WI	Milwaukee	Lawrence J Timmerman	MWC	\$69,000
WI	Mineral Point	Iowa County	MRJ	\$30,000
WI	Monroe	Monroe Municipal	EFT	\$30,000
WI	Mosinee	Central Wisconsin	CWA	\$3,881,225
WI	Neillsville	Neillsville Municipal	VIQ	\$30,000
WI	New Holstein	New Holstein Municipal	8D1	\$30,000
WI	New Lisbon	Mauston-New Lisbon Union	82C	\$30,000
WI	New Richmond	New Richmond Regional	RNH	\$30,000
WI	Oconto	Oconto-J Douglas Bake Municipal	OCQ	\$30,000
WI	Osceola	L O Simenstad Municipal	OEO	\$30,000
WI	Oshkosh	Wittman Regional	OSH	\$69,000
WI	Palmyra	Palmyra Municipal	88C	\$30,000

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WI	Park Falls	Park Falls Municipal	PKF	\$20,000
WI	Phillips	Price County	PBH	\$30,000
WI	Platteville	Platteville Municipal	PVB	\$30,000
WI	Portage	Portage Municipal	C47	\$30,000
WI	Prairie du Chien	Prairie Du Chien Municipal	PDC	\$20,000
WI	Prairie du Sac	Sauk-Prairie	91C	\$1,000
WI	Racine	Batten International	RAC	\$69,000
WI	Reedsburg	Reedsburg Municipal	C35	\$30,000
WI	Rhineland	Rhineland-Oneida County	RHI	\$1,100,712
WI	Rice Lake	Rice Lake Regional - Carl's Field	RPD	\$30,000
WI	Richland Center	Richland	93C	\$30,000
WI	Shawano	Shawano Municipal	EZS	\$30,000
WI	Sheboygan	Sheboygan County Memorial	SBM	\$69,000
WI	Shell Lake	Shell Lake Municipal	SSQ	\$20,000
WI	Siren	Burnett County	RZN	\$30,000
WI	Solon Springs	Solon Springs Municipal	OLG	\$20,000
WI	Sparta	Sparta/Fort McCoy	CMY	\$30,000
WI	Stevens Point	Stevens Point Municipal	STE	\$69,000
WI	Sturgeon Bay	Door County Cherryland	SUE	\$30,000
WI	Superior	Richard I Bong	SUW	\$30,000
WI	Tomahawk	Tomahawk Regional	TKV	\$30,000
WI	Viroqua	Viroqua Municipal	Y51	\$30,000
WI	Washington Island	Washington Island	2P2	\$20,000
WI	Watertown	Watertown Municipal	RYV	\$69,000
WI	Waukesha	Waukesha County	UES	\$157,000
WI	Waupaca	Waupaca Municipal	PCZ	\$30,000
WI	Wausau	Wausau Downtown	AUW	\$30,000
WI	Wautoma	Wautoma Municipal	Y50	\$30,000
WI	West Bend	West Bend Municipal	ETB	\$69,000
WI	Wisconsin Rapids	Alexander Field South Wood County	ISW	\$30,000
WI	Woodruff	Lakeland/Noble F Lee Memorial Field	ARV	\$30,000
WV	Beckley	Raleigh County Memorial	BKW	\$69,000
WV	Bluefield	Mercer County	BLF	\$69,000
WV	Buckhannon	Upshur County Regional	W22	\$20,000
WV	Charleston	Yeager	CRW	\$4,810,956
WV	Clarksburg	North Central West Virginia	CKB	\$1,151,897
WV	Elkins	Elkins-Randolph County-Jennings Randolph f	EKN	\$30,000
WV	Fairmont	Fairmont Municipal-Frankman Field	4G7	\$30,000
WV	Huntington	Tri-State/Milton J Ferguson Field	HTS	\$1,727,300
WV	Lewisburg	Greenbrier Valley	LWB	\$1,042,623
WV	Logan	Logan County	6L4	\$30,000
WV	Martinsburg	Eastern WV Regional/Shepherd Field	MRB	\$30,000
WV	Morgantown	Morgantown Municipal-Walter L Bill Hart Field	MGW	\$69,000
WV	Moundsville	Marshall County	MPG	\$30,000
WV	Parkersburg	Mid-Ohio Valley Regional	PKB	\$69,000
WV	Petersburg	Grant County	W99	\$20,000
WV	Philippi	Philippi/Barbour County Regional	79D	\$20,000
WV	Pineville	Kee Field	I16	\$1,000
WV	Point Pleasant	Mason County	3I2	\$30,000
WV	Ravenswood	Jackson County	I18	\$20,000

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WV	Summersville	Summersville	SXL	\$20,000
WV	Sutton	Braxton County	48I	\$20,000
WV	Wheeling	Wheeling Ohio County	HLG	\$69,000
WV	Williamson	Appalachian Regional	EBD	\$20,000
WY	Afton	Afton Municipal	AFO	\$30,000
WY	Big Piney	Miley Memorial Field	BPI	\$20,000
WY	Buffalo	Johnson County	BYG	\$30,000
WY	Casper	Casper/Natrona County International	CPR	\$1,544,449
WY	Cheyenne	Cheyenne Regional/Jerry Olson Field	CYS	\$4,730,218
WY	Cody	Yellowstone Regional	COD	\$18,017,498
WY	Cowley	North Big Horn County	U68	\$20,000
WY	Dixon	Dixon	DWX	\$20,000
WY	Douglas	Converse County	DGW	\$30,000
WY	Dubois	Dubois Municipal	DUB	\$30,000
WY	Evanston	Evanston-Uinta County Burns Field	EVW	\$30,000
WY	Fort Bridger	Fort Bridger	FBR	\$20,000
WY	Gillette	Gillette-Campbell County	GCC	\$1,111,653
WY	Greybull	South Big Horn County	GEY	\$30,000
WY	Hulett	Hulett Municipal	W43	\$20,000
WY	Jackson	Jackson Hole	JAC	\$16,494,770
WY	Kemmerer	Kemmerer Municipal	EMM	\$20,000
WY	Lander	Hunt Field	LND	\$30,000
WY	Laramie	Laramie Regional	LAR	\$1,070,721
WY	Lusk	Lusk Municipal	LSK	\$20,000
WY	Newcastle	Mondell Field	ECS	\$30,000
WY	Pine Bluffs	Pine Bluffs Municipal	82V	\$30,000
WY	Pinedale	Ralph Wenz Field	PNA	\$30,000
WY	Powell	Powell Municipal	POY	\$30,000
WY	Rawlins	Rawlins Municipal/Harvey Field	RWL	\$20,000
WY	Riverton	Riverton Regional	RIW	\$1,056,616
WY	Rock Springs	Southwest Wyoming Regional	RKS	\$1,094,717
WY	Saratoga	Shively Field	SAA	\$30,000
WY	Sheridan	Sheridan County	SHR	\$4,007,637
WY	Thermopolis	Hot Springs County	HSG	\$20,000
WY	Torrington	Torrington Municipal	TOR	\$30,000
WY	Wheatland	Phifer Airfield	EAN	\$30,000
WY	Worland	Worland Municipal	WRL	\$30,000

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Subject : Fox 5 NY: Andrew Giuliani, son of former mayor, announces bid for governor of NY

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By FOX 5 NY Staff

NEW YORK - Andrew Giuliani, the son of former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, threw his hat into the ring Tuesday for governor of New York.

The eldest of two children for Rudy Giuliani and former TV news anchor Donna Hanover make the official announcement during FOX 5 NY morning program, 'Good Day New York.'

"I am seeking the candidacy for the 57th governor of New York," said Giuliani, 35. "I am sick and tired of seeing New Yorkers moving to Florida, to Texas to Tennessee. I am going to do everything in my power to make sure that New York City is not only the cultural center of the world but the economic center of the world. Like so many of our grandfathers and grandparents before us, they believed in New York. They believed that New York was the land of opportunity. The place where you could create a dream. I still believe that. We are going to get this done. We are going to win this in November of '22.

Giuliani first entered the public sphere at the tender age of 7 when his antics during his father's inauguration ceremony were widely publicized and even lead to a skit on Saturday Night Live.

Giuliani's mother worked at FOX 5 News.

"The fact that I get to announce it on Good Day New York. You know my mother was an anchor for five or six years on Good Day New York. There is great, great meaning to that," said Giuliani.

The former Trump administration member, Giuliani was part of a team in the Office of Public Liaison that helped set up the Paycheck Protection Program. The program helped save jobs across the country during the pandemic.

"If you're dealing with the private sector and multiple federal agencies, you are ready to run a state," said Giuliani.

The only son of Rudy Giuliani has been in the spotlight as of late as he's spoken out about the raid of his father's home and office as part of a federal investigation.

"All I can say is that one of the major updates that have happened, two of the major updates, since I came out and defended my father is one: we found out that the Justice Department started investigating my father the day he started representing President Trump, May 1, 2018. If that doesn't send off signals you're not listening. Secondly, NBC News, Washington Post, and I believe the NY Times, all had to retract stories within 96 hours after that raid that they had falsely been claiming that he had been notified by the FBI before which was absolutely false."

Giuliani will presumably take on NY Gov. Andrew Cuomo if he wins the Republican primary.

"I made five figures last year fighting for Americans. He made eight figures doing a book deal over here. Andrew Cuomo is only focused on Andrew Cuomo. He does not care about the well-being of New Yorkers."

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Subject : Fox News: Andrew Giuliani to challenge Cuomo for NY governor: 'Fight of the century'

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By Brooke Singman:

Andrew Giuliani, the son of former New York City Mayor and former Trump attorney Rudy Giuliani, formally announced his bid for governor of New York Tuesday, saying he will "fight" to make the state the "greatest" in the country.

"I'm in," Giuliani told Fox News Tuesday, confirming he is launching a bid to take on New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo in 2022.

"New York deserves a leader who will fight to make it the greatest state in America once again," Giuliani said. "If New Yorkers choose to elect me Governor, I will bring New York back from the precipice of ruin to the shining STATE on the hill once again!"

He added: "I think it will be the fight of the century."

Giuliani told The New York Post Tuesday that he is "a politician out of the womb," referring to being the son of the former mayor of New York City.

"It's in my DNA," he said.

New York voters may remember Andrew Giuliani's memorable appearance as a young child at his father's inauguration – where he raised his own hand during the oath of office – which led to him being played by Chris Farley on Saturday Night Live.

Giuliani served as associate director in the White House Office of Public Liaison during the Trump administration, and told Fox News that he was "proud" of the years he spent working for former President Donald Trump.

"I'm proud of our 25-year friendship. I'm certainly proud of all of the accomplishments we were able to accomplish together in the Trump White House," Giuliani told Fox News. "So I will never run away from that."

"So whether New Yorkers want to call me a Trump candidate, or a Giuliani candidate, all I can tell you is I am Andrew Giuliani," he said. "And Donald Trump is certainly part of what made Andrew Giuliani, and so is Rudy Giuliani and Donna Hanover."

He added: "So I think that's for New Yorkers to determine. But what I can tell you, more than anything, is I am focused on turning this great state around."

Giuliani's campaign comes as some Trump allies have rallied their support behind New York Rep. Lee Zeldin, who announced his gubernatorial bid last month.

While New York is a reliably blue state where Cuomo won reelection to a third term in 2018 by a massive 23-point margin, the governor has fallen under intense scrutiny, as 10 women have lodged allegations of sexual harassment against him, leading to an independent investigation by the state attorney general into the claims and an impeachment investigation in the State Assembly.

Cuomo has vehemently denied the allegations against him and has offered public support for the investigations into them.

Cuomo has also been politically wounded by the nursing home crisis, facing criticism after revelations that his administration concealed the full extent of nursing home-related deaths during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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By Brooke Singman

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Here's what you need to know about Giuliani:

Giuliani is the son of Rudy Giuliani

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New York voters may remember Andrew Giuliani's memorable appearance as a young child at his father's inauguration – where he raised his own hand during the oath of office – which led to him being played by Chris Farley on "Saturday Night Live."

"I still find it hysterical. I wish I had the opportunity to meet him," Giuliani told the New York Post, referring to the comedian, who died in 1997.

"I believe my dad was the greatest mayor ever in New York City, and maybe the United States of America," he told The Post.

The former New York City mayor and personal attorney to Trump had his apartment raided by the FBI last month. They seized electronic devices, including laptops and cellphones, as they investigate whether he violated the law by lobbying the Trump administration on behalf of Ukrainian officials in 2019.

Andrew Giuliani told Fox News that the raid "gave me more confidence that running is the right path."

Giuliani worked in the Trump administration

Giuliani served as associate director in the White House Office of Public Liaison during the Trump administration.

Giuliani told Fox News that he is "proud" of the work he did for Trump, and when asked how he would handle being tied to the former president through the gubernatorial race told Fox News that he "would be running as Andrew Giuliani," but that he is "not running away from my association with President Trump at all."

"I am proud of the four years I spent working for President Trump – I'm proud of our 25-year friendship. I'm certainly proud of all of the accomplishments we were able to accomplish together in the Trump White House," he said. "So I will never run away from that."

"So whether New Yorkers want to call me a Trump candidate, or a Giuliani candidate, all I can tell you is I am Andrew Giuliani," he said. "And Donald Trump is certainly part of what made Andrew Giuliani, and so is Rudy Giuliani and Donna Hanover."

Giuliani's plans as a candidate

Giuliani is expected to run as a pro-business, pro-school choice and pro-police candidate.

"I think the one thing New Yorkers will find out about me, if I do get in this race, more than anything, is I try to be a genuine person," Giuliani told Fox News.

Giuliani told The Post that there will be "no greater friend to the police than Andrew Giuliani."

He also is vowing to roll back corporate taxes and income taxes, saying the economic environment is one of the reasons so many are moving out of New York.

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BY JEN CHUNG

Andrew Giuliani, the son of former NYC mayor Rudy Giuliani, has announced he will run for New York governor next year.

In an interview with the NY Post, Giuliani said, "I'm a politician out of the womb. It's in my DNA." He added, "Giuliani vs. Cuomo. Holy smokes. It's Muhammad Ali vs. Joe Frazier. We can sell tickets at Madison Square Garden."

The 35-year-old grew up before New Yorkers' eyes when he became instantly famous after stealing the show during his father's 1994 inauguration by hamming it up during the elder Giuliani's speech. The incident was later spoofed by Chris Farley and Kevin Nealon on Saturday Night Live.

Giuliani and his younger sister Caroline also weathered a particularly nasty divorce between his parents that played out during the waning years of Rudy Giuliani's mayoralty; he announced they were separating during a press conference in Bryant Park. The children were estranged from their father for years, and the younger Giuliani was "too busy" to help with his father's 2007 presidential campaign.

Father and son (though not Caroline) eventually patched things up: After a stint as a professional golfer, Andrew Giuliani worked for President Donald Trump, who also employed Giuliani's father as an attorney, in the Office of Public Liaison. According to a 2019 story from The Atlantic's Elaina Plott, "The public-liaison office deals with outreach to outside coalitions, and several of the current and former administration officials I spoke to for this story said Giuliani helps arrange sports teams' visits to the White House."

Steve Munisteri, who was principal director of the public-liaison office and Giuliani's supervisor from February 2017 to February 2019, told me that Giuliani fills out his time by serving as the office's representative at White House meetings about the opioid crisis.

Others who have worked with Giuliani offered a different take on his White House tenure. "He doesn't really try to be involved in anything," one former senior White House official told me, speaking on the condition of anonymity in order to be candid. "He's just having a nice time."

While Giuliani has never run for an election before, he told the Post, "I know we can defeat Andrew Cuomo in 2022. I am going to be the 57th governor of New York," and cited Cuomo's handling of nursing homes and longterm care centers during the pandemic.

"Cuomo didn't use the USS Comfort ship or the Javits Center to house seniors with COVID. He didn't want to give President Trump a political victory," Giuliani claimed.

"I always believed that New York will come back. I always believed that it will come back. But I don't want to wait till I'm a grandfather till it comes back. I want to do it now," he said on Joe Piscopo's radio show on Tuesday.

Cuomo was first elected to office in 2010, but 2022 could be his biggest challenge, as he faces multiple investigations over how he handled nursing homes as well as sexual harassment allegations from staffers. So far, Rep. Lee Zeldin and former Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino have also thrown their hat into the ring for the Republican nomination as well.

Another Republican, Joel Giambra, is also looking to run in 2022 (after a brief unsuccessful run in 2018)—he believes the New York State Democratic Party will use any candidate's ties to Trump as ammunition. "This is not Alabama. Joe Biden won by about two million votes," he said to the Wall Street Journal. "I don't know how any Republican who was a Trump supporter can overcome that kind of voter enrollment disadvantage."

Andrew Giuliani, who has lately been defending his father, also flirted with running for mayor this year. When asked about the young Giuliani's political aspirations, Mayor Bill de Blasio said during his press briefing, "I don't know Andrew Giuliani. I don't want to hold the sins of the father against the son, although the son just got done working for a president who supported an insurrection of the United States."

De Blasio added, "This state is not going to smile upon someone who was a Donald Trump supporter or aide."

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Subject : Journal News: New York questions whether Saturday Night Live audience follows COVID-19 rules

Journal News: New York questions whether Saturday Night Live audience follows COVID-19 rules

By Jon Campbell:

ALBANY – Saturday Night Live's decision to welcome a live audience for its upcoming season premiere has drawn concern from New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo's administration, which questioned whether the venerable show's plan complies with state COVID-19 restrictions.

The NBC sketch comedy show has been taking requests through a third party for tickets to its show this Saturday, when it is scheduled to open its 46th season and make a return to the famed Studio 8H in Manhattan's Rockefeller Center.

New York's COVID-19 rules, however, make clear television shows and other media productions are prohibited from having a live audience unless it is made up entirely of paid employees, cast or crew.

Asked whether SNL's live audience plan complies with state rules, Department of Health spokesman Gary Holmes noted the state banned ticketed events on March 16 and "that restriction has not changed."

"Offering tickets to the general public without the appropriate casting and screening process is not allowed," Holmes wrote in an email Wednesday. "We have communicated that to SNL and expect them to follow the rules like every other business that has reopened during this global pandemic."

Fans could request SNL tickets through website

SNL has been accepting ticket requests for Saturday's show through Iota, a company that bills itself as an audience casting agency.

Any member of the general public was allowed to request free passes to the live show or dress rehearsal, with a certain amount set aside for health care workers.

The company's website alerts potential ticketholders they would be subject to a variety of COVID-19 precautions, including a rapid virus test when they enter the building and a mask mandate while they're inside.

When asked Wednesday about the Health Department's statement, an SNL representative said the show is working with the department and following all guidelines.

It's unclear whether SNL is planning to somehow make the audience members temporary employees or cast members for the duration of the show.

Iota's website for SNL tickets launched Sunday night. By Tuesday afternoon, it included a disclaimer noting potential ticketholders would have to "participate in a pre-screening process."

"If you are selected you will be screened to determine eligibility to participate in the SNL audience," the website reads.

The Cuomo administration's COVID-19 restrictions for SNL and other television shows are laid out in a document titled Interim Guidance for Media Production, which was first issued in June as the state entered the fourth stage of its economic reopening process.

The document limits live audiences for television shows, movies and other media productions to no more than 100 people or 25% of the venue's capacity, whichever is lower. Shows "must prohibit live audiences unless they consist only of paid employees, cast, and crew," according to the document.

Under normal circumstances, SNL's studio audience is around 300 people.

The Cuomo administration's ban on nearly all indoor, ticketed arts events was put into place when the coronavirus was hitting New York harder than any other state. The decision has kept Broadway theaters, concert venues and similar spaces closed ever since.

On Wednesday, state Supreme Court Justice Frank Sedita III ruled against the state's COVID-era ban on distributing tickets to concerts or advertising them, finding it violated constitutional free speech rights, according to The Buffalo News.

Sedita ruled on a lawsuit brought by a Buffalo tavern and music venue, which challenged State Liquor Authority guidance issued earlier this year. It was not immediately clear whether the state planned to appeal.

The SLA guidance applied to bars and restaurants and was separate from the guidance for television shows, including SNL, and other media productions.

SNL's season premiere is highly anticipated this year, both because of its return to its home studio and the contentious presidential race between President Donald Trump and former Vice President Joe Biden.

The show announced last month that Alec Baldwin will return to reprise his role as Trump, while fellow actor Jim Carrey will take over the role of Biden.

Holmes, the DOH spokesman, said the state has been in contact with SNL and numerous other productions to explain the COVID-19 restrictions and rules.

"We have engaged with media productions from across the state to ensure they understand their responsibility to keep New Yorkers safe and can appropriately follow state re-opening guidelines," he wrote.

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Subject : Letter/petitions to Governor Cuomo: NY for TCI

Attachment : NY_for_TCI_letter_to_Gov_Cuomo_updated.pdf;TCI_petitions_to_Gov_Cuomo-E2-LCV-NYforTCI.pdf;

Dear Governor Cuomo,

Please see the attached petition signed by over 1,000 New Yorkers from across the state urging you to sign the regional Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) policy Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) before the end of 2020.

We have also attached an updated letter from **83 New York public health, environmental, equity, business, and community groups** – including over a dozen new signatories since the previous version of this letter two weeks ago – requesting that you sign the TCI MOU.

Thank you for your leadership on climate and in this health crisis. We look forward to working with you and your Administration to make real progress in New York's transportation sector so that our state can continue to lead the nation.

Sincerely,

Betta Broad, Director, New Yorkers for Clean Power
Bruce Ho, Climate and Clean Energy Senior Advocate, NRDC

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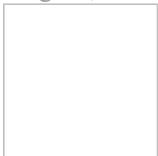
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Sent via Electronic Mail

December 8, 2020

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Re: New York Businesses and Organizations Urge You to Sign a Memorandum of Understanding This Year That Commits New York to an Ambitious and Equitable Regional Transportation and Climate Initiative Program

Dear Governor Cuomo:

You have a once in a generation opportunity to transform New York's transportation to make it healthier, more equitable, sustainable, affordable, and accessible by leading on the regional Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) program. Under the proposed TCI "cap-and-invest" program, New York and neighboring states would limit and reduce carbon pollution from transportation fuels and invest in our communities to provide better, cleaner, and safer transportation options. By signing onto an ambitious and equitable regional TCI

program with neighboring states, you can accelerate our state’s economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and help New York build back stronger with good family-sustaining green jobs while protecting the long-term health and well-being of our communities.

Our outdated networks of roads, bridges, sidewalks, transit systems, and other modes of travel are plagued by problems decades in the making. These problems include congestion, delays, underfunding, inaccessibility, high costs, and pollution, that make getting to work, school, medical appointments, recreation, and stores stressful and unsafe.

Communities of color and low-income communities face inequitable pollution burdens exacerbated by vehicle traffic, particularly from diesel-burning vehicles as transit depots and freight hubs tend to be sited in these communities. Many of these same communities as well as people with disabilities, veterans, older residents, rural residents, and others too often face transportation barriers to healthcare, social services, and jobs.

COVID-19, which has disproportionately impacted residents in the same communities most overburdened by air pollution, further underscores the connection between air quality and poor health outcomes, as well as the need to act swiftly.

In addition to being a major source of health damaging local air pollution, the transportation sector is also New York’s largest source of carbon pollution, driving climate harms and instability.

At a time when New York’s economy must recover and build for the future, these challenges threaten to hold us back.

New York must do better. By playing a leadership role in TCI, you can improve our state’s transportation while helping achieve a strong and cohesive regional response to climate change. Through an equitable and sustainable regional TCI program you can:

- **Provide better, more accessible, and more affordable transportation options** across New York State that improve mobility, increase access to jobs, education, healthcare, and other services and opportunities.
- **Invest in transformative transportation solutions that create good, family-sustaining jobs, grow our economy, and clean up our air**, including investments in job-training, workforce development, and apprenticeship programs in clean transportation industries.
- **Prioritize investments in environmental justice, low-income, and other disadvantaged communities from Day 1**, working directly with residents of communities that have historically borne a disproportionate amount of transportation pollution and its associated health impacts to correct these injustices and craft investment plans that maximize benefits. Consistent with New York’s groundbreaking Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA),

disadvantaged communities must be guaranteed at least 35 to 40 percent of the benefits from the state's TCI program's investments.

- **Cut tailpipe pollution**, the biggest source of carbon emissions and a major source of pollutants that cause asthma attacks, premature death, and other health harms.
- **Leverage New York's leadership** by working with neighboring states to build a more efficient and effective regional transportation system that works better for residents and businesses across rural, urban, and suburban areas.

By requiring oil companies to cut and pay for the pollution they cause, the initiative could generate up to \$1.4 billion per year for New York to help us build and deploy:

- Complete streets safe for walking, biking, and rolling;
- Modern and resilient infrastructure;
- Safe, convenient, reliable, and affordable public transportation, including in rural areas and for people with disabilities;
- Accessible transportation options that meet or exceed the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act;
- Affordable, equitable housing near job and transit centers;
- Clean electric school buses, transit buses, cars, and trucks;
- Improved access to broadband to enable telecommuting, increase access to services, and help reduce the need to drive; and
- Other innovative transportation programs across New York State.

To achieve these outcomes, it is essential that New York lead the regional TCI negotiations to ensure the program's pollution cap is consistent with achieving the CLCPA's mandates of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 and guaranteed investments in disadvantaged communities. New York and its regional partners must also adopt strong safeguards and standards to ensure that the TCI program's design and implementation, including investment decisions, advance equitable and sustainable transportation solutions. This includes commitments to enhanced, genuine outreach to disadvantaged communities on the design and implementation of the program; sustained tracking to ensure that local benefits, including pollution reductions, improved air quality, and job creation, are achieved; and continuous reporting, monitoring, transparency, and improvement to ensure the TCI program achieves equitable and sustainable outcomes. In implementing the TCI program, states must also commit to strong labor and workforce development standards and a just transition, including investment, procurement, and infrastructure projects that promote high-road, domestic jobs; support workforce development and job training, especially in disadvantaged communities and for workers affected by the transition to cleaner vehicles; and include supplier diversity goals to prioritize proposals from women-, minority-, and veteran-owned businesses.

We urge you to seize this opportunity by signing a Memorandum of Understanding with other governors by the end of 2020 that commits New York to the implementation of an ambitious equitable and sustainable TCI program that will help us build the transportation future New Yorkers want and need. We also urge you to continue to develop and implement other complementary state programs for equitable and sustainable transportation that will benefit New Yorkers and accelerate this important transformation. Excelsior!

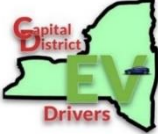
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NY for TCI and Our Partners

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We urge you to seize this opportunity and commit to an equitable and ambitious regional TCI program Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) this year that will accelerate New York's economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, help us build back stronger with good family-sustaining green jobs, and protect the long-term health and well-being of our communities.

An equitable and sustainable TCI program could generate \$1.4 billion per year for New York to invest in expanded clean public transit, transportation efficiency, equitable transit-oriented development, low- and zero emission vehicles and charging infrastructure, safer walkable and bikeable streets, and other innovative clean transportation programs across the state. Such a program would:

- **Provide better, more accessible, and more affordable transportation options** across New York State that improve mobility, increase access to jobs, education, healthcare, and other services and opportunities.
- **Invest in transformative transportation solutions that create good, family-sustaining jobs, grow our economy, and clean up our air**, including investments in job-training, workforce development, and apprenticeship programs in clean transportation industries.
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To achieve these outcomes, it is essential that New York lead the regional TCI negotiations to ensure the program requires at least a 25 percent reduction in carbon pollution over the next decade and provides guaranteed investments in disadvantaged communities, consistent with the CLCPA. Participating states must commit to enhanced, genuine outreach to disadvantaged communities on the design and implementation of the program; sustained tracking to ensure local benefits, including pollution reductions, improved air quality, and job creation, are achieved; and continuous reporting, monitoring, transparency, and improvement to ensure the program achieves equitable and sustainable outcomes.

We urge you to commit New York to a TCI program along these lines by the end of 2020 to help us build the transportation future New York businesses and residents want and need. We also urge you to continue to develop and implement other complementary programs to accelerate the deployment of more equitable and sustainable transportation options across New York State.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
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Re: Commit to an equitable and sustainable TCI program for New York

Dear Governor Cuomo:

We need New York to commit to an equitable and sustainable Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) program for New York. We need a bold vision to transform the transportation sector - our #1 contributor to climate change.

By committing to the TCI, New York and Northeastern states would reduce pollution from transportation and invest in our communities to provide better, cleaner, and safer transportation options.

As we recover from the COVID-19 crisis, we need to implement policies that will improve our economy and protect our environment. A strong TCI program can help accelerate our economic recovery with green jobs while protecting the health of our communities and combating climate change.

It is also clear that our entire transportation sector needs an overhaul. Mass transit networks across the state remain underfunded and inefficient. Pollution from vehicles can drive up health risks like asthma. Environmental justice communities bear a disproportionate burden of transportation pollution, particularly from diesel-burning vehicles as transit depots and freight hubs tend to be sited in these communities. COVID-19, which disproportionately impacts residents in communities most overburdened by pollution, further underscores the connection between air quality and poor health outcomes.

New York must do better. An equitable and sustainable TCI program would require oil companies to cut and pay for the pollution they cause. It could generate up to \$1.4 billion per year for New York to:

- Slash pollution and combat climate change
- Provide better public transportation options
- Improve street safety for pedestrians and cyclists
- Clean its school buses, transit buses, and other government vehicles
- Create green jobs to grow our economy
- Prioritize investments in environmental justice communities

- Work with neighboring states to build a more efficient and effective regional transportation system that works better across rural, urban, and suburban areas.

Transportation doesn't start and stop at New York's borders. We must take a leadership role in our region to reduce transportation emissions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Re: Public Support for Signing a Memorandum of Understanding This Year That Commits New York to an Ambitious and Equitable Regional Transportation and Climate Initiative Program

Dear Governor Cuomo:

We have a once in a generation opportunity to transform New York’s transportation to make it healthier, more equitable, sustainable, affordable, and accessible by leading on the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) program. Under the proposed TCI “cap-and-invest” program, New York and neighboring states would limit and reduce carbon pollution from transportation fuels and invest in our communities to provide better, cleaner, and safer transportation options. By leading on TCI, we can accelerate our state’s economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and build back stronger with good family-sustaining green jobs while protecting the long-term health and well-being of our communities.

Our outdated networks of roads, bridges, sidewalks, transit systems, and other modes of travel are plagued by problems decades in the making. These problems include congestion, delays, underfunding, inaccessibility, high costs, and pollution, that make getting to work, school, doctors’ offices, recreation, and stores stressful and unsafe.

Communities of color and low-income communities face inequitable pollution burdens exacerbated by vehicle traffic, particularly from diesel-burning vehicles as transit depots and freight hubs tend to be sited in these communities. Many of these same communities as well as people with disabilities, veterans, older residents, rural residents, and others too often face transportation barriers to healthcare, social services, and jobs.

COVID-19, which has disproportionately impacted residents in the same communities most overburdened by air pollution, further underscores the connection between air quality and poor health outcomes, as well as the need to act swiftly.

In addition to being a major source of health damaging local air pollution, the transportation sector is also New York’s largest source of carbon pollution, driving climate harms and instability.

At a time when New York’s economy must recover and build for the future, these challenges threaten to hold us back.

New York must do better. By playing a leadership role in TCI, we can improve our state's transportation while helping achieve a strong and cohesive regional response to climate change. Through an equitable and sustainable regional TCI program we can:

- **Provide better, more accessible, and more affordable transportation options** across New York State that improve mobility, increase access to jobs, education, healthcare, and other services and opportunities.
- **Invest in transformative transportation solutions that create good, family-sustaining jobs, grow our economy, and clean up our air**, including investments in job-training, workforce development, and apprenticeship programs in clean transportation industries.
- **Prioritize investments in environmental justice, low-income, and other disadvantaged communities from Day 1**, working directly with residents of communities that have historically borne a disproportionate amount of transportation pollution and its associated health impacts to correct these injustices and craft investment plans that maximize benefits. Consistent with New York's groundbreaking Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), disadvantaged communities must be guaranteed at least 35 to 40 percent of the benefits from the state's TCI program's investments.
- **Cut tailpipe pollution**, the biggest source of carbon emissions and a major source of pollutants that cause asthma attacks, premature death, and other health harms.
- **Leverage New York's leadership** by working with neighboring states to build a more efficient and effective regional transportation system that works better for residents and businesses across rural, urban, and suburban areas.

By requiring oil companies to cut and pay for the pollution they cause, the initiative could generate up to \$1.4 billion per year for New York to help us build and deploy:

- Complete streets safe for walking, biking, and rolling;
- Modern and resilient infrastructure;
- Safe, convenient, reliable, and affordable public transportation, including in rural areas and for people with disabilities;
- Accessible transportation options that meet or exceed the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act;
- Affordable, equitable housing near job and transit centers;
- Clean electric school buses, transit buses, cars, and trucks;

- Improved access to broadband to enable telecommuting, increase access to services, and help reduce the need to drive; and
- Other innovative transportation programs across New York State.

To achieve these outcomes, it is essential that New York lead the regional TCI negotiations to ensure the program’s pollution cap is consistent with achieving the CLCPA’s mandates of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 and guaranteed investments in disadvantaged communities. New York and its regional partners must also adopt strong safeguards and standards to ensure that the TCI program’s design and implementation, including investment decisions, advance equitable and sustainable transportation solutions. This includes commitments to enhanced, genuine outreach to disadvantaged communities on the design and implementation of the program; sustained tracking to ensure that local benefits, including pollution reductions, improved air quality, and job creation, are achieved; and continuous reporting, monitoring, transparency, and improvement to ensure the TCI program achieves equitable and sustainable outcomes.

We urge you to seize this opportunity by committing New York, by the end of 2020, to the implementation of an ambitious equitable and sustainable regional TCI program that helps us build the transportation future New Yorkers want and need. We also urge you to continue to develop and implement other complementary state programs for equitable and sustainable transportation that will benefit New Yorkers and accelerate this important transformation. Excelsior!

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From : "Queens Daily Newsticker"

To : "Melissa DeRosa"

Subject : Morning Buzz: New York sees record coronavirus deaths as curve flattens; Activist calls on DOE to feed the homeless

Friday, April 10

Alternate-side parking rules are suspended. Meters are in effect.

Weather

- Cloudy and windy with a high of 50 degrees.

Top Stories

- The Department of Health and Human Services [is stepping back from a plan to end support](#) for community-based coronavirus testing sites around the U.S.
- Another [518 coronavirus patients died in NYC](#) over the course of 24 hours, but the curve for new cases appears to be flattening. Still, the governor is urging New Yorkers [not to relax on social distancing](#).
- Billions of dollars worth of [food is going to waste as growers and producers](#) across the country face a massive surplus of highly perishable items.

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Queens News

- A total of 51 patients were [transferred from Jamaica Hospital and Flushing Medical Center](#) because of malfunctioning oxygen distribution systems.
- Queens activist Crystal Wolfe [is calling on DOE to help feed the homeless](#) with excess food from schools.
- The city has [agreed to provide free COVID-19 testing](#) for the correction officers who staff Rikers Island jails.

Politics

- Democrats and Republicans [blocked each other's coronavirus relief plans](#) after an acrimonious Senate floor debate.
- The U.S. [expelled more than 6,300 migrants](#) along the southern border, under a public health directive that overrides immigration and asylum laws.

Entertainment

- Saturday Night Live [is coming back with a socially distant episode](#) this weekend.
- Even though the festival was rescheduled, Coachella organizers are [putting out a new documentary celebrating](#) the storied event's 20th anniversary.

Buzzing Back

- In 1970 Paul McCartney announces the [breakup of the Beatles](#).
- In 1984 pop-singer turned actress [Mandy Moore](#) is born in Nashua, NH. In 2016 she began co-starring as Rebecca Pearson in this [NBC hit drama](#).

Opinion

- The NY Post says Democrats [are trying to use the coronavirus crisis](#) to rewrite U.S. election law.
- The Daily News says the federal government [must step up for all Americans](#), whether they are documented or undocumented.

In the Blogs

- You can [now watch a live tour of blooming Astoria trees](#), thanks to the NYC Parks Department.
- Senator Mike Gianaris is urging the Department of Labor to [scrap requirements to call in to verify information](#) pertaining to unemployment claims.

Trending in New York

- [Good Friday](#)
- [#AccurateTrump2020Slogans](#)
- [#TrumpBurialPits](#)
- [#FridayThoughts](#)
- [The New Toronto 3](#)

Scoreboard

- Forbes estimates the New York Yankees [are baseball's most valuable franchise](#) at \$5 billion, up 9 percent over last year.
- UFC 249 [will not proceed on April 18](#), despite Dana White's efforts to move forward with the pay-per-view event.
- FC Barcelona's institutional crisis has deepened, [as six board members resigned](#), citing disagreements over how the club is being run.

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[Wonderspark Puppets](#) is putting on free live puppet shows every Friday at 11am and is hosting DIY puppet workshops every single day. For more information visit their [Facebook page](#) or website.

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Real Estate

- An MNS Real Estate report shows that [Queens saw the lowest rent increase](#) in March.
- For Sale - **144 Beach 135th Street, Belle Harbor** - Attractive 4 BR, 3 bath home close to oceanfront. Open floor plan, Master suite w/ ocean views, finished basement w/ full bath. Front porch, deck, garage, parking for 5 cars. \$1.395M [Trulia.com](#)
- For Sale - **29-27 163rd Street, Flushing** - 1,530 s/f brick Colonial has 3 BRs, living/dining room, 2 full bath. Close to all. \$438,000 [Zillow.com](#)
- Sold - **Rockaway Beach** - A two-bedroom, two-bathroom, 1,140 square foot condo at 151 Beach 96th St. for \$593,000. [Zillow](#).

Eating Out

- Indian supermarket chain Patel Brothers [has reopened its doors at all locations](#), including Flushing and Jackson Heights, after temporarily shuttering.
- Saved by the city In January, [the Historic Neir's Tavern is shutting down](#) during the pandemic.

Restaurant ABC's - Whitestone

Grade A - **Cafe Rustico**, 726 149th St. Food contact surface not properly washed, rinsed and sanitized
Grade B - **Ginger and Lemongrass**, 1253 150th St. Filth flies or food/refuse/sewage-associated (FRSA) flies present; Cold food item held above 41° F; Food worker does not use proper utensil to eliminate bare

hand contact; Facility not vermin proof.

Grade C - **Rebar by the Bridge**, 1507 150th St. Filth flies or food/refuse/sewage-associated (FRSA) flies present; Facility not vermin proof.

Events

• **South Ozone Park & Richmond Hill** - 4 p.m. - State Senator James Sanders hosts virtual town hall to discuss impact of outbreak on the peninsula. [Join Here](#)

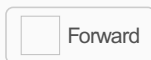
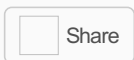
• **Virtual** - 6 p.m. - #RepTheVote Virtual Discussion with Public Advocate Jumaane Williams. [Facebook Live](#).

Saturday

• No events of note.

Sunday

• **Virtual** - 1 p.m. - Stonewall's online Easter Bonnet Parade. Register [here](#).



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Subject : Morning Buzz: Whitestone woman dies from coronavirus, All New Yorkers now required to wear masks

Thursday, April 16

Alternate-side parking rules are suspended. Meters are in effect.

Weather

- Partly sunny with a high of 51.

Top Stories

- All New Yorkers are now [required to wear face coverings](#) in any space where social distancing isn't possible.
- Here's the [latest updates](#) on the coronavirus outbreak, including the status of your stimulus check and the future of sports.
- President Donald [Trump](#) accused New York City officials of padding the city's coronavirus death toll.

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[Kids Arts & Crafts Online Workshop](#) Thurs Apr 16th 3:30 p.m. We will use everyday objects and basic art supplies to make various projects and sharpen the creative mind. \$15 [Click here to register](#).

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Queens News

- A Queens [assemblyman](#) is backing a plan by a doctors' group to provide mobile COVID-19 testing.
- The uncle of a [man who was killed](#) in a hit-and-run accident in Flushing hopes the driver is brought to justice.
- Veronica [Jimenez](#), a Whitestone resident who had plans to open her own drug counseling clinic, has [died](#) from coronavirus.

Politics

- Governor Andrew Cuomo has [hired consultants](#) to come up with a science-based plan to reopen New York, [fearing](#) the president will push to move faster.
- The CFB is [recommending one election](#) for Queens borough president after doling out \$1.6 million to [candidates](#) in Queens and Brooklyn.

Entertainment

- New Yorkers, including Alec Baldwin, are [posting their best New York Accents](#) online.
- SNL's Michael Che announced that [he will cover a month's rent](#) for everyone living in his late [grandmother's NYCHA building](#). She died of COVID-19.

Buzzing Back

- In 2007, the [Virginia Tech shooting](#) leaves 32 dead.
- In 1965, actor [Martin Lawrence](#) is born in Frankfurt, Germany. He won the NAACP Image Award for his work on [this TV series](#).

Opinion

- The Queens Ledger [argues that state lawmakers](#) need to find a way to finish the legislative session.

- A columnist for the Greenpoint Star says [if community boards leaders want to be taken seriously, now is time to step up](#) for their neighborhoods.

In the Blogs

- A [bodega ordering app](#) is now being developed as sales struggle amid coronavirus outbreak.

Trending in New York

- [#RHOBH](#)
- [#ripleywatch](#)
- [#TheChallenge35](#)
- [#MarriedAtFirstSight](#)
- [#Survivor](#)

Scoreboard

- Here's some [advice for MLB fans seeking ticket refunds](#) as the coronavirus puts the 2020 season on hold.
- The host of "JJ After Dark" on WFAN writes in his Queens Ledger column that [his all-time Mets squad has a rotation that would make any hitter uneasy](#).

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[Cooking With What You Have: Quarantine Cooking - Online Class](#) Thurs Apr 16th 8-9:30pm - If you're experiencing difficulty finding your usual groceries, you might benefit from some cook with what you have strategies. [\\$25](#)

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Real Estate

- New York City [told landlords not to evict tenants, but advocates say](#) that isn't enough.
- For Sale - **40-24 247th Street, Little Neck** - Totally renovated Colonial style home features 3 BR, 1 full & 2.5 half baths, LR/DR, EIK w/ SS appliances, granite counter top. Large foyer/playroom/office. \$765,000 [Trulia.com](#)
- For Sale - **72-12 Kessel Street, Forest Hills** - Detached 1,750 s/f home w/ driveway, 2 car garage, backyard, 3 BRs, 1.5 bath, full basement. Needs TLC. Close to all. \$995,000 [Homes.com](#) 212-235-1725
- Sold - Four-bedroom, three-bath, 1,508-square-foot single-family home at [61-25 157th Street in Kew Gardens Hills](#) for \$870,000.

Style & Fashion

- Jimmy [Webb](#), the eccentric behind the rock-and-roll boutique Trash and Vaudeville, has passed away.
- We're not [getting dressed up for work anymore!](#) Here's the most stylish matching sweatsuits to wear to your home office.

Events

- **Virtual** - 11 a.m. - Comptroller Scott Stringer hosts webinar for M/WBE businesses impacted by COVID-19. [Join Here](#)
- **Virtual** - 3:30 p.m. - Kids Arts & Crafts [Online Workshop](#).
- **Virtual/Jackson Heights** - 7:30 p.m. - Stringer delivers remarks at Community Board 3 meeting. [Join Here](#)





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Subject : Morning Buzz: Two Queens hospitals grappling with COVID-19 deaths, Employers must provide face masks

Monday, April 13

Alternate-side parking rules are suspended. Meters are in effect.

Weather

- Windy with thunderstorms. High of 67 degrees.

Top Stories

- Dr. Anthony Fauci believes [earlier social distancing would have saved more lives](#), but health officials faced "pushback."
- Governor Cuomo is mandating [employers provide protective face masks](#) to all workers.
- Confirmed [coronavirus cases in New York City have surged](#) past 100,000 with nearly 5,800 deaths.

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20 Questions Trivia Virtual Edition Mon Apr 13th 8:30pm Like no other pub quiz, because you don't have to be good at trivia to have a great time. Even wrong answers get credit! Click [here](#) for more information.

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Queens News

- Two Queens hospitals have been [grappling with a rise in coronavirus deaths](#).
- Relatives of a 99-year-old Middle Village man [wished him happy birthday from the road](#).
- Queens DA Melinda Katz opens up about [how the coronavirus defined her first 100 days](#) in office.

Politics

- Cuomo has [ruled out replacing Joe Biden as the Democratic presidential candidate](#) or joining the ticket as vice president.
- Education advocates [want Cuomo and de Blasio to stop bickering](#) over closing schools.

Entertainment

- Tom Hanks hosted ["Saturday Night Live" from his home](#) in the show's first remote episode.
- Here's a rundown of everything viewers learned [in the new "Tiger King" after show episode](#).

Buzzing Back

- In 1997, [Tiger Woods](#) wins the Masters Tournament for the first time.
- In 1946, R&B singer [Al Green](#) is born in Forrest City, AR. His popularity grew when he released [this 1972 hit](#).

Opinion

- The Times lays out [how to save black and Latino lives](#) during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Post points out the [#MeToo hypocrisy between Joe Biden and Brett Kavanaugh](#).

In the Blogs

- We Heart Astoria showcases an apartment on [30th Avenue with eclectic urban images](#).
- [Levante, an Italian restaurant on Jackson Avenue](#), has switched to delivery and pick-up service.

Trending in New York

- [#InsecureHBO](#)
- [#90DayFiance](#)
- [HORSE](#)
- [Anthony Causi](#)
- [POP THE TAGS](#)

Scoreboard

- All MLB, NBA, NHL, MLS and NCAA games are suspended.
- Roger Goodell will announce [NFL Draft 2020 picks from his basement](#).
- Devin Booker [won the NBA's 2K Players Tournament](#) against teammate Deandre Ayton.

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Cherry Blossoms at BBG Even though the Brooklyn Botanic Garden is closed, the cherries are blooming! Track the [bloom progression](#) and learn more about the collection.

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Real Estate

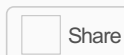
- New York City is [moving 2,500 homeless people into hotel rooms](#) to contain the spread of coronavirus in shelters.
- For Sale - **33-64 21st Street #5C, LIC** - Renovated 2 BR, 1 bath condo features kitchen w/ SS appliances, corner Master BR, plenty of closet storage, bike storage, pet friendly. \$508,000 [Homes.com](#) 347-535-0280
- For Sale - **94-33 Park Lane, Woodhaven** - Move in ready one family home w/ garage, updated inside & out! 5 BRs, 3 bath, kitchen w/ granite countertops & SS appliances. \$7000,000. [Trulia.com](#).
- Sold - **Flushing** - A two-bedroom, two-bathroom, 711-square-foot condo at 142-18 38th Avenue for \$638,000. [Zillow](#).

Weekend Crime Roundup

- On early Friday morning, police responded to a 911 call of an unconscious man in front of 102-19 44th Avenue in Corona. Upon arrival, cops discovered an unidentified man who was unresponsive. He was declared dead at the scene. The medical examiner will determine the cause of death.

Events

- **Virtual** - 1 p.m. - Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams, citywide clergy leaders discuss racial disparity on COVID-19 impact. Participate [here](#).
- **Virtual** - 3:30 p.m. - Eric the Reptile Guy. [Queens Public Library's Facebook page](#).
- **Virtual** - 8:30 p.m. - 20 Questions Trivia [Virtual Edition](#).



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Staff:

Rudy Giuliani's son Andrew, a former assistant to President Donald Trump, is launching a bid for governor of New York after weeks of speculation.

The younger Giuliani is expected to hold an event Tuesday afternoon to formally unveil his bid. But his Twitter biography was already updated Tuesday morning to note his candidacy and link to his campaign website.

On that website, Giuliani touts his experience as CEO of his own golf company, as a surrogate for the Trump campaign and as a liaison to corporate America.

The former mayor's son, 35, first tipped his interest in a bid for governor early last month.

He would face an uphill battle against Rep. Lee Zeldin, another loyal Trump supporter who already raised significant money in his GOP bid for governor and won the backing of many of the state party's officials.

The New York governor's race has gotten more convoluted with the controversy surrounding Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who has been expected to run for a fourth term but has been accused by multiple women of sexual harassment in the workplace and faces multiple investigations into his behavior.

Andrew Giuliani most recently was hired earlier this year by the conservative network Newsmax as a contributor.

He was a young child when his father became mayor. At the elder Giuliani's 1994 inauguration, the then-7-year-old joined his father at the podium, mimicking his gestures and repeating some of his words.

The incident was played for laughs in a "Saturday Night Live" skit starring Chris Farley.

In 2008, he sued Duke University, saying he had been improperly cut from the golf team. The school said the cut was proper and based on bullying behavior, which Giuliani denied. The lawsuit was dismissed in 2010.

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Newsday: Cuomo vows New York will have 'most informed reopening of any state'

By Bart Jones and Newsday Staff

Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo pledged Wednesday to have the best reopening from the coronavirus pandemic of any state in the country, and said he will use a silver lining of the crisis to accelerate major public works projects such as the LaGuardia Airport overhaul.

This “will be the most informed reopening of any state in the country,” Cuomo said while speaking from a new and airy arrivals-and-departures wing of LaGuardia that continued to be built through the COVID-19 crisis.

He cut a ribbon at a new terminal in East Elmhurst, Queens, emphasizing it is the first new airport built in the United States in 25 years.

“We needed this, we needed this today,” Cuomo said, holding it up as an example of the state's resiliency and bright future. “We needed to see the light at the end of the tunnel, we needed to see possibility, we needed to see New York stand up and shine, we needed to remember how great a place this is, and how great a people we are.”

Work can be accelerated on LaGuardia and other projects with fewer disruptions because, for instance, there are fewer passengers at the airport due to COVID-19.

Cuomo also called for accelerated work on the new Belmont arena, among other infrastructure projects.

“On Long Island, we are transforming Belmont, there’s going to be an Islanders’ arena ... Now is the time to double down,” he said.

And he spoke of speeding up \$2 billion in capital projects at the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

“Life goes on, post-COVID,” he said.

With all state regions in some phase of reopening, Cuomo emphasized the ongoing testing program showing a low level of new coronavirus infections statewide.

Some 0.8% of people tested in Nassau and 0.9% of those tested in Suffolk on Tuesday were diagnosed as new cases — bringing Long Island below a single digit, to 0.9%, for new positives.

Nassau and Suffolk continued to see the number of new confirmed cases drop to levels not seen since the early days of the crisis in March.

Nassau reported 35 new cases, and Suffolk had 38, according to state data released Wednesday. New York State as a whole had 674 new cases, with 425 of them coming from New York City.

As Long Island entered Phase 2 of reopening Wednesday, bringing back a wider range of businesses, including real estate, office work, in-store

retail, and outdoor dining. Cuomo spoke of forward momentum, but also of caution in noting how other states have seen increases in cases as their shutdowns have ended.

"Reopening says, 'How do you now restart the economy and control the virus at the same time?' And all of this has never been done before. There's no blueprint, there's no book written on it," he said. "There's no expert on the globe who can say, 'Yes, I know how this should be done' ... This really is going down a path that no one has traveled successfully."

He said the "new focus" will be "watching the data, watching the numbers" to guide policy.

He went on: "Reopening is actually much harder than closing. Closing was abrupt and disruptive, but it was simple. Everything was closed. Reopening is more delicate and more nuanced."

He said that as other states have reopened, "More of them have gotten into trouble than not." He cited places including California, Florida and Texas.

New LGA terminal on Saturday

At LaGuardia, Cuomo and Rick Cotton, executive director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, described the opening of Terminal B as the biggest achievement yet in the \$8 billion transformation of a facility Joe Biden once quipped seemed like something out of the "Third World."

The project includes the demolition and replacement of every terminal and concourse except for the historically landmarked Marine Air Terminal.

The Terminal B opening "is the biggest milestone to date in the transformation of LaGuardia Airport into a world-class transportation hub that is worthy of New York State," Cuomo said.

The terminal will open to the public Saturday.

Cotton said, "Today's opening should be a shining symbol of the region's potential for a strong economic recovery with the vitality of New York before COVID-19."

He said the overhaul will transform LaGuardia "from worst airport in the country to the best, from appallingly substandard to 21st century best of class, from the laughingstock on Saturday Night Live skits, to bringing into reality the extraordinary vision of Gov. Cuomo to have a world-class airport worthy of New York."

Phase 2, 'another milestone'

Nassau County Executive Laura Curran said Wednesday that coronavirus indicators continue to improve as the reopening proceeds.

For instance, of 4,210 people tested in the last 24-hour period in Nassau, only 35 were positive for COVID-19.

That amounted to 0.8% of individuals tested. "That's a big deal," Curran said.

At the peak of the pandemic, she said, there were 2,500 tests in a day, with a 50% positive testing level.

"We have reached another major milestone in reopening, an important leap toward recovery, and getting people back to work," she said.

"Go outside, go outdoor dining, have a nice little glass of wine, if you want," Curran said.

Curran announced that four of the county's six pools will open July 3, "just in time for the holiday weekend."

In New York City, Mayor Bill de Blasio said coronavirus indicators are below the thresholds needed to continue the reopening after the city's Phase 1 start this week.

At the Brooklyn Army Terminal and Navy Yard, where the city hosts businesses, the city saw about 60% back in operation.

"We're certainly seeing the restart kick in," he said.

LIRR: 28,089 riders on NYC's reopening day

The Long Island Rail Road counted 28,089 commuters Monday, when Phase 1 of New York City's reopening began. That equaled 13% of the railroad's pre-COVID-19 ridership.

After running on a reduced schedule for more than two months, the LIRR on Monday restored most of its regular weekday service.

Among local hospitals, Northwell Health on Wednesday reported COVID-19-related admissions were in the single digits for the second straight day. It said it hospitalized nine coronavirus patients over the last 24 hours at the 19 hospitals it owns and operates. The day before, the number admitted was six.

The total number of reported coronavirus cases since the beginning of the outbreak rose to 41,015 in Nassau, 40,464 in Suffolk, 208,118 in New York City and 380,156 statewide.

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By Frank DiLella

Andrew Cuomo is used to being in the public eye.

His political career began in 1982 when he served as campaign manager for the first of his father Mario's three successful runs for governor of New York.

In 1990, Cuomo joined forces with another high-profile political family when he married Kerry Kennedy, the daughter of Robert F. Kennedy. After their divorce in 2005 Cuomo began a long-term relationship with another public figure, Sandra Lee, a host and chef on TV's Food Network.

Andrew Cuomo's relationship with celebrity went from cozy to contentious in 2018 when he was challenged in the Democratic gubernatorial primary by "Sex and the City" star Cynthia Nixon.

Cuomo won that race despite Nixon's high profile.

Throughout Cuomo's three terms as New York's governor he frequently relied on bold-face names from the entertainment world to champion his causes. A-listers like Robert De Niro, Billy Crystal and Billy Joel have helped him fundraise, and Ben Stiller, Julianne Moore, Andy Cohen and Tina Fey have all worked to promote policy initiatives supported by the governor. Just last year Cuomo enlisted Chris Rock and Rosie Perez to promote mask wearing to fight the spread of COVID.

Cuomo's daily briefings during the pandemic were so widely praised that in November he received a special Emmy Award for the role his TV appearances played in the battle against COVID. Just a few months later, that tribute is now being called into question because of allegations Cuomo's administration undercounted COVID deaths in New York nursing homes, and accusations of sexual harassment.

This past season the governor was parodied unfavorably by Pete Davidson on "Saturday Night Live," and celebrities who had been vocal Cuomo supporters have gone silent. Most notable among them: His brother, CNN anchor Chris Cuomo, who faced criticism for announcing he would not cover his sibling's scandals on his primetime show.

It's a marked difference from just a few months ago when the two bantered playfully on air.

For Andrew Cuomo, life out of the spotlight will certainly be an adjustment following his sudden fall from grace.

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NYDN: Andrew Giuliani launches GOP bid for N.Y. governor with vow to fight crime — as his dad faces heat from feds

By Tim Balk:

Andrew Giuliani declared crime-fighting his “most important” political priority as he announced a long-shot Republican campaign for New York governor on Tuesday — just weeks after the FBI raided his father’s home and office on the hunt for evidence of alleged foreign agent crimes.

Speaking in downtown Manhattan’s Battery Park, the 35-year-old son of ex-Mayor Rudy Giuliani took aim at Gov. Cuomo and used the incumbent Democrat’s alleged coronavirus mismanagement scandal as a jumping-off point for his tough-on-crime pitch.

“We’ve all seen how Andrew Cuomo has served himself. We’ve seen \$5 million for a book deal. But while Andrew Cuomo makes seven figures a year serving himself, I’m happy to go and volunteer my time to be the candidate for governor,” Giuliani said, referencing this week’s revelations about Cuomo’s COVID crisis book windfall.

“Maybe most importantly, in a Governor Giuliani, you will get somebody that has a strategy to reduce crime in a record-setting fashion. I’ve heard that before from somewhere. I think his name was Giuliani also,” he said, speaking with the Statue of Liberty as his backdrop.

But the “law and order” reputation Rudy Giuliani earned as mayor in the 1990s took a serious hit last month, when FBI agents seized his electronic devices during early morning raids at his Manhattan apartment and law firm. The raids were part of an ongoing criminal investigation into Giuliani’s 2019 business dealings in Ukraine, which may have violated foreign lobbying laws and overlapped with former President Donald Trump’s first impeachment.

Andrew Giuliani, whose only public service experience was serving as a White House aide to Trump, claimed his 76-year-old father is only being targeted by the feds because of his political allegiance to the ex-president.

“If that doesn’t worry every American, the fact that the Justice Department would be monitoring the president of the United States’ lawyer, then you’re just not paying attention,” he said. “That’s not a red or blue thing. That’s a red, white, and blue thing.”

The younger Giuliani’s campaign announcement could prove a serious headache for Long Island Rep. Lee Zeldin and former Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino, the other two Republicans in the quixotic GOP primary battle.

Trump, who still retains the elder Giuliani as his personal lawyer, has not endorsed in the race yet, but encouraged Andrew Giuliani to run last month. The ex-president’s eventual endorsement is expected to carry significant weight and clear the way for a front-runner.

Despite his legal woes, Giuliani told reporters in Battery Park that he expects his father to play a major role on his campaign.

“When you got the greatest prosecutor in the history of the Southern District, and you’ve got the greatest mayor, not this, not just in the history of New York, but in the history of America, you’re foolish if you don’t use him as an asset,” he said. “There’s no more effective playbook than the Giuliani playbook.”

New York has not had a Republican chief executive since Gov. George Pataki left office in 2006. Since then, New York has only grown more Democratic, rendering any GOP bid for statewide office highly unlikely to succeed.

But Giuliani, like Zeldin and Astorino, is hoping Cuomo's alleged sexual harassment and coronavirus mismanagement scandals could give them a leg up in the deep blue state.

Beyond crime-fighting, Giuliani said in his kickoff remarks that he will campaign on cutting taxes, expanding charter school access and ending the "war on our cops."

"This is going to be one heck of a ride," he said. "But we're going to have a lot of fun doing it."

Though his political resume is light, Andrew Giuliani became a familiar name to New Yorkers after late comedian Chris Farley played him in a 1994 "Saturday Night Live" skit that poked fun at an appearance he made at his father's first mayoral inauguration.

Cuomo, who is expected to seek reelection for a fourth term, could face a Democratic primary challenge amid widespread outrage over his swirling scandals. Attorney General Letitia James, who's investigating Cuomo over his alleged sexual misconduct, has been rumored to be considering a primary campaign.

New York's general gubernatorial election is slated for Nov. 8, 2022.

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Michael Gartland:

In the final Democratic primary debate for mayor, the eight top contenders took to the stage at NBC in midtown Manhattan and squared off over public safety and how to tackle poverty and homelessness Wednesday night, delivering some of the sharpest attacks of the campaign yet.

Violent crime, which has been on the rise for a year now, remained a front-and-center issue, and the race's frontrunner, Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams, a former NYPD captain, continued to hammer away at it.

As the frontrunner, Adams has consistently taken heat from his opponents on his views, though, and Wednesday was no exception.

He and entrepreneur Andrew Yang came out swinging early on over what set them apart on policing.

Yang mocked Adams after winning an endorsement from the police union that represents him earlier this week and contested Adams' claim that he had not sought endorsements from law enforcement unions.

Asked why voters concerned with an uptick in crime should pick him over the former cop, Yang pointed to the nod he received from the Captains Endowment Association.

"The people you should ask about this are Eric's former colleagues in the police captains union," Yang said. "They think I'm a better choice than Eric to keep us and our families safe, and the reason for this is they want someone honest as a partner who will actually follow through."

Adams shot back that the CEA didn't pick him because he didn't ask for their endorsement — to which Yang responded: "You met with the lieutenants and you called the captains, Eric."

When asked by the moderator if that was true, Adams responded: "No, it's not."

"Yes it is, Eric," Yang responded.

"No, it's not," Adams said.

The debate — which NBC broadcast from its Saturday Night Live studio in Rockefeller Center — is the third in a series of three showdowns sanctioned by the city's Campaign Finance Board and served as the final forum for the candidates to make their case to voters before June 22, the final day for voting.

Maya Wiley, Mayor de Blasio's legal counsel who has surged in recent polls, also went after Adams for supporting stop and frisk and his plan to reconstitute the NYPD's anti-crime unit to tackle gun crime — policies she described as "racist."

Adams jabbed back, citing the fact that a private security patrol protects her block in Brooklyn and reiterating his position that he would use stop and frisk, but prohibit its abuse.

“I don’t and never will allow stop and frisk to be returned and abuse people,” he said.

Wiley came under attack too for her positions on policing, one of which is to strip the NYPD of \$1 billion and apply that money to social services programs.

“I have been Black all my life,” she said, repeating a line she’s used several times during the campaign. “What we have the opportunity to do right now is to be smart about growing public safety.”

Wiley went on to say that the city is now hiring cops “to do the job of social workers ... to do the job of psychologists.”

But Ray McGuire, the former Citi executive who polls show has trailed in the single digits, didn’t appear to view Wiley’s plans as very smart. He attacked both she and Adams for their public safety proposals — asking Wiley pointedly how she would pay for her plan.

“It’s neither stop and frisk, nor is it defund,” he said, referring to Adam’s support of stop and frisk and Wiley’s calls to strip the police of funding.

Former Sanitation Commissioner Kathryn Garcia also criticized plans to defund the police — though she did not call Wiley out by name.

“Several of my opponents are using hashtags, hashtag “defund the police” — I just don’t think that’s the right approach,” she said. “You need to sit down and really think through these things.”

Recent polls have consistently shown Adams leading the field, with Garcia, Wiley and Yang all within striking distance. A Marist poll conducted last week showed Adams ahead with 28% support from those surveyed, Garcia garnering 19%, Wiley with 17% and Yang with 15%. The other four candidates on the debate stage Wednesday night — city Comptroller Scott Stringer, former HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan, former non-profit exec Dianne Morales and McGuire — all trailed with numbers in the single digits, according to that poll.

When factoring in ranked-choice voting, the poll projected Adams as the winner with 56% and Garcia coming in second with 44%.

But a separate poll released Wednesday predicted a shift. That poll, conducted by Change Research from June 11-14, projected Garcia would come out on top 51% to 49% once ranked-choice is accounted for.

The candidates’ relative proximity in the polls is likely one reason why their rhetoric became so heated Wednesday night. But it wasn’t just the top four candidates trading barbs.

The candidates toward the back of the pack also tried to make up ground with attacks of their own.

Stringer, who dipped in polls after two women accused him of sexual harassment — charges he’s denied — went after Yang for his basic income plan, which would provide a stipend to poor New Yorkers, as well as his plan to tackle street homelessness.

Yang described a woman in Hell's Kitchen who was punched in the face by a homeless man and said the issues the street homeless pose are driving New Yorkers from the city.

"Families are leaving," Yang said. "I'm going to rebuild the stock of psych beds in our city because the number has gone down 14 percent. It should be going up 100 percent."

Stringer then chimed in: "That is the greatest non-answer I've ever heard in all of our debates."

"Not one specific idea, not one specific plan," he said. "How much is this going to cost?"

Garcia said she would focus on building 50,000 units of affordable housing and 10,000 units of supportive housing to address the problem.

"We also need to increase the voucher that the city gives to people to something close to the market," she said.

All the candidates agreed on one thing, though. When asked if they would offer Mayor de Blasio a job in their administration if elected, each candidate said no.

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By KATE FELDMAN

Jim Carrey is stepping into 30 Rock and maybe the Oval Office.

The politically inclined comedian will join the cast of Saturday Night Live this season to play Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden, NBC announced Wednesday.

The sketch comedy show, which returns Oct. 3, has previously invoked Kevin Nealon, Jason Sudeikis, Woody Harrelson and John Mulaney as the former vice president, but the election cycle will place Carrey firmly in the rotation this fall.

Maya Rudolph has hinted that she'd be happy to return to reprise her impression of vice presidential nominee Kamala Harris, but there's no word yet on whether Lorne Michaels will take her up on her offer.

Alec Baldwin has regularly appeared as President Trump and Beck Bennett took on Vice President Pence.

While SNL aired a few virtual episodes over the spring after production was shut down due to the coronavirus pandemic, the show plans to resume with a limited in-studio audience at Rockefeller Center for the upcoming season, according to NBC. Producers said they will work closely with Gov. Cuomo's team to ensure health and safety protocols are maintained.

Three new cast members were also announced Wednesday: Upright Citizens Brigade performer Lauren Holt, Space Force writer Punkie Johnson and SNL staff writer Andrew Dismukes. The entire cast from last season will return.

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By Brian Niemietz

A bombshell New York Times report about the president's alleged money problems shines a new light on why jokes about his wealth — or lack thereof — have never been a laughing matter for the real estate heir.

When Comedy Central roasted The Donald nearly a decade ago, the one thing deemed off-limits was wisecracks implying he may not be as rich as he claims, Vulture reported in 2016.

"Each year, the 'roastee' has certain topics they declare off-limits," roast writer Aaron Lee reportedly said of the 2011 grilling of Trump. "It's always interesting to learn what is 'sacred' for a celebrity."

While there was no "approved" list of topics per se, Lee told Vulture there was a mandate that jokes about Trump not being as rich as he claims were not okay. However, jokes about his family, hair, weight and attraction to models were fine.

The New York Times reported Sunday that according to the president's tax records — which he has fought tirelessly to stop from being made public — Trump paid only \$750 in federal taxes in 2016 and in 2017 and paid no federal taxes at all in 10 of the 15 years prior. The president, offering no evidence to prove otherwise, denies the Times story.

Comics including Jeffrey Ross, Seth MacFarlane, Gilbert Gottfried, Anthony Jeslenik, Lisa Lampanelli and rapper Snoop Dogg all took digs at Trump, who weathered the insults gracefully at that star-studded Obama-era shindig.

"Tonight we honor a self-made millionaire," MacFarlane joked. "He started with nothing, worked hard and made a fortune. That man is Fred Trump — Donald's dad."

Jeslenik used his turn at the podium kidding about his massive business failures along the New Jersey Boardwalk.

"Donald you've got a great sense of humor, you've been so happy to embarrass yourself on Saturday Night Live — and the casino business," he said.

The president has sought bankruptcy protection seven times, according to Snopes.com, which includes six gaming operations near the tip of the Jersey Shore.

Jeslenik reportedly confirmed to Joan Rivers in 2013 that jokes questioning Trump's claims of prosperity were off-limits during that roast.

"Make fun of my kids, do whatever you want, just don't say I don't have that much money," Jeslenik said, loosely quoting the future president.

Trump said Monday that reports of his alleged financial hardships were untrue and that his assets are "extraordinary" and "impressive."

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By DENIS SLATTERY:

ALBANY — Vito Bruno, a former nightclub owner who campaigned against bail and criminal justice reforms, emerged with a narrow margin over Sen. Andrew Gounardes on Wednesday as Republicans celebrated Election Day leads across the state.

Bruno's lead over Gounardes in the Brooklyn race was roughly 6,757 votes following in-person voting, but the tally from the state Board of Elections does not include absentee ballots cast by those who chose to avoid the polls amid the coronavirus crisis.

Gounardes, a Democrat who replaced longtime Republican senator Marty Golden in 2018 as part of a blue wave that swept over Albany, said he's confident Bruno's lead will evaporate once all the votes are tallied.

"There are several thousand in-person votes which have not been reported, nearly 13,000 mail-in ballots which have been returned already, plus additional mail-in ballots which have not been processed or received," he said in a statement. "The outcome of this election will hinge on these votes, and I am confident that once these votes are counted, we will prevail."

The Brooklyn contest was a rare competitive Senate race in the five boroughs as Dems eyed a super-majority in the State Senate. That dream appeared to be dashed based on unofficial Election Day results, but thousands of mail-in ballots still need to be counted.

Final results in many state races may not be known for weeks.

Bruno, a music industry insider with a colorful past got his start at 2001 Odyssey, the Brooklyn club made famous in "Saturday Night Fever." He first tried his hand at politics in 2017 with an unsuccessful bid for Brooklyn Borough President.

His campaign this year echoed the message Republicans blasted statewide, slamming Dems over changes to bail laws and criminal justice reforms they say have led to spikes in crime and arguing that the Legislature has lurched too far to the left.

Gounardes' campaign painted Bruno as a hypocrite for past statements about paying off cops and other nefarious dealings when he was running illegal dance parties across the city.

In 1983, Bruno implied in an interview with the New York Times that he gave large sums of cash to cops at Christmas to turn a blind eye to his illicit activities. In a book about actor John Belushi, journalist Bob Woodward notes that Bruno told him he "would get drugs" for the Saturday Night Live star.

The bitter battle culminated in a potential upset as Republicans looked to regain ground lost in 2018 and seats left open upstate in the wake of a rash of GOP retirements last year.

Several other first-term and incumbent Democrats in the Hudson Valley and on Long Island trailed Republican challengers following Tuesday's vote.

Sen. Jen Metzger (D-Catskills) issued a statement similar to Gounardes' call for patience after challenger Mike Martucci took an Election Day lead over the sitting senator.

Metzger issued a statement shortly before midnight saying that about 25,000 absentee ballots had been cast, mostly by Democratic voters.

"We expect the process of counting absentees to be an orderly process that will take several weeks, and we will patiently await the final results," she said. "I hope to have the opportunity to continue to fight for the communities I represent."

Martucci, the former owner of a school bus company, declared victory outright.

Several Long Island races remain too close to call without absentee ballots being counted, but Republicans pulled ahead in several spots.

Republican Alexis Weik led Sen. Monica Martinez (D-Suffolk) by roughly 8,000 votes, according to the state BOE. The seat was long a Republican stronghold before Martinez's 2018 win.

Incumbent Sens. Jim Gaughran and Kevin Thomas, who represent parts of Suffolk and Nassau respectively, are also both trailing Republican challengers. A large number of absentee ballots remain outstanding in all three races. Sen. Peter Harckham (D-Westchester) fell behind Rob Astorino, former Westchester County Executive, by roughly 5,000 votes as well.

Dems, who entered Election Day with a 40-seat conference in the 63 seat chamber, did make some gains upstate, grabbing a pair of Rochester-area seats formerly held by the GOP and looked likely to win a Buffalo seat as well. The wins were not enough to give the party the super-majority they have been eyeing since taking over the chamber two years ago.

"The drumbeat leading up to last night was that the Democrats were going to take the supermajority in the state Senate," Sen. Rob Ort (R-Lockport), the chamber's minority leader said. "What you saw last night was a repudiation of one-party rule ... In a blue state when Biden won, and you had record turnout, Republicans picked up seats last night."

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By LARRY MCSHANE:

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who ascended from a working class Brooklyn neighborhood to a pivotal liberal role on the nation's highest court during a groundbreaking career in the law, has died, the Court announced Friday.

She was 87.

“Our nation has lost a jurist of historic stature,” said Chief Justice John Roberts Jr. “We at the Supreme Court have lost a cherished colleague. Today we mourn, but with confidence that future generations will remember Ruth Bader Ginsburg as we knew her — a tireless and resolute champion of justice.”

Ginsburg struggled with health problems after she hit age 85, including three ribs broken in a November 2018 fall and surgery one month later at the Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in Manhattan to remove two cancerous nodules from her left lung.

Ginsburg stood just 5-foot-1 and weighed about 100 pounds. Her slight physical presence belied her towering legal mind and formidable powers as she fought for the rights of women and minorities.

She followed Justice Sandra Day O'Connor to the Supreme Court in June 1993 to become only its second female justice.

Ginsburg shattered the glass ceiling in the male-dominated legal profession as the first woman on the editorial staff at the Harvard Law Review, founder of the ACLU's Women's Rights Project, and the first tenured female faculty member at Columbia Law School.

In 1993, President Clinton nominated her to the nation's highest court, and the Senate approved her by a vote of 96-3. She served for the next 27 years — generally voting with her fellow liberal justices while maintaining friendly relationships with her conservative counterparts.

Past presidents Jimmy Carter and George W. Bush issued statements praising the groundbreaking jurist and her storied career.

Ginsburg was honored in 1999 with the American Bar Association's Thurgood Marshall Award, honoring her effort on behalf of gender equality and civil rights.

And she emerged late in her career as a pop culture touchstone — a plastic action figure, complete with gavel; subject of the biopic “On The Basis of Sex”; and holder of the nickname “Notorious R.B.G.,” a nod to fellow Brooklynite and hip-hop icon Christopher Wallace, aka the Notorious B.I.G.

Fans carried tote bags with Ginsburg's face on the side, and Kate McKinnon famously played her on “Saturday Night Live.” Her likeness appeared so frequently on the internet that Ginsburg was dubbed the “Meme Supreme.”

Joan Ruth Bader was born the younger of two daughters welcomed by Brooklyn merchant Nathan Bader and his wife Celia, a garment factory worker. The older girl, Marilyn, died of meningitis when her sister was only 14 months old.

The surviving sibling became known as Ruth to distinguish her from other students named Joan in their kindergarten class.

She was a brilliant student by any name, earning excellent grades while keeping busy with student activities at James Madison High School and earning a full Ivy League scholarship at Cornell University.

Her cancer-stricken mother passed away the day before Ginsburg's graduation.

"My mother told me two things constantly," she once recalled. "One was to be a lady and the other was to be independent."

The Cornell freshman from Brooklyn met her future husband in her first semester: Fellow student Marty Ginsburg, who would become a nationally-known tax attorney.

The bright young co-ed also met a pair of university professors who shaped her future. Vladimir Nabakov, the Russian-born novelist and author of "Lolita," influenced her approach to writing. And constitutional lawyer Robert Cushman inspired her to pursue a law degree.

Ginsburg would become the first woman on the editorial staff of the Harvard Law Review. She was one of just eight women in the class of more than 500 at Harvard, where she endured in a male-dominated and often hostile environment.

Later, she transferred to Columbia Law School, where she completed her degree.

Breaking into the legal profession proved difficult for a married woman with a child, just the first of many gender barriers that Ginsburg was forced to clear.

When hired as an assistant professor in 1963 at Rutgers School of Law, she received a lowball salary offer because of her husband's high-paying position.

When she became pregnant two years later, Ginsburg wore oversized clothes to hide her condition over fears the college would not renew her contract.

By the early 1970s, Ginsburg was recognized as an important new voice on women's issues like gender equality, gender discrimination and women's liberation. In 1972, she became the founding counsel of the ACLU's Women's Rights Project.

By the decade's end, she argued a half-dozen cases before the Supreme Court. Ginsburg walked away the winner in five of her arguments.

President Carter appointed Ginsburg to the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C., where she honed a reputation for pragmatic liberalism. Her colleagues included conservative judges Robert Bork and Antonin Scalia, both later Supreme Court nominees. Scalia was named to the Supreme Court in 1986, while Bork was rejected in 1987.

Ginsburg's shared love of opera with Scalia, the court's first Italian-American justice, inspired the comic opera "Scalia/Ginsburg." She joined him on the Supreme Court in 1993, filling the spot left vacant by retiring Justice Byron White.

While still a relatively new justice, Ginsburg wrote the court's landmark 1996 decision overturning the Virginia Military Institute's policy barring the admission of women.

Ginsburg became the senior justice of the court's liberal bloc after the retirements of justices David Souter in 2009 and John Paul Stevens in 2010 — the same year that her husband of 56 years died of cancer.

The couple had two children, Jane and James Ginsburg.

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By DAILY NEWS EDITORIAL BOARD:

Morocco, the first country in the world to recognize the infant United States in 1777, before even our French allies, is now bravely joining its Arab brethren in establishing formal diplomatic ties with Israel. Credit another Mideast policy success to President Trump's Abraham Accords, which have already seen the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Sudan extend the hand of friendship to the Jewish state.

We hope Trump keeps this momentum going right up to Jan. 20, at which point Joe Biden should grab the baton while running. With luck and persistence, the biggest player, Saudi Arabia, will soon enough come aboard and then the unified Arab states can lead the wrongly intransigent Palestinians back to the bargaining table to finally get their own independent state side-by-side and at peace with Israel.

Part of the inducement to Morocco was U.S. recognition of the kingdom's sovereignty over a mostly empty patch of African desert that until the autumn of 1975 was the Spanish Sahara. Then the Spanish dictator fell into a coma and would soon die. Remember the original fake newsman Chevy Chase's "Generalissimo Francisco Franco is still dead" refrain during the first weeks of the new "Saturday Night Live"?

Taking advantage of Franco's incapacitation, Morocco pressured the Spaniards to sign over what it calls its Southern Provinces. But Algerian-backed locals declared an independent Western Sahara, beginning a standoff of fighting and truces for 45 years, with elections never held. Morocco has controlled the territory ever since and now Trump has given them some comfort, even though the rest of Africa recognizes Western Sahara as independent.

A 45-year stalemate hasn't gotten supporters of Western Sahara anything. Now, a change in the status quo has induced another Muslim nation to end the Arab freeze-out of Israel. It's a trade we'd take any day of the week.

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By The Editorial Board:

In yet another sign of the “inequity” of New York’s lockdown, the producers of “Saturday Night Live” defied the spirit of the laws to get themselves a live audience last week.

This, even as (for example) the State Liquor Authority’s arbitrary and unpredictable enforcement has some bars and restaurants screaming that they’re slammed for violations far less serious than what’s going on, without SLA action, just a block or two away.

For its Season 48 premiere, “SNL” dodged the rules that say indoor audiences must be no more than 100 people or 25 percent of capacity, whichever is lower — by paying people \$150 to watch the show live, and so technically qualifying them as “paid cast, crew or employees,” who are exempt from the rule.

“SNL’ has confirmed that they followed the reopening guidance,” Health Department spokesman Jonah Bruno told The Post. Really?

Fine, the audience social-distanced and wore masks for the whole show. But it’s still an outrage when city restaurants only got to start indoor dining on Sept. 30, and at just 25 percent capacity.

Nearly 90 percent of bars, restaurants, clubs and event spaces in the five boroughs couldn’t pay their rents in August.

That the state let “SNL” create its own loophole in the COVID-19 rules is an insult to the many businesses on the brink of destruction.

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By Carl Campanile, Bernadette Hogan and Georgett Roberts:

Andrew Giuliani officially kicked off his Republican campaign for governor by unveiling a video ripping into embattled three-term Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

The video also mocks Mayor de Blasio and fellow progressive Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) and criticizes the defund the police movement.

Giuliani, 35, the son of former Mayor Rudy Giuliani, starts the video by paying homage to New York landmarks including the Statue of Liberty, the Montauk Lighthouse and Niagara Falls.

He praises the history of New Yorkers making “the impossible possible” but said the state is now “facing turbulent times.”

The video then pans to pictures and footage of de Blasio, Ocasio-Cortez before slamming Cuomo.

“At the first sign of problems, they shut us down,” says Giuliani, who served as a White House aide to former President Donald Trump. “They quarantined healthy people.”

Andrew Giuliani launched his campaign for governor with a video bashing Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

The video then shows the USS Comfort hospital ship that Trump sent to New York harbor last year to help New York treat patients during the coronavirus pandemic.

“They asked for help and when it comes they don’t use it,” he said, mirroring criticism that Trump leveled at Cuomo last year.

Giuliani then refers to the Cuomo administration’s controversial since-rescinded policy of requiring nursing homes to accept recovering COVID patients discharged from hospitals and shows video of Cuomo accepting an Emmy Award for his press conferences during the early stages of the crisis.

“They sent the sick to infect the elderly,” Giuliani says.

The video then cuts to Cuomo saying “but who cares” where nursing home residents were recorded as dying — in a nursing home or a hospital. “They died.”

“And then they covered it up,” Giuliani said, referring to Cuomo’s undercounting of nursing home resident deaths.

He accused Democrats of hypocrisy when it comes to women’s rights.

“They promoted women’s rights. But they exploit and harass them,” Giuliani said, while showing pictures of Cuomo’s accusers.

Giuliani, like his father, said he would be the law and order candidate and painted Democrats as soft on crime and more concerned about defendants’ rights.

“Defund the police. Let criminals run. Keeping kids out of school. And all the while raising taxes.

Giuliani is shown walking in Times Square with a police precinct behind him and vowing to oversee New York’s “greatest comeback ever.”

In an interview with The Post posted early Tuesday, Giuliani likened a race between him and Cuomo to the famous 1971 heavy weight boxing fight between Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier at Madison Square Garden.

But Giuliani first has to win a Republican primary to become the GOP nominee to face off against Cuomo or another Democrat.

He also weighed in on his infamous portrayal by the late Chris Farley on “SNL” in the ’90s, when he was a child.)

Giuliani will face resistance as many of the state’s county Republican and conservative party leaders have already endorsed Long Island Congressman Lee Zeldin for governor. Former Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino is also running.

The Staten Island Republican Party — long a stronghold for dad Rudy Giuliani’s campaigns for mayor — is backing Zeldin.

Rep. Nicole Malliotakis — the most influential Republican in the borough — endorsed Zeldin.

“Lee has gained significant traction in both fundraising and has consolidated Republican and Conservative party support. We must unite to defeat Cuomo and save our state,” Malliotakis said.

But state GOP chairman Nick Langworthy welcomed Giuliani’s entry into the race.

“Rudy will forever be known as the man who transformed New York City, and Andrew can be the one to do it statewide,” Langworthy said.

“New York is broken and in need of the type of overhaul that the Giuliani administration ushered in during the 1990’s. The corruption, deadly mismanagement, and incompetence of the Cuomo administration has energized our party from the ground up, as evidenced by the number of accomplished New Yorkers who have stepped forward to run. We look forward to a spirited discussion about who can best move our state forward, but one thing is certain: we are united in our shared mission to save our state.”

Meanwhile, GOP consultant Rob Cole, who served as a top aide to former three-term Republican Gov. George Pataki, said, “I think Andrew’s got a good shot at winning the nomination. The Giuliani name is solid among Republicans in New York. He will be a strong force for the nomination. He’s a very likable guy.”

Cuomo had no immediate comment.

Later Tuesday afternoon, Giuliani held his first press campaign press conference in Battery Park overlooking the Statue of Liberty.

He picked on a new target during the event — the teachers' union — for opposing the expansion of charter schools.

"I will personally take on the UFT [United Federation of Teachers] to make sure that any community that wants a charter school will get one," Giuliani said.

He called his father, Rudy, a mentor, who will be a confidante during the campaign.

"When you've got the greatest prosecutor in the history of the Southern District and you have got the greatest mayor, not just in the history of New York but in the history of America, you are foolish if you don't use him as an asset," Giuliani said.

"What I can tell you is there is no more effective playbook than the Giuliani playbook and we will be implementing the Giuliani playbook to make sure that we can turn around New York State.

Giuliani said he would proudly run as a pro-Trump candidate.

"I worked four years in the White House for President Trump. I'll say that right now. I'm not running from it, I'm not hiding from it. I'm very proud of many of the policies that we were able to accomplish," he said.

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By Carl Campanile:

Andrew Giuliani isn't sore about being the butt of a "Saturday Night Live" joke as a child. In fact, he still finds the classic Chris Farley sketch "hysterical."

The son of former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani recalled his famous 1990s portrayal by Farley during an interview with The Post — in which he announced his bid for governor.

"I still find it hysterical. I wish I had the opportunity to meet him," Andrew said of the beloved comedian, who died in 1997.

The bit was sparked by then-7-year-old Andrew's attention-grabbing appearance at his dad's televised 1994 inaugural speech.

When the mayor went up to the podium outside City Hall, Andrew followed — and upstaged Rudy's no-nonsense message by shouting, making faces and blowing kisses at the cameras.

"It's one of those great moments of a son celebrating with his dad," Andrew said of his rambunctious behavior.

The memorable antics made national headlines and were spoofed on the NBC show in 1994, with Farley starring as the young Giuliani and Kevin Nealon as his famous father.

"It was one of Farley's 10 best," Giuliani said. "I think it's great. I always got a kick out of it."

He added: "Farley is one of my favorite comedians of all time."

Another 1994 skit, titled "Opening Night Yankee Stadium," had Farley's little Andrew acting obnoxiously at the Cathedral of Baseball.

The clips recently trended on social media when Giuliani, now 35, said he was mulling running for the gubernatorial Republican primary in 2022.

Giuliani said New Yorkers remind him "all the time" of seeing him at his dad's inaugural.

"They say, 'Wow. You've gotten so big.' Well, it's been over 25 years. I've grown a little bit," he quipped.

Giuliani told The Post he's confident he can knock out veteran GOP competition in the gubernatorial race — and then go on to take out scandal-ridden Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

"When I do go get inaugurated governor, I have to give my dad a bad seat," Giuliani joked, "He might be looking for payback."

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NYP: Comedy clubs sue NYC, NY state over COVID-19 shut downs

By Ben Feuerherd and Bernadette Hogan :

A group of city comedy clubs and small theaters have sued Mayor de Blasio and Gov. Cuomo for coronavirus restrictions that have caused their venues to remain shut while other businesses have reopened in recent weeks.

In the Manhattan federal court suit, clubs including The SoHo Playhouse, Triad, The Players Theater and the New York Comedy Club, accuse the state and city of imposing lockdown restrictions arbitrarily.

“The state continues to govern impartially and arbitrarily by allowing malls, casinos, churches, movie theaters, restaurants, gyms . . . bowling alleys, ‘Saturday Night Live’, schools and colleges in the state to open, yet small venue theaters in Manhattan continue to be shut down,” the suit states.

The clubs argue the coronavirus infection rate in Manhattan has remained under 1 percent for months, but despite the flattened curve they’re unable to earn a living by operating their clubs because of the restrictions.

“Whatever latitude for constitutionally questionable orders may have existed when the pandemic was new, there is no longer legal justification for prohibiting people from earning a living if they work in or own what a governor deems a non-essential business,” the suit states.

The clubs are seeking a judge to strike down executive orders barring them from holding shows and unspecified damages.

A spokesperson for the City Law Department referred The Post to New York State officials.

In a statement, Cuomo spokesperson Rich Azzopardi said he’s lost track of “frivolous suits filed against us” for actions taken to stop the spread of coronavirus.

“We are moving heaven and earth to contain this virus and we know some people are unhappy, but New York continues to have one of the lowest infection rates in the nation, and better to be unhappy than sick or worse,” he said.

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By David Meyer, Lorena Mongelli and Natalie Musumeci:

From “third world” to state of the art.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo on Wednesday unveiled the newly opened arrivals and departures terminal at LaGuardia Airport during his daily coronavirus briefing.

“LaGuardia Airport is going to be the first new airport in the United States of America in 25 years,” a beaming Cuomo told reporters alongside Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Executive Director Rick Cotton while seated in the new terminal.

“This is not just a new airport. This is, build a new airport while you are operating the old airport,” the governor said. “This is, renovate your home while you’re living in the home.”

Despite Cuomo’s claim that La Guardia will be the country’s first new airport in a quarter-century, the Austin–Bergstrom International Airport opened in 1999 and Detroit rebuilt its airport around the same time.

La Guardia’s new Terminal B Arrivals and Departures Hall is now officially open and will have its first flights go out on Saturday. It has a total of 35 gates and serves American Airlines, United Airlines, Southwest Airlines and Air Canada.

The terminal — which is part of a large-scale \$8 billion redevelopment of the northern Queens airport — is 50 percent bigger than the old terminal it replaces and can accommodate 17 million passengers a year, Cotton said.

It features “extensive new concessions” that are mostly “iconic local concessions,” said Cotton.

Eateries include: Junior’s Cheesecake, Brooklyn Diner, Think Coffee, Tony + Benny’s Authentic Brooklyn Pizza, Hill Country and more upscale joints like chef Marc Forgione’s new Mulberry Street Restaurant.

Cotton called the completion of the 850,000-square-foot, four-story terminal “a major milestone.”

“Every single legacy passenger building torn down, with the exception of the landmarked Marine Air Terminal,” Cotton said.

“In their place, a new state-of-the-art airport worthy of New York, with a wholly new roadway network. . . . LaGuardia will be the first new airport in the country in more than 25 years.”

LaGuardia’s ongoing transformation makes it go “From worst airport in the country to the best. From appalling substandard to 21st-century best-in-class. From the laughingstock on ‘Saturday Night Live’ skits to bringing into reality the extraordinary vision of Gov. Cuomo to have a world-class airport worthy of New York,” said Cotton.

In 2014, then Vice President Joe Biden infamously said that La Guardia Airport was something out of a “Third World country” and Cotton referred to those remarks during the press briefing.

The “spacious” terminal “paired with a new network of access roadways, will provide travelers with a 21st century airport experience — a far cry from Joe Biden’s famous condemnation of La Guardia as ‘Third World,’” Cotton said.

The facility is home to a host of shops including Kate Spade, the Strand Book Store, FAO Schwarz and Swatch — and four public art installations created by artists Jeppe Hein, Sabine Hornig, Laura Owens, and Sarah Sze.

A monumental globe sculpture suspends from the ceiling of the terminal, which also boasts a massive ceramic tile mosaic wall mural of the sky featuring the names of iconic Big Apple locations like The Stonewall Inn, the Apollo Theater, Grand Central-42nd Street, as well as a depiction of an ice cream truck, a pizza slice and a hot dog.

The terminal was outfitted for a post-coronavirus crisis world with plexiglass sneeze guards in all places where a traveler may interact with an employee and a slew of touchless hand sanitizer stations.

Cuomo said the renovation was needed “30 years ago” as he described the old LaGuardia as “an embarrassment.”

“We needed this. We needed this today. We needed to see light at the end of the tunnel. We needed to see possibility. We needed to see New York stand up and shine,” Cuomo said of the overhaul before a ribbon cutting ceremony.

“Yes, we’ve gone through a rough 101 days,” Cuomo said in reference to the coronavirus pandemic. “But you ain’t seen nothing yet.”

Due to the coronavirus crisis, passenger volume is down 95 percent at the city’s airports, according to Cotton.

Reconstruction on the airport began four years ago and is slated to be completed in 1.5 years. It will eventually comprise of 72 new gates across six concourses, two new terminals, and an AirTrain.

Meanwhile, during the press conference, Cuomo said the state’s phased reopening from its coronavirus-induced slumber should be viewed as an opportunity to “stimulate the economy.”

“Let’s not just reopen, but have an affirmative strategy that energizes the reopening,” Cuomo said, adding, “Now is the time to do large-scale development projects.”

“Our goal is not to just reopen. Our goal is to stimulate the economy. Regrow better than before,” the governor said.

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By Tamar Lapin:

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who died Friday at 87 from metastatic pancreatic cancer, became a pop culture icon — thanks, in part, to her fiery dissents on the bench.

Her impassioned disagreement of the court's decision in 2013 *Shelby County v. Holder* decision sparked the "Notorious R.B.G." Tumblr page and meme — comparing Ginsburg to rapper Biggie Smalls aka The Notorious B.I.G.

The nickname spawned a slew of merch, including "RBG" Halloween costumes, coffee mugs, T-shirts, tattoos, children's books and so-called "dissent collar" necklaces mirroring the flashy neckwear Ginsburg donned to jazz up her black robes.

She admitted in 2016 to having "quite a large supply" of "Notorious R.B.G." T-shirts, which she said she gave out as gifts.

In 2015, lawyer Shana Knizhnik and MSNBC reporter Irin Carmon turned the "Notorious R.B.G." blog into a New York Times-bestselling book titled "Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg."

That year, Kate McKinnon began portraying the Brooklyn-born jurist on "Saturday Night Live," in what would soon become one of the most popular impressions on the show.

The outspoken octogenarian was the subject of the Oscar-nominated documentary "RBG," which premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in 2018.

She also got the Hollywood treatment in the well-received 2018 biopic "On The Basis Of Sex," starring Felicity Jones and Armie Hammer. The movie follows Ginsburg's career and her trailblazing fight for equal rights.

She was even turned into a mini Lego figurine, shown in a brief segment in "The Lego Movie 2."

Ginsburg addressed her notorious nickname in a 2014 Yahoo News interview with Katie Couric — calling the moniker "a wonderful thing."

"I had to be told by my law clerks, 'what's this notorious?'" Ginsburg said, "and they explained that to me."

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By David Meyer:

While you bozos passed quarantine time with “Tiger King” and “The Last Dance,” John Mulaney was glued to Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s daily COVID-19 briefings.

“I watched a series that I absolutely loved, it was an hour-long drama he called ‘the daily press conferences of Governor Andrew Cuomo,’” Mulaney joked during the opening monologue of TV’s “SNL” on Saturday.

“It told the story of an Italian American father who, after being an empty nester finds himself quarantining with his two daughters,” he said. “Hijinks ensue.”

The 38-year-old comedian said he “loved” Cuomo’s press conferences, while ribbing the third-term Democrat for being “a little too excited” for the briefings, which the governor held for 111 consecutive days during the height of the pandemic in New York.

“He’d get out there and he’d start his rhythm, you know, he’d be like, ‘We are New York, and we are New York tough. And we are New York tough because we are New York strong. And we are New York strong because we are New York kind,’” Mulaney riffed, imitating Cuomo’s distinct staccato speech patterns.

Mulaney called the divorce governor’s infamous digressions into his family life “brilliant” — then imagined an argument between Cuomo and his “brother’s wife” over whether the governor’s elderly mother can see her grandkids.

“She says, ‘Well it’s important for the kids to see that Grandma,’” Mulaney said, mimicking Cuomo.

“I go, ‘You gavone, b—. If you bring your kids even into the mud room of my mother’s house, I will break your neck and bury you in the Rockaways.’”

“I am worried that when the coronavirus is over that Cuomo won’t realize that his show is over,” Mulaney joked.

“I’m scared he’ll take it on the road and try to play stadiums and come out and be like, ‘Hey, who wants to hear about my daughter’s boyfriend,’ and everyone’s like ‘play COVID!’”

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NYP: Rape survivor's billboard campaign raps Cuomo, Gillibrand, Vance, Alec Baldwin

By Carl Campanile:

A rape survivor-turned-activist is taking a larger-than-life swipe at New York's "sleaziest" — including outgoing Gov. Andrew Cuomo and his former top lawyer Alphonso David, The Post has learned.

Starting midnight Monday, digital billboards will light up along I-787 as part of Kat Sullivan's "ToxicNYTouch" ad campaign.

"I'm taking the GOV & TEAM #TOXICNYTOUCH to my Lamar Billboard in Albany off 787 starting midnight [Monday] as a GLOW IN THE DARK send-off to some of NY's SLEAZIEST!" Sullivan, who uses the hashtag #freespeechKat, told The Post.

Her ad directed at Cuomo says, "Govs. Don't Abuse Police to Harass & threaten survivors who turn down your private CVA [Child Victims Act]."

Sullivan had accused Cuomo of directing the state Joint Commission on Public Ethics Commission to investigate her for not registering as a lobbyist after running a series of billboards urging him and the legislature to approve the Child Victims Act in 2018.

Sullivan argued she was an advocate whose actions were protected by the First Amendment. JCOPE eventually dropped the case.

The outspoken advocate is also targeting NBC's "Saturday Night Live," claiming the show went easy on Cuomo's sexual harassment scandal because of state tax breaks provided to the TV and movie industry to film in New York.

"Why Were U So Silent? SNL — Was the TV tax credit bill Hush\$\$\$\$?," the billboard says.

SNL has been on hiatus since May 22, an NBC spokesperson said.

The spokesperson also noted actor Peter Davidson's skit skewering Cuomo when sexual harassment accusations surfaced earlier this year.

In another ad, Sullivan also accuses Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand of using "abusers \$\$\$" to fund her ill-fated presidential campaign.

And one billboard asks outgoing Manhattan District Attorney Cy Vance Jr., "Do U Help Keep Abusers Out of Jail?"

Sullivan even goes after "SNL" star Alec Baldwin with an ad stating, "Don't Punch Humans over PUBLIC PARKING!!" referring to the hot-headed actor's arrest in 2018 over a heated parking spot dispute.

The final billboard tweaks David, a former Cuomo lawyer, with the message, "U Punish Survivors 4 Cuomo?" David has denied any wrongdoing.

Sullivan said she paid Lamar Advertising \$3,000 for the digital ad campaign, which will run through August 29.

Asked about the planned blitz, Cuomo spokesman Richard Azzopardi responded, "I have no comment on word salad."

A spokesman for David responded, "Mr. David has spent his entire career standing for survivors. He respects the right of any survivor to be heard, though he doesn't have any understanding of what this message is trying to say.

"As the Attorney General's report shows, Mr. David left state service more than two years ago for the non-profit sector and had no knowledge of the accusations against Governor Cuomo."

Gillibrand, Vance and Baldwin didn't immediately comment.

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By Joseph Goldstein, Shawn Hubler and Katherine J. Wu:

New Yorkers stood for hours in long lines to be tested for the coronavirus on Friday, a disturbing indicator that shows the basic public health challenges that the United States still faces many months after the pandemic first hit.

People waited for tests they needed for work or school. Some feared they might have gotten sick after flouting social distancing while celebrating after the election. Others hoped to safely visit family on Thanksgiving, suggesting that the problem might worsen over the coming holidays. And some, dissuaded by the prospect of lingering on sidewalks for more than three hours in the rain, walked away untested.

“It’s so frustrating,” said Councilman Mark Levine of Manhattan, the Health Committee chairman. “We keep hitting new problems in tests. We solve one and another pops up.”

The lines and escalating demand for testing underscore how a second wave of the virus is threatening New York City, and they come as the entire country confronts record numbers of new cases — more than 181,000 nationally on Friday. Several governors have warned that they are seriously considering further restrictions in a last-ditch effort to curb the outbreak.

The governors of California, Oregon and Washington urged residents to avoid all nonessential interstate travel in the days ahead. In Utah, which also just set a case record, Gov. Gary Herbert issued a statewide mask mandate this week and told residents to limit casual social gatherings to those in their immediate households.

In Illinois, which has recorded more than 80,000 new cases in the past week, Gov. J.B. Pritzker warned that the state could soon impose a stay-at-home order.

Mayor Bill de Blasio of New York announced that it was extremely likely that the city would have to shut down its school system, the nation’s largest, with 1.1 million children, because the seven-day test positivity rate across the five boroughs would soon hit 3 percent.

In Washington, President Trump made his first appearance to discuss the outbreak since the election and said it was possible that vaccines for the virus could be widely available by the spring.

Mr. Trump also deepened his feud with Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo of New York, threatening to withhold a vaccine from the state because of Mr. Cuomo’s criticism of the administration’s distribution plan.

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The potential impact of the president's threat was not immediately clear, given that Mr. Trump is leaving office on Jan. 20. President-elect Joseph R. Biden Jr. is a close ally of Mr. Cuomo and is likely to put in place a different distribution plan.

By all accounts, even if things go well, vaccines are still months away. For now, much of the attention is focused on testing problems, which were threatening to delay results and hinder efforts to control the spread of the virus.

New York City had a record number of tests on Thursday, more than 74,000, officials said. Across the country, nearly 1.5 million people a day are being tested, according to the Covid Tracking Project. That is nearly double the number in August and far more than during the pandemic's first wave in the spring, when there was far less testing capacity.

Public health systems around the country are once again straining under the need for testing. Some areas face looming shortages of lab capacity. In other places, like New York City, clinics and other testing sites have been swamped by huge numbers of people seeking to be tested.

"The spring pales in comparison to what we are experiencing now," said Karissa Culbreath, the medical director and infectious disease division chief at TriCore laboratories in New Mexico, where cases have rocketed upward lately.

In recent months, millions more tests have become available to Americans, but demand has grown faster.

"We cannot continue to just throw more testing at this pandemic without more strategy," Dr. Culbreath said.

From March to October, Dr. Culbreath said, her team ran a half-million more diagnostic tests than is typical for their facility, a harried attempt to keep pace with the pandemic while still testing for other infectious viruses and bacteria that continue to afflict patients.

This week, the American Clinical Laboratory Association, which represents Quest Diagnostics and the other large commercial labs that have shouldered much of the virus-testing burden, warned that turnaround times for results would start taking longer, too.

The group said that its member labs had performed nearly a half-million virus tests on Wednesday and were experiencing shortages of pipette tips and other testing essentials.

"Labs have managed to make it work," said Dr. Patrick Godbey, the president of the College of American Pathologists and the director of two labs in Georgia. "Pathologists and lab scientists have made heroic efforts to answer the call. But demand has not gone down, and now the numbers are going up again. You're seeing it now in Illinois, in Wisconsin."

In Washington State, Providence Health and Services, which operates a drive-through testing site near Olympia with Thurston County, had to turn cars away when more than 200 lined up on Monday, the health care provider said in a statement. In Denver, testing sites were reporting hourslong waits.

Facing escalating complaints, city and state officials in New York tried to play down the delays, saying that people could obtain tests if they searched around.

Gareth Rhodes, a member of Mr. Cuomo's coronavirus task force, defended the state's performance and pointed to the number of testing sites statewide, roughly 1,200.

More than 400 of those sites are in New York City. Some sites, Mr. Rhodes said, were running below capacity.

For people dreading long lines, Mr. Rhodes recommended calling ahead or scheduling an appointment. That way, he said, “people don’t have to wait at all.”

Dr. Andrew Wallach, a senior official with the city’s Test & Trace program, said that people could often get tested quickly at tents set up outside public hospitals, or at other city-run sites.

“Most people get in and out within the hour or so,” Dr. Wallach said.

Many New Yorkers were finding that it was not so easy.

New York City had for months promoted its progress in improving testing, but the lines this week showed that the public health structure still faced difficulties in addressing the outbreak.

Collecting samples should be the easiest part of the process, given the demand for testing.

The government has relied in large part on existing urgent care clinics, like the CityMD network, to do much of the sample collection. But there are simply not enough collection sites to keep up.

Joy Lee-Calio, a spokeswoman for CityMD, which has more than 130 clinics in the New York City area, said the number of visits, most of which were related to the virus, had jumped 25 percent in the past several weeks.

The long lines prompted CityMD to announce that its clinics would start closing 90 minutes earlier than usual in an effort to keep staff members from working late into the night.

“Our site staff and doctors have been seeing patients well beyond normal closing time for months now, and we’ve reached the point where they are sacrificing their own safety and health,” the company wrote in an email to patients on Friday about the closing-time change.

CityMD collects samples for about 15,000 coronavirus tests a day across its locations, more than half of which are in the five boroughs, Ms. Lee-Calio said.

Government-run testing sites in New York also had waits, but they were often somewhat shorter.

At a testing site under a large white tent in front of a public housing complex in Harlem, the line at midday did not extend far.

“I specifically avoided going to a CityMD because the lines don’t move there,” said Josh Fiene, 31, who after 20 minutes was at the front of an eight-person line.

He did not have symptoms, but he decided to get tested because his roommates had been hanging out with someone who was recently exposed to the virus.

But for many, the trouble was simply getting into a clinic.

At 10 a.m., Avi Weinstein, 31, was waiting in line under a light rain on West 88th Street on Manhattan's Upper West Side, inching his way toward a CityMD urgent care center where he hoped to get tested. "I've been here for an hour and a half," he said.

Mr. Weinstein said he had come down with a fever the previous night and was worried that he might have been infected while celebrating the election results last week with friends.

"I was expecting a long line," he said, "but not this long."

The line would grow longer over the morning, with some people waiting nearly three hours before they reached the clinic's door.

"We want to see our grandchildren at Thanksgiving, and we hope if everyone tests negative that can happen," said Erica Eisinger, 76, who was waiting with her husband, Peter.

The scene was the same at CityMD clinics across New York: long lines and varying levels of frustration and bafflement as to why getting a timely, convenient virus test was a struggle so many months into the pandemic.

In the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, Arjun Mocherla waited outside a CityMD clinic for nearly an hour, advancing maybe 15 feet in a socially distanced line. Mr. Mocherla, a New York University law student, had been tested through the university in the past.

"This is my first line," he said. "I'm starting to regret it already."

Then someone told him the wait might be four hours. He left.

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By David Leonhardt:

Senator Susan Collins did not lead in a single publicly released poll during the final four months of her re-election campaign in Maine. But Ms. Collins, a Republican, won the election comfortably.

Senator Thom Tillis, a North Carolina Republican, trailed in almost every poll conducted in his race. He won, too.

And most polls underestimated President Trump's strength, in Iowa, Florida, Michigan, Texas, Wisconsin and elsewhere. Instead of winning a landslide, as the polls suggested, Joseph R. Biden Jr. beat Mr. Trump by less than two percentage points in the states that decided the election.

For the second straight presidential election, the polling industry missed the mark. The miss was not as blatant as in 2016, when polls suggested Mr. Trump would lose, nor was the miss as large as it appeared it might be on election night. Once all the votes are counted, the polls will have correctly pointed to the winner of the presidential campaign in 48 states — all but Florida and North Carolina — and correctly signaled that Mr. Biden would win.

But this year's problems are still alarming, both to people inside the industry and to the millions of Americans who follow presidential polls with a passion once reserved for stock prices, sports scores and lottery numbers. The misses are especially vexing because pollsters spent much of the last four years trying to fix the central problem of 2016 — the underestimation of the Republican vote in multiple states — and they failed.

"This was a bad year for polling," David Shor, a data scientist who advises Democratic campaigns, said. Douglas Rivers, the chief scientist of YouGov, a global polling firm, said, "We're obviously going to have a black eye on this."

The problems spanned the public polls that voters see and the private polls that campaigns use. Internal polls, conducted for both Democratic and Republican candidates, tended to make Republican candidates look weaker than they were.

In response, polling firms are asking whether they need to accelerate their shift to new research methods, such as surveying people by text message. And media organizations including The New York Times, which financially support and promote polls, are re-evaluating how they portray polls in future coverage. Some editors believe the best approach may be to give them less prominent coverage, despite intense interest from readers and despite the dominant role polls play in shaping campaign strategies.

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A Man (and Meals) Worth Losing Sleep Over

This year's misleading polls had real-world effects, for both political parties. The Trump campaign pulled back from campaigning in Michigan and Wisconsin, reducing visits and advertising, and lost both only narrowly. In Arizona, a Republican strategist who worked on Senator Martha McSally's re-election campaign said that public polling showing her far behind "probably cost us \$4 or \$5 million" in donations. Ms. McSally lost

to Mark Kelly by less than three percentage points.

Mr. Biden spent valuable time visiting Iowa and Ohio in the campaign's final days, only to lose both soundly. Democrats also poured money into races that may never have been winnable, like the South Carolina Senate race, while paying less attention to some of their House incumbents who party leaders wrongly thought were safe. The party ended up losing seats.

"District-level polling has rarely led us — or the parties and groups investing in House races — so astray," David Wasserman of the Cook Political Report, a nonpartisan publication that analyzes races, wrote last week.

The full explanation for the misses will not be knowable for months, until the election results are finalized, detailed poll data is released by survey firms, and public voter files — showing exactly who voted — are also released. Once this information is available, some of the immediate postelection criticism of polls may end up looking even worse than the polls themselves, academic researchers caution.

But the available facts already point to some likely conclusions:

People's decreasing willingness to respond to polls — thanks partly to caller ID — has reduced average polling response to only 6 percent in recent years, according to the Pew Research Center, from above 50 percent in many polls during the 1980s. At today's level, pollsters cannot easily construct a sample of respondents who resemble the population.

Some types of voters seem less willing to respond to polls than others, perhaps because they are less trusting of institutions, and these voters seem to lean Republican.

The polling industry tried to fix this problem after 2016, by ensuring that polling samples included enough white working-class voters in 2020. But that is not enough if response rates also vary within groups — for instance, if the white or Hispanic working-class voters who respond to polls have a different political profile than those who do not respond.

This year's polls may have suffered from pandemic-related problems that will not repeat in the future, including a potential turnout decline among Democratic voters who feared contracting the coronavirus at a polling place.

A much-hyped theory that Trump supporters lie to pollsters appears to be wrong or insignificant. Polls did not underestimate his support more in liberal areas, where supporting Mr. Trump can be less socially acceptable, than in conservative areas.

In what may be the most complex pattern, polls underestimated the support of multiple Senate Republican candidates even more than Mr. Trump. This means the polls missed a disproportionate number of Americans who voted for both Mr. Biden and a Republican Senate candidate — and that the problems do not simply involve Mr. Trump's base.

Defenders of the polling industry point out that the final national error may not be very different from the historical average — and that polls can never be perfect, given the difficulty of capturing the mood of a large, diverse country. National polling averages showed Mr. Biden with a lead of about eight percentage points. Once all the votes are counted, he appears likely to win the popular vote by about four or five percentage points.

"The problem is," Patrick Murray, the director of polling at Monmouth University said, "even if the polls end up being significantly closer to the final results when it's counted, most people remember how they felt the morning after."

Regardless, there are reasons for concern: Polling now seems to suffer from some systemic problems, which create a misleading picture of the

country's politics.

This problem has sprung up at the same time that a deeply polarized country has become more intensely interested in politics than it once was. The share of eligible voters who turned out this year may have reached the highest level since 1900. Book sales about politics have soared, as have ratings for television news and subscriptions to publications that cover politics. Many people crave polls, which can have an addictive quality, especially during an election that both parties described as an existential battle for America's future.

Politics has become a high-stakes spectator sport at the same time that the country's ability to understand it has weakened.

History as a Preview

Pollsters have been grappling with some of the same challenges since the creation of the industry in the early 20th century.

One of the first polls to receive widespread attention came from *The Literary Digest*, a magazine, and it was published days before the 1916 presidential election. The magazine asked readers in 3,000 communities to mail in sample ballots and then reported that President Woodrow Wilson was in a stronger position than his Republican opponent, Charles Evans Hughes.

Wilson won the election, and *The Literary Digest* poll became a national phenomenon, correctly pointing to the winners from 1920 through 1932. In 1936, though, the poll showed that Alf Landon, the Republican nominee, would easily defeat Franklin D. Roosevelt. Instead, Roosevelt won in a landslide, and the error changed the industry.

Although *Literary Digest's* sample of 2.4 million respondents was enormous, it was not representative. The magazine's circulation skewed toward affluent Americans, who were more hostile to Roosevelt and the New Deal than most voters. A less prominent pollster that year, George Gallup, had surveyed many fewer people — about 50,000 — but he had been careful to ensure they matched the country's demographic mix. Mr. Gallup correctly predicted a Roosevelt win.

Mr. Gallup's methods shaped the industry, which today consists of dozens of organizations, with a wide range in quality. Typically, a poll surveys hundreds or a few thousand people and then extrapolates their answers to represent the broader population. If a poll cannot reach enough people in a certain demographic group — say, white Catholics or older Black men — it counts those it does reach in the group more heavily.

Still, the Gallup methods were not perfect, for some of the same reasons that polls have struggled recently. Within some demographic groups, Gallup turned out to be interviewing more Republican voters than Democratic ones, and it overestimated the Republican vote share in 1936, 1940 and 1944.

In retrospect, a front-page article in *The New York Times* on the Sunday before the 1936 election is a telling case study. Written by Arthur Krock, the newspaper's Washington bureau chief, the article asked more than 200 experts to forecast the result. The article's headline read: "Experts Predict Roosevelt Victory With Probably 406 Electoral Votes." In the House and Senate, Republicans would likely make gains, the experts said.

That forecast was roughly consistent with the Gallup poll — and it ended up being badly off. Roosevelt won 523 electoral votes, and Democrats made big gains in Congress. But neither the Gallup error nor the misleading *Times* survey attracted much attention, because they had still forecast a Roosevelt victory.

"This was merely due to luck," Dennis DeTurck, a mathematician at the University of Pennsylvania, has pointed out. "The spread between the candidates was large enough to cover the error."

In 1948, the pollsters' luck ran out. They continued to overestimate the Republican vote share, reporting throughout the campaign that President Harry Truman trailed his Republican opponent, Thomas Dewey. This time, the election was close enough that the polls pointed to the wrong winner, contributing to perhaps the most famous error in modern journalism, The Chicago Tribune's banner headline "Dewey Defeats Truman."

That error led to a new overhaul of polling. Pollsters redoubled their efforts to build samples that were representative of the country. They were not perfect: Presidential polls in the 1950s and 60s missed by about four percentage points on average, similar to this year's miss, according to the website FiveThirtyEight.

"Polling has always been challenging," Nate Silver, FiveThirtyEight's editor in chief, said.

But polls still tended to point correctly to the winner of the presidential race in those years, partly because Americans were so willing to respond to polls.

People tended to answer their telephone when it rang. They also tended to trust major institutions, like the government, the media and higher education. And they did not have a constant source of entertainment in their pocket — a smartphone — that an extended telephone survey kept them from using, as Mr. Shor, the data scientist, said.

"Decades ago, most people would be happy to answer the door to a stranger or answer the phone to a stranger," Courtney Kennedy, the director of survey research at Pew, said, "and those days are long gone."

A Shock in 2016

When response rates began falling in the 1980s and 1990s, many people in the polling industry worried that they were facing a crisis: How could they accurately measure Americans' opinions if many refused to respond to surveys?

But no crisis materialized. If anything, surveys became somewhat more accurate, as pollsters refined their methods. Once researchers analyzed the data, they landed on an explanation for why low response rates were manageable: "Whether somebody was going to participate in a survey was not really related to the things surveys tended to measure," Ms. Kennedy, of Pew, said.

Some groups, like college graduates and politically engaged people, were more willing to respond to polls. But the differences did not break down along partisan lines. Similar numbers of Democratic and Republican voters were declining to answer questions, which allowed the polls to be accurate.

Then came the election of 2016.

Nearly every poll showed Hillary Clinton to be leading Mr. Trump in Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. The leads were big enough that her campaign paid relatively little attention to those states. But she lost all three narrowly, giving Mr. Trump a stunning victory.

Afterward, pollsters dug into their data, comparing it to precinct-by-precinct election results and to voter files, which show who voted but not how they voted. In early 2017, the leading industry group, the American Association of Public Opinion Research, or AAPOR, released its conclusions.

One factor was largely unsolvable: Late-deciding voters, accurately identified as undecided in polls, broke strongly for Mr. Trump. Many may have been swayed by James Comey, the F.B.I. director, who nine days before the election sent a letter to Congress announcing that he was again looking into Mrs. Clinton's use of a private email server as secretary of state.

A second factor was more damning for pollsters. Many had not ensured that their samples included enough people without college degrees, especially among white voters.

In the late 20th century and early 2000s, missing some of these voters had not been a big problem, because white college graduates and white non-graduates voted similarly. In 2016, these voters shifted to Mr. Trump, and the polls had failed to capture it.

The report by AAPOR offered an optimistic conclusion. The national polls had been close to correct, overestimating Mrs. Clinton's vote share by only about one percentage point. That was well within the range of historical polling errors. And there were obvious steps the industry could take to improve in the future, by including more working-class voters or weighting the ones who responded more heavily.

Perhaps most important, the polling association argued, the 2016 experience did not suggest a systematic problem in which polls favored one party. In some years, like 2012, polls slightly underestimated the Democratic share, and in other years, like 2016, they slightly underestimated the Republican share. The report said the direction of those misses was "essentially random."

The midterm elections of the following year, 2018, initially seemed to support this conclusion. The polls correctly suggested that Democrats would sweep to victory in the House, while Republicans would retain the Senate. State polls were off by an average of about four percentage points, which was historically normal.

The underlying details contained some reasons for concern, though. While polls in some liberal states, like California and Massachusetts, had underestimated the Democrats' vote share in 2018, polls in several swing states and conservative states, including Florida, Georgia, Michigan and Pennsylvania, again underestimated the Republican share.

For the second time since Mr. Trump's entry in politics, the polls had somehow failed to reach enough Republican voters in the swing states that decide modern presidential elections. A third election — his re-election campaign — was looming in 2020, and it was one that millions of Americans, both his supporters and critics, would be following passionately.

Missing Republican Voters

By the final weeks of this year's campaign, the polls seemed to be telling a clear story: Mr. Biden had led Mr. Trump by a significant margin for the entire race, and the lead had widened since the summer. Some combination of the coronavirus, Mr. Trump's reaction to police brutality and his erratic behavior at the first debate had put Mr. Biden within reach of the most lopsided presidential win since Ronald Reagan's in 1984.

In the campaign's final 10 days, a Wall Street Journal/NBC News poll showed Mr. Biden up by 10 percentage points nationwide, as did a YouGov poll. Fox News put the lead at eight points, and CNN at 12. Other polls also showed the lead to be at least eight points.

In Wisconsin, which Mr. Trump had won narrowly in 2016, a YouGov poll found Mr. Biden up by nine percentage points. A New York Times/Siena College poll showed the lead was 11 points, while Morning Consult said 13 points. A Washington Post/ABC News poll reported the lead was 17 points. In congressional races, the Cook Political Report called the Democrats clear favorites to retake the Senate and gain seats in the House.

That, of course, did not happen. Mr. Biden won Wisconsin by less than one percentage point, while Republicans fared much better in congressional races than polls had suggested.

Even Republican-aligned firms struggled. The Trafalgar Group, for example, was closer than other pollsters in some states. But Trafalgar fared worse than the competition in other states, suggesting that Mr. Trump was ahead in Arizona, Michigan and Pennsylvania. Because polling challenges evidently varied by region, reporting more Republican-friendly results everywhere did not solve the problem.

Since Election Day, some campaign operatives have claimed that their private polls were more accurate than the public ones. They have offered no proof, however, and the behavior of campaigns, including both Mr. Biden's and Mr. Trump's, suggests private polls were also inaccurate.

What went wrong? There are almost certainly multiple causes, pollsters and political scientists say. One possibility is that the pandemic may have led to an unexpected falloff in Election Day voting among Democrats, given that the party emphasized mail voting. Another is that Democratic voters, energized by the Trump presidency and bored during the pandemic, became newly excited to respond to polls.

But the most likely explanation remains an unwillingness among some Republican voters to answer surveys. This problem may have become more acute during Mr. Trump's presidency, because he frequently told his supporters not to trust the media.

"I think when all the votes are counted, what we are going to see is a far smaller polling error, potentially even minimal, in many of the states where the presidential was competitive," Jeffrey Pollock, a Democratic pollster and president of the Global Strategy Group, said. But he acknowledged that some polls were off and added, "As professionals, we have to question whether a segment of the electorate has opted out of talking to us."

B.J. Martino, a partner at the Tarrance Group, which works for Republicans, said, "If there is an underlying issue, it's not getting those folks on the phone to begin with." Paul Maslin, a Democratic pollster, said: "They don't trust the news media. They don't trust elites. They don't trust scientists. They don't trust academics. They don't trust experts."

Democrats poured money into Jaime Harrison's Senate campaign in South Carolina after polls showed the race as virtually tied. He lost decisively to Lindsey Graham, the Republican incumbent. Credit...Cameron Pollack for The New York Times

These voters do not fit any one demographic group, which is part of why they are so difficult to reach. Instead, they appear to be a distinct group of voters within some groups. Imagine if, say, the independent, Hispanic, middle-aged, working-class women who were willing to answer a survey also happened to lean more Democratic than the same demographic profile of voters who were unwilling. And then imagine that the pattern holds only in certain states.

Even if pollsters constructed samples with the right mix of groups — by race, gender, age, income, education, religion and party registration — they might not capture the electorate's mood. Those demographic factors, Mr. Shor said, "are not enough to predict partisanship anymore."

In some ways, the problem is new. It is a reflection of modern technology, political polarization and more. In other ways, though, the problem has existed since the 1930s, when polls also undercounted segments of the working-class vote.

One difference is that those undercounted voters leaned Democratic at the time, which led polls to understate the strength of Roosevelt and Truman. The partisan effect has since flipped, with the white working class now backing Republicans, but the underlying dynamic has remained the same.

Pollsters managed to fix the problem after their "Dewey Defeats Truman" reckoning. The question is how they can do it again now, when survey response rates have fallen well below 10 percent.

Internal polls, conducted by both Democratic and Republican candidates, made Republican candidates look weaker than they were. Credit...Doug Mills/The New York Times

The Media's Polling Problem

Perhaps the one pollster who has emerged from the last few years with the best reputation is J. Ann Selzer, who runs a firm in West Des Moines, Iowa, and who conducts polls with The Des Moines Register.

This year, while other polls were showing a tossup in both Iowa's Senate and presidential races, Selzer & Co. reported on the campaign's final weekend that Mr. Trump held a seven-point lead and Senator Joni Ernst, the Republican incumbent, held a four-point lead.

They both went on to win by somewhat more, which suggests that Ms. Selzer is not immune from the current problems. But in both 2016 and 2020, her final polls correctly showed that Iowa had changed from a tossup state to a largely Republican one.

One of her methods, she said in an interview, is keeping her surveys short, because there are differences between voters who are willing to talk at length to a pollster and those who are not. Most of her surveys last less than 15 minutes. In her final survey before an election, she tries to keep the interviews under eight minutes.

"There's a self-selection in people's willingness to talk to polls," she said. She recalled conducting a 45-minute-long survey for a private client years ago about Transcendental Meditation. "Our finding was that about half the people we talked to had an experience with Transcendental Meditation," she said. "Do you think that's true?"

The polling industry group, AAPOR, had announced months before the election that it would conduct a post-mortem analysis for 2020. This analysis — and others, done by individual pollsters — will probably shape the specific measure that pollsters take.

Regardless, there is unlikely to be any single step that fixes the polls' recent anti-Republican lean. Instead, pollsters are likely to try a mix of many small measures, like Ms. Selzer's short interviews.

One option is to create new screening questions about whether respondents trust other people and major institutions — and then weight less trustful respondents more heavily in a poll's final results. Pew, in recent years, has asked questions about whether people spend time volunteering, as one measure of trust.

Another is to expand the use of text messages and other nonverbal communication, like Facebook messages, in surveying people. "We're going to see more diversity in polling methodologies," said Kevin Collins, the co-founder of Survey160, which collects data through text messaging.

The pandemic may have led to an unexpected falloff in Election Day voting among Democrats, given that the party emphasized mail voting. Credit...Maddie McGarvey for The New York Times

Some pollsters also wonder whether the problems may recede when Mr. Trump is not on the ballot. But he seems unlikely to be the only cause of errant polling, given how badly many congressional surveys missed the mark this year. In Arizona, Georgia, Maine, Michigan, North Carolina and South Carolina, the final publicly released Senate polls fell short by more on average than the final presidential polls.

A separate set of changes may involve how the media present polling and whether publications spend as much money on it in the future. "The media that sponsor polls should demand better results because their reputations are on the line," James A. Baker III, the former secretary of state, wrote in The Wall Street Journal this week.

Among other questions, editors are grappling with the best way to convey the inherent uncertainty in polls.

Mr. Silver, then an independent blogger, created a breakthrough in 2008 when he began writing about every available poll, focusing on the swing states and talking about the probability of one candidate beating another. Before that, most publications had focused on national polls and largely ignored those done by competing publications.

The New York Times published Mr. Silver's blog, FiveThirtyEight, from 2010 through 2013, and it is now part of ABC News. Other publications have since taken a similar approach, creating their own probabilistic models.

Mr. Silver and others have tried to emphasize the uncertainty in polls, by giving both candidates in a race a percentage that reflects their likelihood of winning. But many people seem to struggle to make sense of these probabilities in a one-time event like an election. They see that a candidate has a 71 percent chance of winning, as FiveThirtyEight gave Mrs. Clinton in 2016, and incorrectly think it is akin to a guarantee.

This year, FiveThirtyEight used a dot to portray each percentage-point possibility, stressing that either candidate could win.

Television screens at a bar in Houston showed results on Election Day. Credit...Ryan Christopher Jones for The New York Times

The Times, which in 2016 had given Mrs. Clinton an 85 percent chance of winning, did not create a probabilistic model this year. It instead published a table that included both polling averages and a column showing the likely result if each state's polls were as wrong as they had been in 2016. That column looks better in hindsight than the polling averages.

Virtually nobody thinks polling is going away. It is too important in a democracy, Mr. Collins, of Survey160, said. It guides campaign strategies and politicians' policy choices. And there is no alternative method of election analysis with anywhere near as good a track record as polling's imperfect record.

The only short-term solution, some people believe, is for pollsters and the media to emphasize — and for Americans to recognize — that polling can be misleading. Even an aggregate picture, from dozens of polls, can be meaningfully off, especially in an intensely divided political era.

“There's something in U.S. culture that has developed a fetish with quantitative forecasting,” Dahlia Scheindlin, a Tel Aviv-based pollster who has worked in 15 countries, said.

If nothing else, the polling of the last four years may have given Americans a better understanding that they should not take polls literally. “The narrative around polling has to change,” Cornell Belcher, a Democratic pollster, said, “because it's misinforming and it's setting polling up to fail.”

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By Mihir Zaveri:

The manager of a Staten Island bar who has repeatedly and flamboyantly defied New York's coronavirus restrictions hit a sheriff's deputy with his Jeep early Sunday as he unsuccessfully tried to escape arrest, the sheriff's office said.

The bar, Mac's Public House, was ordered closed by the state on Wednesday, but deputies said they found several patrons being served there on Saturday night. When deputies confronted the manager, Daniel Presti, he fled to his Jeep and drove into one of the deputies, throwing him onto the hood, according to the sheriff's office.

Mr. Presti, 34, faces 10 charges, including assault with intent to cause injury to an officer, reckless endangerment, reckless driving and resisting arrest, according to a criminal complaint filed on Sunday. He was released on his own recognizance and has a hearing scheduled for January, court records show.

Joseph Fucito, the city sheriff, said the deputy had been released from the hospital but sustained fractures in each of his shin bones.

It was Mr. Presti's second arrest in six days in connection with the bar's defiance of shutdown rules.

The bar has become a rallying point for defiance of virus restrictions in recent weeks. Located in a state-designated zone where indoor service is banned because of a surge in virus cases, it continued to serve patrons even after its liquor license was suspended at the end of November.

In rallies outside the tavern and in YouTube videos and Facebook posts, Mr. Presti and Mr. McAlarney have maintained that the restrictions in Staten Island are unjust and impinge on their freedom. They have said people should be able to decide whether to risk being infected while patronizing the bar, and have declared the establishment an "autonomous zone."

In Staten Island, the city's most conservative borough and a stronghold for President Trump, their argument has earned the bar many followers. Hundreds of people rallied outside Mac's Public House on Wednesday and the Proud Boys, a far-right group that has endorsed violence, claimed on their Parler account that they had been in attendance. An online fund-raiser in support of the bar had gathered more than \$80,000 in donations as of Sunday morning.

The rally at the bar was referenced sardonically this weekend on "Saturday Night Live" during the Weekend Update segment.

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“People were outside the bar, shouting about freedom, taunting the cops, chanting that they should arrest the governor,” Pete Davidson, a well-known Staten Island native, said during the segment. “But it’s Staten Island, so I assume that it was just a typical last call.”

Mr. Presti’s lawyers, Louis Gelormino and Mark Fonte, said in a written statement on the incident that Mr. Presti did not know who was confronting him in the dark and sought refuge in his car but was pulled out. Mr. Presti was “unaware of how anyone sustained injury,” according to the statement.

The lawyers said the sheriff’s deputies “are clearly untrained and outside their element.” They refused to say whether Mr. Presti was driving.

But Sheriff Fucito said that the lawyers’ statement was “not supported by facts.” He said deputies showed “amazing restraint in taking Mr. Presti into custody without injury to Mr. Presti.”

Mr. Presti’s arrest on Sunday touched off a fresh debate about his tactics and his treatment by law enforcement.

“Whether it’s flouting public health laws or ramming a car into a deputy, this guy clearly has no regard for the lives of others,” Bill Neidhardt, a spokesman for Mayor Bill de Blasio, said.

Michael Reilly, a Republican state assemblyman representing parts of Staten Island that do not include the bar, said Mr. Presti’s actions were “unacceptable.”

“We can protest and call for changes all we want, but resisting arrest and assaulting law enforcement officers is not the way to do that,” he said.

Brad Lander, a Democratic city councilman from Brooklyn, questioned whether Mr. Presti would have been released without bail after being accused of assaulting a law enforcement officer if he were Black.

“What happens for white people accused of offenses and what happens for Black and brown people accused of offenses is profoundly different,” he said.

Mr. Presti’s arrest on Sunday came as a second wave of the pandemic tightened its grip on New York City.

The seven-day average rate of positive test results, which was less than 2 percent at the beginning of November, is now more than 5 percent for the first time since May, according to city figures.

Hospitalizations have steadily ticked up over the last three months. The city’s health commissioner last week urged people over 65 years old or those who face an increased risk of severe illness from the virus to halt all nonessential activities and stay home.

The part of Staten Island where the bar is located has been a particular area of concern. It had a seven-day average test positivity rate of 7.58 percent, according to figures published on Saturday from the state. In late November, the state reopened an emergency hospital in the borough to address a surge in cases.

Still, Mac’s Public House stayed open after hours despite Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo’s 10 p.m. curfew for bars and restaurants. When indoor

service in the area was banned because of the surge in cases, the bar continued to serve customers.

On Nov. 27, the state suspended the bar's liquor license. Sheriff's deputies arrested Mr. Presti on Tuesday after the bar continued to violate state and city health orders. Then on Wednesday, the state shut the bar down.

Mr. de Blasio told "The Brian Lehrer Show" on WNYC that most businesses had been adhering to state and local health measures. Mac's Public House was an anomaly and "obviously wanted to get publicity for themselves," he said Friday.

"They made a big deal of it, but they're shut down now," he added.

But in a Facebook post on Saturday, the bar said it would be open for service again that evening.

Deputies on Saturday evening saw people entering a commercial space next to the bar, which had "previously appeared empty and unused during previous visits to the location," the sheriff's office said. But deputies believed that people were walking through the commercial space and entering the bar through a back door.

Deputies saw Mr. Presti inside the bar, where people were being served food and alcohol in exchange for a "monetary donation," according to the sheriff's office.

Around midnight, Mr. Presti left the bar through the front door and was headed to his car nearby when deputies confronted him and tried to arrest him, but Mr. Presti fled on foot, got into his car and drove into one of the deputies, according to the sheriff's office. The deputy was thrown onto the hood of the car, the office said. Mr. Presti was not injured.

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By J. David Goodman:

The field of Republicans vying to challenge Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo in next year's race for governor grew on Tuesday as Andrew Giuliani, the son of the former New York City mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani, formally unveiled his candidacy.

Mr. Giuliani is the third Republican to see an opportunity for the party to seize the governor's mansion for the first time in nearly two decades, joining Representative Lee Zeldin of Long Island, a staunch conservative, and Rob Astorino, a former county executive of Westchester County and the party's 2014 nominee for governor.

With Mr. Cuomo engulfed in overlapping investigations into accusations of sexual harassment, his handling of nursing homes and the use of state resources for his pandemic memoir, Republicans in New York appeared eager to take on a newly vulnerable governor hobbling into his run for a fourth term.

And the entrance of Mr. Giuliani, a former special assistant to President Donald J. Trump, along with Mr. Zeldin, an ardent backer of the former president, suggested that Republican candidates with ties to Mr. Trump may see a distinct advantage, even in deep blue New York.

"We need a leader who is going to light the economic furnace in New York and keep our streets safe again," said Mr. Giuliani in a telephone interview. "Stop the war on police that has been going on. End bail reform."

Mr. Giuliani, in first announcing his candidacy in *The New York Post*, likened himself to a heavyweight boxer about to enter the ring for a title bout with Mr. Cuomo. "Giuliani vs. Cuomo. Holy smokes. It's Muhammad Ali vs. Joe Frazier," he told the paper.

But for many New Yorkers, particularly in the city, the image that jumps to mind — one that the 35-year-old Mr. Giuliani has struggled to live down — is of his 7-year-old self fidgeting about the lectern at City Hall as his father gave his inaugural address as mayor in 1994. The moment was satirized by "Saturday Night Live," with Mr. Giuliani played by the comedian Chris Farley. (Mr. Giuliani said he loves the skit.)

In 2017, Mr. Trump hired Mr. Giuliani, a former professional golfer, to work as a special assistant and associate director of the Office of Public Liaison. Since leaving the White House this year, he has been an on-camera contributor for Newsmax Media, the conservative media company. (He left that position to run for governor.)

Mr. Giuliani, who only began raising money in recent days, faces a difficult path in the Republican primary.

Mr. Zeldin, an outspoken supporter of Mr. Trump, has already raised \$2.5 million in campaign cash since announcing his candidacy last month, according to his campaign, and has worked to position himself to gain Mr. Trump's endorsement.

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"It's clear that Congressman Zeldin has the support, momentum and dogged determination to win and restore New York to glory," said Ian Prior, a campaign spokesman for Mr. Zeldin.

Mr. Trump made it clear to Mr. Giuliani when they saw each other at Mar-a-Lago, Mr. Trump's estate in Florida, a few weeks ago that he was leaning toward Mr. Zeldin, according to two people with knowledge of the discussion.

Mr. Giuliani, in the conversation, suggested that the former president wait until after the next campaign filing, in mid-July, so that Mr. Giuliani could demonstrate his viability, the people said.

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By J. David Goodman

The field of Republicans vying to challenge Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo in next year's race for governor grew on Tuesday as Andrew Giuliani, the son of former New York City mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani, formally unveiled his candidacy.

Mr. Giuliani is the third Republican to see an opportunity for the party to seize the governor's mansion for the first time in nearly two decades, joining Representative Lee Zeldin of Long Island, a staunch conservative, and Rob Astorino, a former county executive of Westchester County and the party's 2014 nominee for governor.

With Mr. Cuomo engulfed in overlapping investigations into accusations of sexual harassment, his handling of nursing homes and the use of state resources for his pandemic memoir, Republicans in New York appeared eager to take on a newly vulnerable governor hobbling into his run for a fourth term.

And the entrance of Mr. Giuliani, a former special assistant to President Donald J. Trump, along with Mr. Zeldin, an ardent backer of the former president, suggested that Republican candidates with ties to Mr. Trump may see a distinct advantage, even in deep blue New York.

"We need a leader who is going to light the economic furnace in New York and keep our streets safe again," said Mr. Giuliani in a telephone interview. "Stop the war on police that has been going on. End bail reform."

Mr. Giuliani, in first announcing his candidacy in The New York Post, likened himself to a heavyweight boxer about to enter the ring for a title bout with Mr. Cuomo. "Giuliani vs. Cuomo. Holy smokes. Its Muhammad Ali vs. Joe Frazier," he told the paper.

But for many New Yorkers, particularly in the city, the image that jumps to mind is one that the 35-year-old Mr. Giuliani has struggled to live down is of his 7-year-old self fidgeting about the lectern at City Hall as his father gave his inaugural address as mayor in 1994. The moment was satirized by Saturday Night Live, with Mr. Giuliani played by the comedian Chris Farley. (Mr. Giuliani said he loves the skit.)

In 2017, Mr. Trump hired Mr. Giuliani, a former professional golfer, to work as a special assistant and associate director of the Office of Public Liaison. Since leaving the White House this year, he has been an on-camera contributor for Newsmax Media, the conservative media company. (He left that position to run for governor.)

Mr. Giuliani, who only began raising money in recent days, faces a difficult path in the Republican primary.

Mr. Zeldin, an outspoken supporter of Mr. Trump, has already raised \$2.5 million in campaign cash since announcing his candidacy last month, according to his campaign, and has worked to position himself to gain Mr. Trump's endorsement.

"It's clear that Congressman Zeldin has the support, momentum and dogged determination to win and restore New York to glory," said Ian Prior, a campaign spokesman for Mr. Zeldin.

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By Apoorva Mandavilli:

As the pandemic engulfs the nation, recent recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have been as notable for what they do not say as for what they do. In a turnabout, the agency now is hewing more closely to scientific evidence, often contradicting the positions of the Trump administration.

In scientific briefs published on Tuesday, the C.D.C. described the benefits of masks to wearers, not just to those around them. Agency researchers also urged people to celebrate Thanksgiving only with others in their households or, failing that, to wear a mask with two or more layers.

Administration officials famously have disregarded evidence about the effectiveness of masks, one reason there have been at least three coronavirus outbreaks at the White House and hundreds of cases linked to President Trump's rallies.

The guidance was only the latest in a series of newly assertive bulletins from the C.D.C. In recent weeks, agency officials have issued strict requirements for cruise lines; updated the science on coronavirus infections in children; re-evaluated the risk from airborne virus indoors; and released recommendations for labs investigating viral reinfections in patients.

Still, C.D.C. officials have not publicly announced these findings nor held news conferences to explain them, instead posting the bulletins quietly online. Word of them has often appeared first on Twitter and noted by outside experts. Dr. Robert Redfield, the agency's director appointed by Mr. Trump, has remained largely silent despite record-breaking numbers of coronavirus cases.

In interviews, scientists at the C.D.C. and public health experts who work closely with them described the reasons for the shift: an administration distracted by the election, the explosion of coronavirus cases across the country, and the likelihood that Joseph R. Biden Jr. would defeat Mr. Trump — now a certainty.

"A weight's been lifted off the C.D.C. that allows them to do their job again," said Scott Becker, chief executive of the Association of Public Health Laboratories who has worked closely with C.D.C. scientists for decades.

Under the Biden administration, the C.D.C. will be restored to its status as the premier public health agency in the world, said Dr. Céline Gounder, a member of President-elect Biden's advisory group on the coronavirus.

"While their role has been diminished during this current crisis, they play a very important role in all this," she said. The new administration will rebuild public health and data infrastructure, restore C.D.C. staffing in its overseas outposts and give "control back to the C.D.C."

Within the C.D.C., there is a palpable sense of relief and a determination to return to an apolitical identity, according to four senior scientists who spoke on condition of anonymity because they feared for their jobs.

"We couldn't allow ourselves to be politicized at this moment in time," said one of the scientists, who is involved in the agency's pandemic response. "We weren't going to spend time licking wounds and worrying about what had gone wrong in the past."

Another senior C.D.C. scientist said, “Sometimes you just feel compelled to say, ‘I don’t care what happens, I’ve got to do this.’”

Until the pandemic, the C.D.C. was widely regarded as the world’s leading public health agency. But the muzzling of its scientists by the Trump administration and the politicization of some of its advice crippled its efforts to answer critical questions, experts say, including how schools, churches and businesses should reopen, and how Americans could best protect themselves and their families.

The turnabout began after the Trump administration meddled in the C.D.C.’s vaunted weekly bulletins, the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Reports, according to Dr. Thomas R. Frieden, who led the agency under President Barack Obama.

Political appointees tried to revise, delay or even halt publication of the reports, sparking public outcry and condemnation at a congressional hearing. The dust-up precipitated the swift exit of Michael Caputo, a political appointee who had accused C.D.C. scientists of sedition, and Dr. Paul Alexander, a science adviser hired to help Mr. Caputo.

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“The huge fight over the M.M.W.R. led to the administration backing off, and they’ve been putting out great M.M.W.R.s for the past six to eight weeks that are really important,” Dr. Frieden said.

The scientific brief on face coverings, for example, is at odds with the actions of administration officials including Mr. Trump, who rarely wears masks and has mocked Mr. Biden’s strict adherence to wearing them in public.

The bulletin also broke from the agency’s earlier watered-down view that the evidence “may convince” Americans that they should wear masks and that mask use “could prevent” an infected person from spreading the virus to others.

The C.D.C.’s recommendations for Thanksgiving gatherings arrived more than two weeks before the holiday, in itself an improvement. Until recently, much of the agency’s guidance was delayed by “the many eyes above them that needed to see things and clear things and possibly change things,” Mr. Becker said.

“But the Thanksgiving and mask thing sort of made me realize, OK, we’re getting a little bit ahead of it, like we used to,” he added.

Other C.D.C. documents in recent weeks have also taken an uncompromising tone. The Trump administration blocked a C.D.C. order to keep cruise ships docked until February, but in late October, the agency’s scientists outlined strict new rules for the industry, including requiring cruise ships to have C.D.C. approval for the laboratories and tests they use.

(Nonetheless, one of the first ships to resume cruising in the Caribbean now hosts a coronavirus outbreak.)

Also in October, Dr. Michael Beach, a senior C.D.C. scientist, told a House subcommittee that the agency’s guidance on schools — written under

pressure from the White House — did not reflect the latest science on risks of children becoming infected with and transmitting the coronavirus.

The current version, updated a week later, said, “The body of evidence is growing that children of all ages are susceptible to SARS-CoV-2 infection and, contrary to early reports, might play a role in transmission.”

The C.D.C. also acknowledged in October, months after the World Health Organization had done so, that the coronavirus could be airborne in poorly ventilated indoor settings. And it laid out sensible, science-based steps that public health laboratories should take to confirm suspected reinfections with the virus.

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But none of these reports have been accompanied by briefings by agency scientists — a mainstay of the C.D.C.’s response to previous infectious disease outbreaks.

The mask advice, for example, might have been missed if news organizations had not caught wind of its arrival and reported it — squandering an opportunity for federal scientists to explain how the science has evolved and what it means to the public, several experts said.

“Here’s a situation now where there’s enough data to recommend it scientifically, and it might help change the behavior of some people, if you were seeing the normal reinforcers of public health and political leaders supporting each other,” said Dr. Richard Besser, who served as interim chief of the C.D.C. during the H1N1 virus outbreak of 2009.

The continuing absence of public health messaging from government agencies is dangerous, given the uncontrolled spread of the coronavirus and the approaching holidays, he and others said.

Dr. Carlos del Rio, an infectious disease expert at Emory University in Atlanta, said he had advised his friends at the C.D.C., including Dr. Redfield, to “do the right thing.”

“I told Redfield, ‘You start doing press briefings, you step up — and if they fire you, they fire you,’” Dr. del Rio recalled. “There’s a total vacuum in the coronavirus response at this point in time.”

Dr. Redfield did not respond to a request for comment.

The silence has also frustrated scientists inside the agency. The directors of the C.D.C.’s 10 centers “meet together every week, and what are they talking about? And why aren’t they collectively figuring out what’s best for the agency?” one irate C.D.C. scientist asked.

While counterparts at the Food and Drug Administration drew a line in the sand, declaring that they would shepherd vaccines for the coronavirus with independence and transparency, C.D.C. officials have not spoken up against the administration’s interference.

“We didn’t see anyone publicly fall on their sword for C.D.C., and that may have been what was needed,” a senior C.D.C. researcher said.

These scientists were worried that the past year may have permanently tarnished the C.D.C.’s credibility and the respect of its partners at the state and international levels. Several said they were considering leaving their posts because the institutional problems that intensified during the pandemic might not resolve even with a new director at the helm.

(A recent employee survey for the first time asked C.D.C. employees whether they were considering leaving the agency, and whether their job satisfaction had changed during the pandemic.)

The scientists were also anxious about how the next few weeks will unfold. The nation is facing record numbers of infections and hospitalizations, and record numbers of deaths may soon follow.

Whether the C.D.C. can adequately respond will depend on whether administration officials resume meddling with the agency or remain distracted during the lame-duck period.

Already at least one Trump appointee has vacated a key position. Tammy Beckham, a close aide to the administration's testing czar, Adm. Brett P. Giroir, oversaw supply and distribution of testing supplies but moved last week to the F.D.A.

Dr. Beckham was succeeded by a veteran agency scientist, Dr. Michael Iademarco. Some within the agency saw it as a sign that pressure from the administration may ease even before Mr. Biden takes office.

"This is not about a Republican or a Democrat," one senior scientist said. "This is about public health. The pandemic is not partisan."

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By Katie Berner and Michael S. Schmidt:

WASHINGTON — Attorney General William P. Barr, wading into President Trump’s unfounded accusations of widespread election irregularities, told federal prosecutors on Monday that they were allowed to investigate “specific allegations” of voter fraud before the results of the presidential race are certified.

Mr. Barr’s authorization prompted the Justice Department official who oversees investigations of voter fraud, Richard Pilger, to step down from the post within hours, according to an email Mr. Pilger sent to colleagues that was obtained by The New York Times.

Mr. Barr said he had authorized “specific instances” of investigative steps in some cases. He made clear in a carefully worded memo that prosecutors had the authority to investigate, but he warned that “specious, speculative, fanciful or far-fetched claims should not be a basis for initiating federal inquiries.”

Mr. Barr’s directive ignored the Justice Department’s longstanding policies intended to keep law enforcement from affecting the outcome of an election. And it followed a move weeks before the election in which the department lifted a prohibition on voter fraud investigations before an election.

“Given that voting in our current elections has now concluded, I authorize you to pursue substantial allegations of voting and vote tabulation irregularities prior to the certification of elections in your jurisdictions,” Mr. Barr wrote.

A Justice Department official said that Mr. Barr had authorized scrutiny of allegations about ineligible voters in Nevada and backdated mail-in ballots in Pennsylvania. Republicans have circulated both claims in recent days without any evidence emerging to back them.

Mr. Barr did not write the memo at the direction of Mr. Trump, the White House or any Republican lawmakers, the official said.

Mr. Barr has privately told department officials in the days since the election that any disputes should be resolved in court by the campaigns themselves, according to three people briefed on the conversations. He has said that he did not see massive fraud, and that most of the allegations of voter fraud were related to individual instances that did not point to a larger systemic problem, the people said.

But critics of Mr. Barr immediately condemned the memo as a political act that undermined the Justice Department’s typical independence from the White House.

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“It would be problematic enough if Barr were reversing longstanding Justice Department guidance because of significant, substantiated claims of misconduct — that could presumably be handled at the local and state level,” said Stephen I. Vladeck, a professor at the University of Texas School of Law.

“But to do so when there is no such evidence — and when the president’s clear strategy is to delegitimize the results of a proper election — is one of the more problematic acts of any attorney general in my lifetime,” Mr. Vladeck added.

Mr. Pilger, a career prosecutor in the department’s Public Integrity Section who oversaw voting-fraud-related investigations, told colleagues he would move to a nonsupervisory role working on corruption prosecutions.

“Having familiarized myself with the new policy and its ramifications,” he wrote, “I must regretfully resign from my role as director of the Election Crimes Branch.” A Justice Department spokeswoman did not immediately respond to a request for comment about Mr. Pilger’s message.

Justice Department policies prohibit federal prosecutors from taking overt steps, like questioning witnesses or securing subpoenas for documents, to open a criminal investigation into any election-related matter until after voting results have been certified to keep their existence from spilling into public view and influencing either voters or local election officials who ensure the integrity of the results.

“Public knowledge of a criminal investigation could impact the adjudication of election litigation and contests in state courts,” the Justice Department’s longstanding election guidelines for prosecutors say. “Accordingly, it is the general policy of the department not to conduct overt investigations.”

More covert investigative steps, like an investigator going undercover, are allowed but require the permission of a career prosecutor in the department’s Criminal Division.

Mr. Barr’s memo allows U.S. attorneys to bypass that career prosecutor and take their requests to his office for approval, effectively weakening a key safeguard that prevents political interference in an election by the party in power.

The memo is unlikely to change the outcome of the election but could damage public confidence in the results, Justice Department prosecutors warned, speaking on the condition of anonymity for fear of retribution. They said that the public posturing by the department also gave Republicans, including Senator Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the majority leader, a tool to refuse to acknowledge Mr. Biden as the president-elect.

Mr. McConnell and Mr. Barr met on Monday afternoon. Representatives from both of their offices declined to comment on what they discussed.

Mr. Trump faces a steep battle in his attempt to change the election results. Mr. Biden declared victory on Saturday after several news media organizations declared him the winner based on tabulated election returns.

“It’s not merely about showing evidence of fraud but that the malfeasance would actually affect the outcome in several states,” said Matt Gorman, a Republican strategist. “You’re talking about changing hundreds of thousands of votes.”

While Mr. Trump’s campaign lawyers have filed a dozen or so legal challenges to the results in battleground states, none appeared to be gaining traction in the courts. And none were likely to give the president an edge in the votes he would need to change the outcome of the race.

Justice Department investigators are looking into a referral from the Republican Party in Nevada, which claims over 3,000 people who live outside

the state voted in its election, the department official said. The official would not say whether the department had opened a full investigation. A federal judge dismissed the claim in court last week.

The department is also reviewing a sworn affidavit written by a postal worker in Erie, Pa., alleging that post office officials devised a plan to backdate mail ballots in the state, the official said.

The local postmaster has denied the allegations and said that the accuser has been disciplined multiple times in the past. That affidavit was sent to the department by Senator Lindsey Graham, Republican of South Carolina and head of the Senate Judiciary Committee, who is a close ally of the president.

In the days after the election, Mr. Barr faced pressure from Mr. Trump and his aides to intervene to help the president. Conservative commentators have criticized Mr. Barr's lack of action, saying that he was looking the other way.

Mr. Barr had been silent about voter fraud in recent weeks after previously issuing unsubstantiated warnings of widespread fraud because of the large number of mail-in ballots cast in this election. Voter fraud is rare, and no major instances of it have emerged in the election.

At the same time, the department has made it easier for prosecutors to pursue voter fraud cases and publicized details from the investigations that generated headlines that helped Mr. Trump, prompting sharp criticism from Democrats and civil rights advocates.

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WASHINGTON — As the scandal over President Trump's dealings with Ukraine unfolded in Washington last fall and prompted his impeachment, public corruption prosecutors in the Justice Department were stewing.

They had examined Mr. Trump's actions and found no campaign finance violations, and were initially given the green light to pursue a potentially explosive inquiry into whether he had broken any other laws.

But Attorney General William P. Barr and other top officials held them back while Congress investigated the same matter during impeachment hearings. After the Senate acquitted the president, Mr. Barr in effect took the case away from the Public Integrity Section, sending all Ukraine-related inquiries to the U.S. attorney's office in Brooklyn, according to six people familiar with the matter.

Compounding the prosecutors' dissatisfaction was a stalled case around that time against a member of Mr. Trump's cabinet, the former interior secretary Ryan Zinke. The deputy attorney general, Jeffrey A. Rosen, told the section's lawyers that they needed a stronger case.

The details of their case are not public, making it difficult to evaluate its strength, but the response from Mr. Rosen exacerbated a sense inside the Public Integrity Section that top department officials would hinder investigations into Mr. Trump and his officials, according to several people familiar with the inquiry who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive investigations.

The boiling frustration was a critical moment in the long-running tensions between the Public Integrity Section and the Trump administration that began under Attorney General Jeff Sessions. They spilled into the open this week Mr. Barr issued a memo authorizing prosecutors to investigate voter fraud claims before the results of the presidential race are certified, prompting the section's lawyer who oversees voter fraud investigations, Richard Pilger, to step down from the post in protest.

"Having familiarized myself with the new policy and its ramifications," Mr. Pilger wrote in an email to colleagues, "I must regretfully resign from my role as director of the Election Crimes Branch."

The encounters were the latest example of Trump appointees at the top of the Justice Department overruling career prosecutors, drawing criticism that the administration was eroding the department's typical separation from politics. Critics have also accused Mr. Barr of using the department to protect Mr. Trump and further his interests.

"All of these incidents coming to light show that Barr has been single-minded in his efforts to end the longstanding norm that the Justice Department be independent from politics," said Vanita Gupta, a former department official under the Obama administration and now the head of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights.

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The Public Integrity Section was created as a post-Watergate safeguard against abuses of power. It has secured bribery and extortion convictions against politicians as part of the Abscam scandal of the 1970s and early 1980s and a corruption conviction against the lobbyist Jack Abramoff in 2006.

Its reputation suffered with the botched prosecution of Senator Ted Stevens, Republican of Alaska, a case the department ultimately dropped.

The mistrust between lawyers in the Public Integrity Section and Trump officials began soon after Mr. Sessions became attorney general early in 2017.

He asked public corruption lawyers to brief him on high-profile investigations that they had declined to prosecute under the Obama administration and whether they could be reopened — including inquiries into Bill and Hillary Clinton's foundation and an I.R.S. employee's denial of tax-exempt status to conservative groups, according to two people with knowledge of the conversation.

Though public corruption staff members expressed views that Mr. Sessions' questions were inappropriate, they were relieved when he did not push them to act after they explained why the cases had been closed, the people said.

Mr. Sessions said in a statement that he did ask for briefings on "certain high-profile cases" that been heavily scrutinized, defending his requests as "entirely proper."

"Ensuring the professionalism and integrity of the department is the high duty of the attorney general," Mr. Sessions said. "No member of the department and no part of their work is above supervision and review."

Mr. Trump also took aim at the work of public corruption prosecutors in Washington and at U.S. attorney's offices around the country, issuing pardons and commutations for people they had prosecuted, including Sheriff Joe Arpaio of Arizona, a staunch supporter of the president who had been convicted on contempt of court charges.

Mr. Barr's confirmation hearing early last year did little to alleviate the prosecutors' fears of continued interference. He testified that he had urged Mr. Sessions to end the department's bribery and corruption prosecution of Senator Robert Menendez, Democrat of New Jersey, whose first trial had ended in a hung jury. The department did withdraw the case under Mr. Sessions.

He said that the case was similar to some he had taken issue with during his first stint as attorney general in the first Bush administration and that "the prosecution was based on a fallacious theory" that could have long-term consequences for the department.

The anti-corruption lawyers' fears about Mr. Barr were put to the test in August 2019 when the department learned that Mr. Trump had urged President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine in a phone call to work with Mr. Barr to announce investigations that could help Mr. Trump politically.

Mr. Barr deterred two intelligence officials from forwarding a whistle-blower's complaint about the phone call to Congress and said that the department would handle the criminal referral against Mr. Trump. The Public Integrity unit, which examines allegations of political corruption including campaign finance law violations, took on the matter.

Officials asked Mr. Pilger, who oversaw election-related crimes, and another lawyer to look into the matter, according to three people familiar with the inquiry. He and a colleague determined after about two weeks that Mr. Trump's actions did not meet the threshold necessary to open an investigation into violations of campaign finance law, the subject of the referral.

"All relevant components of the department agreed with this legal conclusion, and the department has concluded the matter," the department said in a statement in September 2019. Officials said at the time that the campaign finance determination did not preclude further investigatory work on any other potential issues.

Mr. Trump's allies seized on that determination on the narrow question of campaign finance law to declare his innocence. But lawyers in the Public Integrity section had not examined any other potential violations, according to five people familiar with the section's work.

It was not clear whether that office pursued an inquiry into Mr. Trump.

Their swelling frustration was a test for the new head of the section, Corey Amundson, who had joined from the department's Office of Professional Responsibility that September.

At the start of his tenure, Mr. Amundson told staff members that he had prewritten a resignation letter that he would submit if he felt he was asked to act unethically. He soothed tempers in the Ukraine matter in part by agreeing that the reconstructed transcript of the call issued by the White House left open questions about whether Mr. Trump had violated other statutes, according to four people with knowledge of the discussions.

He said that more investigation was warranted and notified his boss, Brian A. Benczkowski, then the head of the criminal division, about the tensions over the Ukraine call. Mr. Benczkowski agreed that further inquiry would be appropriate, the people said.

But once Congress began its impeachment inquiry, top Justice Department officials decided that an investigation of Mr. Trump had been overtaken by the events of impeachment, according to two people briefed on the matter. Then any inquiry into the call was consolidated with other Ukraine matters at the beginning of this year under the Brooklyn U.S. attorney's office. Under the Trump administration, the department has often moved politically fraught work to prosecutors far from Washington. Those investigations have rarely resulted in charges.

Around that time, the deputy attorney general, Jeffrey A. Rosen, also told prosecutors in the section that they could not proceed with charges against Mr. Zinke of making false statements to federal investigators, a case that stemmed from a referral from the Interior Department inspector general, according to three people familiar with the case.

Mr. Rosen expressed doubts about the strength of the case and sought a stronger prosecution. The prosecutors agreed to work further, and the inquiry has not been officially closed, according to people familiar with the matter.

The presidential race reignited the tensions in the weeks leading up the election. Mr. Barr told leaders in the criminal division, which oversees the Public Integrity Section, that he wanted to allow prosecutors to look into voter fraud allegations before the results of the presidential race had been certified, according to two people briefed on his conversations.

Such a move would not only contravene a longstanding department policy intended to keep the department from inadvertently affecting the results of the race, but it would also allow federal prosecutors to bypass the Public Integrity Section and Mr. Pilger, who had long been assigned to approve requests to conduct election fraud investigations that fell outside of the department's guidelines.

Mr. Barr had a fundamental disagreement with Mr. Pilger over the original policy, which presumed that any overt investigative steps like

questioning witnesses could harm an election. Mr. Barr had argued that fraud allegations should be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, according to a department official.

The head of the criminal division, Brian Rabbitt, Mr. Barr's former chief of staff, pushed back on the attorney general's proposal. He and his staff considered the matter resolved when Election Day passed without Mr. Barr issuing any edict.

But the attorney general concluded it was ultimately his call, the department official said. He made it on Monday, saying that with all the votes cast it was proper for prosecutors to look into claims of voting irregularities.

The move stunned Mr. Rabbitt, Mr. Amundson, Mr. Pilger and others inside the criminal division, according four people who spoke with them. Mr. Pilger stepped down from his post within hours for a nonsupervisory role at the department.

Some colleagues expressed hope that his protest would send a message to the public and to other officials that they did not condone Mr. Barr's memo. They told others that they feared he had set the stage for a U.S. attorney in a battleground state to announce an inquiry or take investigative steps that advance Mr. Trump's debunked narrative that the election was stolen.

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By Alan Rappeport and Jeanna Smialek:

WASHINGTON — For four years, Wall Street has benefited from the Trump administration's push to loosen bank rules and weaken post-crisis financial regulations. President-elect Joseph R. Biden Jr. appears ready to shift things in the opposite direction, bringing back stricter oversight of the financial industry.

The transition teams that Mr. Biden selected to review finance-related agencies are filled with proponents of stronger regulation, jarring industry groups that are suddenly fearful the moderate Democrat is preparing for an unexpected onslaught of corporate oversight. The burst of anxiety reflects the uncertainty surrounding Mr. Biden's approach and worries of a sharp reversal from President Trump's steady rollback of regulations across the federal government.

Among those selected for the financial regulatory transition teams are Gary Gensler, who led the Commodity Futures Trading Commission during the Obama administration. He pushed through dozens of tough rules in the wake of the 2010 Dodd Frank law, including some that the Trump administration has watered down.

Also on the teams are Leandra English, a former deputy director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and Dennis Kelleher, a co-founder of Better Markets, a prominent financial reform advocacy group. Ms. English tried, unsuccessfully, to prevent Mr. Trump from installing a critic of her bureau, Mick Mulvaney, as its acting director three years ago.

The teams do not set policy or make final selections on personnel at the various agencies, but they can provide recommendations. And some members end up joining the departments they reviewed. Mr. Trump's transition teams were filled with industry insiders, including those from Wall Street, as well as individuals with a deregulatory bent, signaling the approach the agencies would take.

The overall Biden transition team said the groups would be "responsible for understanding the operations of each agency, ensuring a smooth transfer of power." However, their work has been delayed because of Mr. Trump's refusal to concede defeat and grant Mr. Biden's staff access to the departments.

While a Biden presidency may be constrained by a divided Congress, regulatory agencies wield enormous power given their ability to write and interpret rules and decide how strictly to enforce them.

For example, a Biden administration could reinstate the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's efforts to limit payday lending and install leaders at the Securities and Exchange Commission and Labor Department who support "sustainable investing." Mr. Biden's Treasury secretary will also have substantial oversight of the financial sector and be in a position to bolster bodies such as the Financial Stability Oversight Council, the interagency panel that the Trump administration has starved of funding and staff.

That power has some banking officials worried about the makeup of the transition teams.

"They won the election, and they have the right to choose whoever they so desire," said Richard Hunt, chief executive of the Consumer Bankers Association, an industry group. "I thought it was a missed opportunity by the president-elect to appoint people who have experience in banking as well as consumer activists."

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But proponents of a return to stricter oversight say the time has come for the pendulum to swing back and for regulators to stop relaxing rules on an industry that has raked in record profits over the past several years. Some view the "landing teams" as a sign that Mr. Biden is heeding the concerns of the progressive wing of his party and planning to put consumers ahead of corporations.

And banks are not without a say in Washington.

"They get their voices heard enough — we know what they think," Anat R. Admati, a professor of finance and economics at Stanford University's Graduate School of Business and an expert in regulation, said of the banks. "There are a lot of people hurting in this economy. The financial sector is not among them."

The Federal Reserve and its fellow regulatory agencies spent the Trump administration eroding financial industry protections that were put in place after the economic crisis a decade ago. Among other changes, stress tests for big banks are more predictable, oversight is less onerous for all but the largest bank holding companies, and restrictions that prevented banks from betting for their own profit have been slightly relaxed. Perhaps most important, the tone of bank oversight has been more industry friendly — relevant because so much of the real work happens at the institution level, carried out by supervisors.

Financial industry lobbyists remain hopeful that Republicans will retain control of the Senate by winning both runoff elections in Georgia in January. That could force Mr. Biden to select more moderate nominees for key regulatory posts. But once in place, his personnel will have latitude to set a new tone for enforcement and rule-making.

"I'm actually cautiously optimistic that there will be an appetite for repairing the damage that's been done in the Trump administration," said Barbara Roper, director of investor protection for the Consumer Federation of America. "I think you could get more progressive policies, better rules."

Ms. Roper said a Biden administration could bring a long-needed overhaul of American accounting standards and reverse Trump administration rules that benefited private equity. In June, for example, the Labor Department issued a rule allowing private-equity investments in 401(k) retirement plans.

"Private funds that have been counting on getting unfettered access to people's retirement account should begin rethinking their strategy," Ms. Roper said.

The Biden campaign does not permit members of the agency review teams to talk to the media, so it is difficult to know what they are thinking and planning. But it is clear that their ability to affect immediate change in financial regulation could be constrained by a last-minute push by Republicans to get two remaining Trump nominees onto the Federal Reserve Board.

Senate Republicans made clear on Thursday that they will try to confirm the pair, Judy Shelton and Christopher Waller, before Mr. Trump leaves office. If both are approved, which appears likely, Mr. Trump will have filled six of the seven seats on the powerful Fed board, locking in a conservative majority that could last for years and potentially pave the way for a continuation of lighter-touch financial oversight.

While the Fed may be best known for setting interest rates — a largely nonpartisan exercise — it is also among the most powerful financial regulators. And while monetary policy votes are shared with the Fed’s regional banks, only board members have votes on the rules that govern the largest banks.

There will be limitations on what a Republican-heavy Fed can accomplish on its own. Many of the more important bank restrictions — like tweaks to the Volcker Rule, which prevents banks from betting with their own money — have historically been made on a cross-agency basis.

Jelena McWilliams, whom Mr. Trump appointed chairwoman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, has signaled that she plans to serve out her full term, which does not end until 2023. But Mr. Biden will be able to replace the acting comptroller of the currency quickly and is expected to do so, and other important roles, like Treasury secretary and head of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, are likely to go swiftly to Democrats.

That is why the industry is attuned to who is on the agency review teams, which could set the tone for what is coming.

“It will be a significant change in the orientation of financial regulation if these people are going to be the ones writing the policies,” said Christopher E. Campbell, assistant secretary of the Treasury for financial institutions from 2017-18. “From my perspective, the landing teams were folks that appeared to be more activist than centrist.”

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By Trip Gabriel and Stephanie Saul:

President Trump's last-ditch efforts to reverse the election seem to come down to a far-fetched scenario, one in which Republican-led state legislatures choose the members of the Electoral College, overturning the will of voters.

Could it work? Election law experts are highly skeptical. And leaders of the Republican majorities in legislatures in key states, including Pennsylvania, Michigan, Arizona and Georgia, told The New York Times this week through their offices that they saw no role for themselves in picking electors.

That has not stopped some high-profile supporters of the president, including the talk radio host Mark Levin and Gov. Ron DeSantis of Florida, from suggesting that Republican-led legislatures should consider ignoring the popular vote in close-fought states won by President-elect Joseph R. Biden Jr. and handing their electoral votes to Mr. Trump.

This political gambit, to the degree that it's an organized strategy at all, has a theoretical basis in law, according to experts. But if it were to proceed, it could cause widespread outrage and be seen as an attempt to subvert the democratic process.

Benjamin Ginsberg, until recently one of the Republican Party's top elections lawyers, called the strategy an act of desperation, one that many Republican lawmakers would not buy into. "The most partisan Trump legislators might, but I believe enough would rebel at hijacking their constituents' votes that such actions would fail," he said.

Here's how such a scheme would theoretically play out. The Constitution gives state legislatures the power to determine the "manner" in which electors are appointed to the Electoral College, the body of 538 people who formally choose the president. Every state has already done that, by specifying in its laws that the winner of the statewide popular vote is entitled to the state's presidential electors (Maine and Nebraska apportion some electors by congressional district).

The Electoral Count Act, a 19th-century law, sets up the mechanism for how that takes place. It directs governors to certify both the election results and a slate of presidential electors to represent the will of the people. In general practice, governors certify electors chosen by the party of the presidential candidate who won their state.

The Electoral Count Act also says that in the event of "failed elections," in which voters have not made a choice for president, state legislatures are empowered to step in and appoint electors. The 1876 law is ambiguous about what constitutes a "failed" election. But the law does contain a deadline for states to certify elections: the "safe harbor" date, which this year is Dec. 8. Electors chosen before that date cannot be challenged by Congress.

A flurry of lawsuits filed by the Trump campaign, most of which have been defeated in court, appear aimed at slowing down states' certification timelines and possibly providing a pretext to declare a "failed" election.

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At the same time, election law experts said none of the lawsuits presented evidence of widespread fraud that could reverse Mr. Trump's deficits. With Arizona and Georgia added to Mr. Biden's column this week, he has comfortably won the election with 306 projected electoral votes, 36 more than needed for a majority.

Bob Bauer, a leading Democratic elections lawyer and senior adviser to the Biden campaign, dismissed the notion of legislatures picking electors. "When all is said and done, you can't stop the process from coming to the inevitable conclusion," he said.

The idea of legislatures intervening for Mr. Trump gained currency in the days after Election Day, following months of Mr. Trump's raging that the election would be "rigged," a baseless accusation, although one embraced by many of his supporters.

On Nov. 5, as Pennsylvania's gradual counting of mail-in ballots eroded Mr. Trump's edge in the votes cast on Election Day, the Fox News commentator Sean Hannity suggested the results should be invalidated. Senator Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, a staunch Trump supporter, responded, "I think everything should be on the table."

Earlier that day, Mr. Levin, the conservative radio host, had urged Republican state lawmakers to "get ready to do your constitutional duty," writing in all capital letters on Twitter.

He was retweeted by the president's son Donald Trump Jr. And Mr. DeSantis, the Florida governor, urged voters in Michigan and Pennsylvania, both with Republican-majority legislatures, to call lawmakers, who have it in their power to "provide remedies," he said on Fox News.

Michigan's attorney general, Dana Nessel, a Democrat, told reporters this week that it appeared the Trump lawsuits were aimed at stopping county and state boards from certifying the election, so that the Legislature could send "a faithless slate of electors" to support Mr. Trump.

A spokeswoman for Michigan's Senate majority leader said that state law did not allow the Legislature to directly select electors or to award electors to anyone besides the winner of the popular vote. Mr. Biden won the state by nearly 150,000 votes.

In Pennsylvania, where Mr. Biden's winning margin is currently more than 58,000 votes and the Trump campaign is in court asking for a delay in certifying the results, Republican leaders of the State Senate and House of Representatives said before Election Day that the General Assembly would have no role in choosing electors.

Pressed on the issue last week during a telephone news conference, Jake Corman, the Senate majority leader, said that "under normal circumstances," the Legislature would have no role.

"Well, under any circumstances?" Mr. Corman was asked. He reiterated that Gov. Tom Wolf, a Democrat, appoints electors, not lawmakers.

At the same time, Republicans in the Pennsylvania General Assembly moved to conduct a review of the election and asked the governor to delay certification of the results, which is unlikely.

In North Carolina, which news organizations said Mr. Trump had won on Friday, spokesmen for the Republican leaders of both chambers of the General Assembly said lawmakers would have no role in choosing electors. "State law outlines a legal process that has the political parties

designate electors to be appointed by the governor,” said Patrick Ryan, a spokesman for Phil Berger, the State Senate’s president pro tem. “We anticipate that process will be followed this year just as it has in the past.”

In Arizona, Mike Philipsen, a spokesman for the Senate’s Republican leadership, citing an internal legal memo, said, “The Legislature cannot change the 2020 election results through changing the statutory selection process for presidential electors.” Mr. Biden won Arizona by more than 10,000 votes.

And in Georgia, where officials agreed to a Trump campaign demand that they recount more than 4.9 million votes — an effort that most likely will cost taxpayers in the millions of dollars — officials showed no inclination to appease the Trump forces by disrupting the Electoral College system. Mr. Biden’s lead in Georgia is more than 14,000 votes, which news outlets deemed sufficient for victory on Friday.

An unusual joint statement Tuesday by Gov. Brian Kemp, Lt. Gov. Geoff Duncan and House Speaker David Ralston — all Republicans — declined calls for a special legislative session on election issues.

“Any changes to Georgia’s election laws made in a special session will not have any impact on an ongoing election and would only result in endless litigation,” the statement said.

The Georgia General Assembly is not scheduled to convene until Jan. 11 — well after the electors meet in state capitols around the country to formally vote for president on Dec. 14.

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By Sharon Otterman and Eliza Shapiro:

Across much of Europe, even as coronavirus cases rise anew, governments are keeping classrooms open while forcing restaurants and bars to shut their doors. But in some American cities, officials have opted to keep students home even as dining rooms bustle with customers.

Facing a second wave of the virus, New York City stands on the precipice of once again closing its classrooms. But with restaurants still serving customers in the city, Mayor Bill de Blasio's administration faces a now-familiar conundrum: As the virus gains ground, should dining rooms be shuttered before classrooms?

The question reflects the complicated calculus that the pandemic has foisted onto cities all over the world, asking officials to balance livelihoods against lives, and to weigh the survival of today's economy against the education of a generation of children.

There are no simple trade-offs, and it is possible that both schools and indoor dining will close in the coming days or weeks. For now, though, the city appears headed toward a discordant new status quo, asking hundreds of thousands of children to learn in front of their laptops even as New Yorkers are still making indoor dinner reservations.

New York City's children face weeks or months without any in-person instruction if the city's positivity rate reaches 3 percent over a seven-day rolling average. The city could hit that threshold in just a matter of days.

But while educating children is plainly more essential than eating indoors, the sacrifice involved with shuttering restaurants is not suffered primarily by diners. New York's restaurant industry, which employs many low-income New Yorkers of color, risks financial collapse without federal stimulus dollars. Thousands of jobs are at stake, as is a major lifeblood of the city.

While Mr. de Blasio has said that it is time to reassess indoor dining, only Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo has the power to shut it down. The state this week began to roll back dining, asking restaurants and bars to close at 10 p.m. starting Friday. It is also weighing more restrictions.

For New York, the looming decisions come just six weeks after dining rooms and classrooms reopened on the same day in September. And the considerations span science and politics, affecting millions of New Yorkers in ways that are both obvious and incalculable.

What science tells us about risk in schools versus restaurants

A mounting body of evidence from across the globe indicates that elementary schools in particular are not the superspreader sites they were once feared to be, though the science is more muddled for older children.

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Schools have so far been a bright spot for New York. Only .17 percent of tests conducted in over 2,800 schools over the last month came back positive.

Several prominent public health experts have come forward in recent weeks to say they are now more confident that schools can reopen safely, as long as they implement strict safety measures and community transmission remains relatively low.

“I would not put schools high on the list of things driving community transmission that need to stop right now,” said Denis Nash, an epidemiology professor at the CUNY School of Public Health.

Meanwhile, the evidence that indoor dining is a high-risk activity has been steadily growing. Restaurants, gyms, cafes and other crowded indoor venues likely accounted for some eight in 10 new infections in the early months of the U.S. coronavirus epidemic, according to a new analysis that used cellphone mobility data from 10 U.S. cities from March to May.

“Restaurants were by far the riskiest places, about four times riskier than gyms and coffee shops, followed by hotels,” in terms of new infections, said Jure Leskovec, a computer scientist at Stanford University and senior author of the new report, in a conference call with reporters.

This is in line with a Centers for Disease Control report from September that found people who tested positive for the virus were twice as likely to say they had eaten at a restaurant as people with negative test results. No other activity the researchers asked about was linked to as many cases.

“I think there is scientific and medical agreement that the priority has to be schools opening,” said Lindsey Leininger, a public health researcher at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College. “Indoor dining is risky. I cannot say that more forcefully.”

Tom Bené, the chief executive officer of the National Restaurant Association, disagreed, saying that restaurants that carefully follow public health guidelines can be safe. “Not only do we feel that it can be done safely, it is being done safely,” he said.

New York City's dilemma

Much is at stake for New York City and its 1.1 million public schoolchildren as virus numbers surge.

Over the summer, Mr. de Blasio said the entire school system would shutter if the average positivity rate hit 3 percent — a signal to nervous parents, educators and the teachers' union that the city was taking school safety seriously.

At the time, the average positivity rate was hovering around 1 percent, and the 3 percent threshold seemed far away. But on Thursday, the average positivity rate reached 2.6 percent.

Mr. de Blasio also said over the summer that the city would re-evaluate indoor dining if the positivity rate hit 2 percent. The city has already exceeded that threshold — but not yet taken action.

The mayor also reiterated Thursday that indoor dining should be reassessed, but said he was primarily concerned about people tightening up their behavior in response to the virus.

“Whether there's indoor dining or not is not the central question,” Mr. de Blasio said. “The central question: Is everyone doing the maximum we can all do to fight back this disease?”

The consequences for children and families

If schools close, all students would be learning remotely indefinitely, though Mr. de Blasio said Thursday he believes closures would be temporary and, hopefully, brief.

That would be a major shift for the roughly 300,000 students who have attended at least some in-person classes so far — particularly pre-K students and children with disabilities, some of whom are in classrooms five days a week. A group of parents has started a petition calling on the mayor to keep schools open.

But the vast majority of city students — roughly 700,000 — have been learning at home full time since March, because their parents have so far decided not to send them back to classrooms.

Mass school closures would be a clear sign that the city is in the midst of a dangerous second wave of the virus and that New Yorkers should change their behavior. But it would be perhaps the most significant setback yet for the city's recovery, and could prevent many thousands of parents from returning to work.

Research indicates that extended closures have serious consequences for children's academic progress, and for their mental health. A recent study out of Britain showed that children had lost basic skills and regressed in school during the pandemic.

Around the world, a less fraught decision

Public schools in many large American cities have remained online-only, even as restaurants have been permitted to operate with capacity restrictions. Now that the virus is resurging, cities such as Portland, Ore., and Seattle are considering restricting restaurants further, rather than banning indoor dining entirely — even as schools remain shut.

Cities including Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, D.C., have all closed classrooms while allowing restaurants to seat customers.

In many European countries, keeping schools open, with safety precautions, has been a political and social priority, even as governments have recently moved to restrict public life, including by shutting down restaurants and bars in France and Germany, and enforcing evening lockdowns in Italy and Spain.

New lockdown measures in the United Kingdom also shutter pubs and restaurants but allow children to attend school. There, as in much of Europe, the governments are helping to support the wages of those in industries who must close.

Teachers' and administrators' unions in Europe have expressed concern about safety in schools, but by and large, government decisions to prioritize school openings have held the day.

What are the risks for the restaurant industry?

The restaurant industry before the pandemic employed 12 million people nationally, and about two million of them remain out of work, according to the National Restaurant Association, an industry group.

Even after restaurants were permitted to reopen, capacity restrictions have left many struggling to survive. Without a robust federal bailout package, many restaurant and bar owners have warned that they will have to shutter permanently, particularly if they have to further limit operations.

A federal relief plan, such as the Restaurants Act, would help restaurants and bars stay afloat by establishing a \$120 billion grant program. But it has stalled in Congress, and states, including New York, say they are too cash strapped to provide restaurants with support they would need to get them through an extended shutdown.

The widespread collapse of the industry would have ramifications for everything from employment to tax revenues.

“Any call for limiting restaurant operations must be coupled with a call to provide stimulus, otherwise they are not going to be around when it’s OK for them to reopen,” said Andrew Rigie, the executive director of New York City Hospitality Alliance.

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By Annie Kami and Michael S. Schmidt:

WASHINGTON — For four years, Vice President Mike Pence has walked the Trump tight rope more successfully than anyone else in the president’s orbit, staying on his good side without having to echo his most incendiary rhetoric.

But in the final weeks of Mr. Pence’s term, his relationship with President Trump is facing what may be the vice president’s toughest challenge yet.

Mr. Pence must now balance his loyalty to an enraged president making baseless claims of voter fraud against his own political future and reputation. He also has to deal with how Mr. Trump’s talk of running for president again in 2024 could leave him with no lane to run in. It also makes it difficult for Mr. Pence to even start raising money if the president is floating his own name.

So far, Mr. Pence appears to be handling the pressure much as he has over the past four years: appearing to be unflinchingly loyal while also steering clear of engaging in Mr. Trump’s pressure campaigns.

In the last few months of Mr. Pence’s time as vice president, his advisers want him focused on leading the coronavirus task force and helping the two Georgia Republicans facing runoff that will determine whether the party maintains its Senate majority.

Those advisers said they would prefer that the vice president steer clear of the Trump campaign’s legal fights contesting the election results, and so far, Mr. Pence has been careful not to repeat Mr. Trump’s most baseless attacks on the electoral system while simultaneously remaining the good soldier.

In his brief remarks early Wednesday morning after election night — he kept them to 53 seconds — Mr. Pence tried to make what amounted to a non-endorsement of the president’s claim that the election was a “major fraud on our nation” into something that sounded like unquestioning support.

“As the votes continue to be counted, we’re going to remain vigilant, as the president said,” Mr. Pence told the crowd. “We’re going to protect the integrity of the vote.”

For almost a week afterward Mr. Pence was not seen or heard in public, though it was reported that he spent time with Mr. Trump in the Oval Office on Friday.

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Then on Tuesday, he spoke to Republican senators at their weekly lunch, continuing his somewhat restrained tone while giving an update on where the campaign's lawsuits stood and thanking senators for supporting Mr. Trump without making any demand that they fall in line, according to two people who attended the meeting.

Mr. Pence told the lawmakers he planned to travel to Georgia on Nov. 20 to campaign for Republican senators in the two runoff elections. He joked that he considered himself an honorary Iowan because of all the time he had spent campaigning for Senator Joni Ernst, a seeming wink to his own presidential ambitions, which would most likely run through Iowa.

But in the same kind of nod to Mr. Trump's claim for a second term that Secretary of State Mike Pompeo made the same day, he also told the senators that he wanted to keep serving with them, as the president of the Senate, and that he thought he would.

In reality, Mr. Pence's allies expect him to return to Indiana and make a living giving paid speeches and potentially writing a book. It will be the first time in a long time that Mr. Pence will live as a private citizen — he moved from the governor's mansion in Indiana to temporary housing in Washington during the presidential transition four years ago to the Naval Observatory. He currently does not own a house.

But before he starts to think about what kind of house he will live in, and how to fill the years before the 2024 election cycle, he still has a role to play in the end of the 2020 election.

Mr. Pence has already faced an array of tests publicly and privately since Election Day, as he has had to calculate how far to go in supporting the president's attempts to overturn the election.

In one of the most glaring examples, Corey Lewandowski, a Trump ally, pushed for Mr. Pence to travel to the Pennsylvania Convention Center last week to observe votes being counted, according to a person familiar with the matter.

The image of the vice president — who has strong support with the social-conservative wing of the Republican Party — descending on a counting center in a state where Mr. Trump's campaign was making baseless claims of widespread fraud would have aided the president's narrative that the election was being stolen. Mr. Pence's chief of staff, Marc Short, vetoed the request, the person said.

The furthest he has gone, rhetorically, is lending his name to campaign fund-raising emails that warn of "DEFENDING the Election from voter fraud."

A campaign spokeswoman described his efforts on behalf of the president more effusively.

"Vice President Pence has been in constant contact with our team and extremely involved in the campaign's legal efforts, doing everything we and the president have asked of him as well as leading efforts to raise money for the legal fund," the spokeswoman, Ali Pardo, said in a statement.

But in his role as president of the Senate, Mr. Pence has a constitutionally designated role that could be a coda to Mr. Trump's insistence that he won re-election — and awkward for the loyal vice president.

The Constitution calls on the vice president to oversee a joint session of Congress, to be held this time on Jan. 6, in which the votes from the Electoral College are officially counted. Typically, vice presidents simply read from a script and take no actions to interfere with the results.

In 2000, Vice President Al Gore had to certify the disputed election results after the Supreme Court effectively handed the presidential election to his opponent, George W. Bush.

“It was awkward and difficult for Vice President Al Gore in 2000, but that was his job,” recalled Michael Feldman, Mr. Gore’s former chief of staff. “The vice president has very few jobs as prescribed by the Constitution. Presiding over that process as president of the Senate is one of them.”

For Mr. Pence, the day he will have to announce Mr. Trump’s defeat is two months away. In the meantime, he has resumed more traditional duties of the job, appearing with the president on Wednesday at a Veterans Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. And he postponed a family vacation to Florida, opting instead for a speaking engagement on Friday.

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By Patrick McGeehan:

By the time New Yorkers return to traveling on planes, they may forget they ever hated La Guardia Airport.

The airport famously derided as “third-world” by former Vice President Joseph R. Biden Jr. will take a big leap forward on Saturday when its cramped, 56-year-old Central Terminal is jettisoned for an airy, art-filled \$4 billion replacement.

It will be a notable milestone for an airport long maligned as dingy and decrepit.

But there will not be many travelers around to enjoy the new arrivals and departures hall in Terminal B because the coronavirus pandemic has brought air traffic to a near standstill.

The number of passengers using La Guardia and the other airports that serve New York City has dropped by about 95 percent since the virus swept through the region. Airlines have slashed their schedules, tourist attractions have been shuttered and businesses have grounded their employees.

The drastic decline in movement made for a muted celebration in the gleaming new terminal on Wednesday.

Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo, who has made rebuilding New York City's airports one of his main missions, announced the opening and cut a ceremonial ribbon with a small retinue of invited guests, all of whom wore masks.

Absent were the throngs of elected officials and hangers-on who have shown up for the various groundbreakings and unveilings at La Guardia since Mr. Cuomo announced five years ago that the airport would be completely rebuilt.

Still, Mr. Cuomo was clearly pleased, calling the new terminal “really breathtaking” and saying it was the type of large-scale development project that could energize the reopening of the state's economy after months of lockdown.

“We needed this today,” Mr. Cuomo said. “We needed to see New York stand up and shine.”

The pandemic did not significantly affect the completion of the main terminal, he said. But the drop in traffic has allowed the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which operates La Guardia, to accelerate construction of the roadways at the airport, he said.

With the opening of the 840,000-square-foot building, the overhaul of La Guardia will be more than halfway complete. At the east end of the airport, Delta Air Lines is building a replacement for another terminal that is scheduled to open by the end of next year.

When everything is finished, it will amount to the first wholly new big-city airport in the country. The last major airport to open was Denver International Airport 25 years ago, Mr. Cuomo said.

The replacement of the old Central Terminal, which opened in 1964, has been planned for a decade. But it was Mr. Biden's mocking several years ago that changed everything.

Mr. Cuomo took offense and ordered the Port Authority to think bigger and create a truly 21st-century airport. La Guardia was an "embarrassment" to the city and the state, he said.

It also was widely reviled by travelers. A survey last year by J.D. Power ranked La Guardia as the worst large airport in the country.

"I just want it to be fixed," said Julian Shiff, a resident of Williamsburg, Brooklyn, who had just arrived from Denver Wednesday. "None of the New York airports are good."

Rick Cotton, the executive director of the Port Authority, said that New York's airports have been "substandard" and that La Guardia had become a laughingstock in skits on "Saturday Night Live."

"The experience at La Guardia was disgraceful," Mr. Cotton said after leading a tour of the new terminal. He pointed with pride to the newest security screening technology, the contactless system for ordering food and the much larger restrooms.

He said he hoped that the new building, filled with shops and restaurants that evoke New York, would help spur a resurgence in air travel.

"Providing travelers with a first-class airport experience is a today issue," Mr. Cotton said. "Air traffic will come back. There will be a vaccine and people will lose their fear of getting on planes."

Before the pandemic, La Guardia was busier than it had ever been, despite all of the construction that made getting in and out aggravating. Its short runways were overburdened, and delays were among the worst of any American airport.

The rebuilt airport will sit on the same, small piece of land, wedged between the Grand Central Parkway and the East River. But the new terminals have been shifted closer to the highway, creating more space for airplanes to taxi to and from gates but no more space to take off and land.

Mr. Cotton spoke to reporters on an elevated walkway 97 feet above the ground, which airplanes will be able to pass under after the old Central Terminal is demolished. That demolition will begin this month, after the switch to Terminal B is completed.

Among the features of the new terminal will be an outdoor dining area that will offer views of the Manhattan skyline and jets taking off and landing near the water's edge. It also has an indoor area for passengers to wait for taxis and eventually will have a station for an AirTrain that will connect to the No. 7 subway line and the Long Island Rail Road, Mr. Cotton said.

The AirTrain, another of Mr. Cuomo's pet projects that has not yet received all of the necessary permits, has been a source of controversy. Residents of the neighborhood closest to the airport in East Elmhurst have objected to it as a potential eyesore, while transit advocates have criticized it because it will take travelers east of the airport, where they have to make a connection to reach the terminal.

Mr. Cuomo defended the AirTrain plan on Wednesday, saying that in normal, pre-pandemic traffic, "it can take you an hour easily to get into Manhattan."

The Port Authority has promised that the AirTrain, estimated to cost more than \$2 billion, would provide a "reliable, 30-minute" trip from

Midtown to the airport.

But that project, and several others the Port Authority has planned, are in doubt now that the agency has lost so much revenue during the pandemic, Mr. Cotton said.

The agency, which normally funds its operations and building with money it collects in tolls and fees, has asked the federal government for \$3 billion in emergency aid to preserve its long-term capital plan. Without that help, Mr. Cotton said, the agency will have to “triage” its ambitious projects.

In the meantime, he said, the Port Authority was committed to building a new passenger terminal at Newark Liberty International Airport in New Jersey and completing the rebuild of La Guardia.

The La Guardia overhaul “should have been done decades and decades and decades ago,” Mr. Cuomo said. “It’s long overdue.”

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By Amy Harmon, Apoorva Mandavilli, Sapna Maheshwari and Jodi Kantor:

The reckonings have been swift and dizzying.

On Monday, it was the dictionary, with Merriam-Webster saying it was revising its entry on racism to illustrate the ways in which it “can be systemic.”

On Tuesday, the University of Washington removed the coach of its dance team after the only two black members of the group were cut. The two women were invited to return.

On Wednesday, after a black racecar driver called on NASCAR to ban the Confederate battle flag from its events, the organization did just that.

On Thursday, Nike joined a wave of American companies that have made Juneteenth, which celebrates the end of slavery in America, an official paid holiday, “to better commemorate and celebrate Black history and culture.”

And on Friday, ABC Entertainment named the franchise’s first black man to star in “The Bachelor” in the show’s 18-year history, acceding to longstanding demands from fans.

In just under three weeks since the killing of George Floyd set off widespread protests, what started as a renewed demand for police reform has now roiled seemingly every sphere of American life, prompting institutions and individuals around the country to confront enduring forms of racial discrimination.

Many black Americans have been inundated with testaments and queries from white friends about fighting racism. And anti-racist activists have watched with some amazement as powerful white leaders and corporations acknowledge concepts like “structural racism” and pledge to make sweeping changes in personal and institutional behavior.

But those who have been in the trenches for decades fighting racism in America wonder how lasting the soul searching will be.

The flood of corporate statements denouncing racism “feels like a series of mea culpas written by the press folks and run by the top black folks” inside each organization, said Dream Hampton, a writer and filmmaker. “Show us a picture of your C-suite, who is on your board. Then we can have a conversation about diversity, equity and inclusion.”

“Stop sending positive vibes,” begged Chad Sanders, a writer, in a recent New York Times Op-Ed, directing his white friends to instead help protect black protesters, donate to black politicians and funds fighting racial injustice, and urge others to do the same.

The protests have so far yielded some tangible changes in policing itself. On Friday, New York banned the use of chokeholds by law enforcement and repealed a law that kept police disciplinary records secret.

But their power is also cultural. A run on books about racism has reordered best-seller lists, driving titles like “How to Be an Antiracist” and

“White Fragility” to the top. And language about American racial dynamics that was once the purview of academia and activism appears to have gone mainstream.

In a video released June 5 apologizing for the N.F.L.’s previous failure to support players who protested police violence, Roger Goodell, the commissioner of the league, condemned the “systematic oppression” of black people, a term used to convey that racism is embedded in the policies of public and private institutions. The Denver Board of Education, in voting to end its contract with the city police department for school resource officers, cited a desire to avoid the “perpetuation of the school-to-prison pipeline,” a reference to how school policies can lay the groundwork for the incarceration of young black Americans.

“One of the exhilarating things about this moment is that black people are articulating to the world that this isn’t just an issue of the state literally killing us, it’s also about psychic death,” said Jeremy O. Harris, a playwright whose “Slave Play” addresses the failure of white liberals to admit their complicity in America’s ongoing racial inequities.

He added, “It’s exhilarating because for the first time, in a macro sense, people are saying names and showing up and showing receipts.”

Sensing a rare, and perhaps fleeting, opportunity to be heard, many black Americans are sharing painful stories on social media about racism and mistreatment in the workplace, accounts that some said they were too scared to disclose before. They are using hashtags like #BlackInTheIvory or #WeSeeYouWAT, referring to bias in academia and “White American Theater.”

The feeling of a dam breaking has drawn analogies to the fall and winter of 2017, when sexual abuse allegations against Harvey Weinstein triggered a deluge of disturbing accounts from women and provoked frank conversations in which friends, colleagues and neighbors confessed to one another: I’ve suffered in that manner as well. Or: I now realize I have wronged someone, and I’d like to do better.

Though racism is hardly a secret, “a huge awakening is just the awareness of people who don’t face the headwinds,” said Drew Dixon, a music producer, activist and subject of the documentary “On the Record,” about her decision to come forward with rape allegations against the music producer Russell Simmons, which he has denied. “Many people had no idea what women deal with every single day, and I think many non-black people had no idea what black people deal with every day.”

A shift in the making

While the outpouring may seem sudden, there have been signs that perceptions on race were already in flux.

Opinion polls over the last decade have shown a self-reported turn by Democrats toward a more sympathetic view of black Americans, with more attributing disparities in areas like income and education to discrimination rather than personal failure. By 2018, white liberals said they felt more positively about blacks, Latinos and Asians than they did about whites.

The reason for the shift is unclear — and those attitudes have so far not translated into desegregated schools or neighborhoods — but may help explain the cascade of responses to Mr. Floyd’s killing.

The outpouring is also related to the horrific nature of Mr. Floyd’s death — a white police officer kneeling on his neck for nearly nine minutes — captured in a stark video at a moment of rising national frustration with the government’s handling of the coronavirus pandemic and the lockdown.

The protests still surging through the streets of America’s cities, said the civil rights movement scholar Aldon Morris, are “unprecedented in terms of the high levels of white participation in a movement targeting black oppression and grievances.”

Younger Americans are also much more racially diverse than earlier generations. They tend to have different views on race. And their imprint on

society is only growing.

Brands trying to appeal to younger consumers have in recent years increasingly proclaimed their belief in equality and justice. Two years ago, Nike featured in a major ad campaign the former San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick, who knelt during the national anthem to protest racism. The tagline for MAC, the cosmetics company, is “All Ages, All Races, All Genders.”

In the wake of the Floyd protests, everyone from Wall Street C.E.O.s and the sportswear giant Adidas to the fruit snack Gushers and a company that sells stun guns put out statements of support of diversity, flooding Instagram with vague messages.

These prompted cries of hypocrisy from those who said the companies don't practice the values they're espousing.

At several companies, what employees saw as an inadequate response to Mr. Floyd's death seemed to serve as a catalyst for a long-simmering contention over questions of racial equity. At Adidas, dozens of employees stopped working to attend daily protests outside the company's North American headquarters in Portland, Ore.

The tumult has been especially fraught at Estée Lauder, the beauty giant, stemming from the political donations of Ronald S. Lauder, a 76-year-old board member and a son of the company's founders. He has also been a prominent supporter of President Trump.

On May 29, employees at Estée Lauder, like those in much of the rest of corporate America, began receiving emails from the company's leadership addressing racial discrimination.

There was “considerable pain” in black communities, one missive noted. According to copies of the internal communications obtained by The New York Times, the company, whose vast portfolio includes Clinique, MAC, Bobbi Brown, La Mer and Aveda, encouraged employees to pause working on June 2 in honor of “Blackout Tuesday.”

At a video meeting on June 4 among an internal group called NOBLE, or Network of Black Leaders and Executives, company leaders said Estée Lauder was donating \$1 million to support racial and social justice organizations. But employees pinpointed Mr. Lauder's political donations to Mr. Trump as being in conflict with the company's stance on race. The president has tweeted conspiracy theories about injured protesters, described demonstrators as “THUGS,” and praised most law enforcement officers as “great people.”

Employees left dissatisfied. Later that night, a petition appeared on Change.org.

The company's donation did “not match, or exceed Ronald Lauder's personal donations in support of state-sanctioned violence,” organizers of the petition, which has amassed more than 6,000 signatures, wrote. “Ronald Lauder's involvement with the Estée Lauder Companies is damaging to our corporate values, our relationship with the Black community, our relationship with this company's Black employees, and this company's legacy.”

In his first public comment on the situation, Mr. Lauder told The Times in a statement Friday that he had spent decades “fighting anti-Semitism, hate and bigotry in all its forms in New York and around the world as president of the World Jewish Congress.”

“As a country, we must recommit ourselves to the fight against anti-Semitism and racism,” he said. “In this urgent moment of change, I am expanding the scope of my anti-Semitism campaign to include causes for racial justice, especially in the Black community, as well as other forms of dangerous ethnic and religious intolerance around the world.”

On Monday, Estée Lauder said it would donate \$5 million in coming weeks to “support racial and social justice and to continue to support greater access to education,” and donate an additional \$5 million over the following two years.

Other companies have also pledged money. On Thursday alone, PayPal, Apple and YouTube collectively pledged \$730 million to racial justice and equity efforts.

Jobs on the line

As companies face restless employees, pressure has also grown to remove those who have made offensive statements. Others have had to apologize publicly. Adam Rapoport resigned as editor in chief of the magazine *Bon Appétit* on Monday after a 2004 photo showing him in an offensive costume resurfaced on social media.

And Greg Glassman, the founder and chief executive of CrossFit, stepped down on Tuesday following comments about race and racism on a Zoom call to gym owners.

“We’re not mourning for George Floyd, I don’t think me or any of my staff are,” said Mr. Glassman on the Zoom call, according to a recording of the call provided to *The Times*.

“Can you tell me why I should mourn for him?” he said. “Other than it’s the ‘white’ thing to do. I get that pressure, but give me another reason.”

NBCUniversal, a division of Comcast that includes the NBC broadcast network and cable channels like Bravo, has encountered fires on multiple fronts as the reckoning has swept the country.

For NBC, the problems started the morning after Mr. Floyd’s death, when Jimmy Fallon found himself under attack on Twitter for performing in blackface on “Saturday Night Live” in 2000. A video of the sketch had resurfaced online. Mr. Fallon, who has been an NBC star for 22 years, first at “SNL” and more recently leading the “Tonight” show, issued a written apology that afternoon. He apologized at length on camera the following day.

On June 2, a writer was fired from an upcoming NBC series, “Law & Order: Organized Crime,” after posting photos of himself on Facebook holding a weapon and threatening to “light up” looters.

Then came an explosion from NBCUniversal’s cable division. The hit reality series “Vanderpump Rules,” an anchor tenant on Bravo since 2013, fired four cast members for past racist behavior. Some of the incidents were already known. Others were disclosed on Instagram after Mr. Floyd’s death.

On June 8, Brian Roberts, Comcast’s chief executive, said in a memo to employees that the company would give \$75 million to social justice organizations, along with \$25 million worth of advertising inventory, including on Sky, its pay-television unit in Britain.

“We know that Comcast alone can’t remedy this complex issue,” Mr. Roberts wrote. “But you have my commitment that our company will try to play an integral role in driving lasting reform.”

A ‘boiling point’

Late last Saturday night, two women who study black health and communication were talking to each other, for what seemed like the thousandth time, about the racism they have encountered in their careers.

The killings of Breonna Taylor, George Floyd and too many others had brought them to a “boiling point,” recalled one of the women, Joy Melody Woods, a graduate student at Moody College of Communication. But the national conversation was still focused primarily on police brutality.

“That’s not the only system that perpetuates white supremacy,” Ms. Woods said. “There are other systems, and academia is one of those.”

Ms. Woods called on black scholars to begin sharing their experiences using the hashtag #BlackInTheIvory, which her friend Shardé M. Davis, an assistant professor at the University of Connecticut, had just coined.

The women went to sleep that night, not knowing they had opened the floodgates. The hashtag was trending by Sunday night, and as of Thursday evening had collected nearly 90,000 tweets.

The stories of exclusion, humiliation and hostility were all too familiar. But the difference was that they had mostly been shared behind closed doors. In the past, nonblack colleagues could be sympathetic but were more often dismissive or worse, sometimes labeling a black colleague as “difficult.”

“What feels different this time is that white folks are listening,” Dr. Davis said.

Particularly important, she and others said, is that white scholars seem to be having conversations about racism in their institutions without a black colleague around to prompt or guide them.

“You need to be willing to get in the mix and have the conversation and not expect us to hold your hand through the whole thing — and so maybe that’s something that is beginning to gain momentum,” said Chanda Prescod-Weinstein, a theoretical physicist and feminist scholar at the University of New Hampshire.

There’s a tendency among nonblack scholars to view their black colleagues as exempt from police brutality and violent hate crimes. But, Dr. Prescod-Weinstein said, “That sense of safety isn’t real — our Ph.D.s are not bulletproof.”

The danger is particularly acute for black naturalists, as shown in the recent incident with Christian Cooper, the birder in Central Park who asked a white woman to leash her dog only to have her call 911.

“Our job means going into the field and being visible and moving in spaces that are not always welcoming to us,” said Earyn McGee, a herpetologist and birder at the University of Arizona. “We understood what the danger was.”

The viral video prompted Ms. McGee and others to organize #BlackBirdersWeek. Jeffrey Ward, a co-organizer and well-known birder, said he always keeps his binoculars visible to reassure people who act fearful when they see him. After two police officers followed and questioned him two years ago at Crotona Park in the Bronx, he recalled, he told some white friends. They were sympathetic then, but seem to better grasp the breadth and gravity of systemic racism now, he said.

“They reached out to me and said, ‘We didn’t understand it was this serious. We apologize for not listening to you before.’”

Dr. Prescod-Weinstein was one of several researchers who called for a strike on Wednesday to protest racism in science. Nearly 6,000 scientists, professional societies and institutions pledged to join.

But she also noted that academic institutions are unrelentingly hierarchical and resistant to change.

As a postdoctoral fellow at M.I.T., Dr. Prescod-Weinstein was the only black physicist with a Ph.D. in a department of about 100. Students of color sought her out for advice and mentoring, she said — unpaid labor that she was never recognized or compensated for — and they felt the pressure of having to represent their entire race.

“That kind of pressure is extraordinary,” she said.

Inequity in universities manifests at multiple levels. Black academics are disproportionately hired to positions with weaker long-term prospects. They receive fewer grants, and their papers are cited less often.

Changing these systems will take “an incredible amount of energy at the right pressure points in the system,” said Dr. Kafui Dzirasa, a psychiatrist at Duke University.

For any system — say, applying for grants from the National Institutes of Health — making things more equitable would come at a cost, either to the system or to nonblack applicants. “And that’s the cost that it’s unclear if the system is ready to take on,” Dr. Dzirasa said.

Dr. Davis was more blunt.

“We’ve received nothing but empty platitudes and empty promises, and the wound just scabs right back up,” she said. “We’re walking around in institutions with a whole bunch of Band-Aids and scabbed-over wounds. Enough, enough.”

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By Elaina Plott:

On night four of the Republican National Convention, viewers knew her as “The Honorable Ivanka Trump.”

The title was a nod to her senior role in the White House (though official titular etiquette is somewhat unclear). The speaking gig was not. While the White House insisted she was appearing “on her own time,” and only in her capacity as President Trump’s eldest daughter, Ms. Trump introduced the president on Thursday evening before he addressed the convention from the White House lawn, an overtly political use of federal property and potential violation of the Hatch Act.

For Ms. Trump, who has spent the past few years shifting between her dual roles as first daughter and senior adviser, those were little more than details.

It was in many ways a fitting framework for Ms. Trump’s appearance, underscoring the extent to which Ms. Trump has unabashedly embraced the blending between personal, political and governmental that has defined her father’s approach to politics almost as much as the divisiveness his brand thrives on.

Ms. Trump’s perceived distance from that part of his brand was once her greatest asset. Her 2016 convention appearance, for example, was intended in large part to reach suburban women. The campaign believed they might see the president’s eldest daughter as a more centrist and professional counterpart to a firebrand candidate with a history of misogynistic behavior. And ahead of Thursday, as the penultimate act of a convention that has already been tailored in large part to such women, aides were hopeful she could reach the same audience and communicate a similar appeal.

Ms. Trump urged voters to look beyond her father’s rhetoric and tone and judge him for his policies. “I recognize that my dad’s communication style is not to everyone’s taste. And I know his tweets can feel a bit unfiltered,” she said. “But the results speak for themselves.”

She cited her own work in increasing the child care tax credit and said the president had fulfilled his promise to “support mothers in the work force.”

“Four years ago, I told you I would fight alongside my father,” Ms. Trump said, “and four years later, here I am.”

In 2016, Ms. Trump was one of the campaign’s most requested surrogates, her cosmopolitan affect and apolitical rhetoric serving as a balm of sorts for women who might have been drawn to the idea of a businessman in the White House but would never be caught dead chanting “Build the wall!” Yet she kept a light footprint on the trail.

Now, however, she is eager to do more for her father’s re-election bid, fully embracing an explicitly political role. For Mr. Trump’s campaign, the question is whether Ms. Trump’s transformation will complicate her pitch to moderate Republicans and swing voters who once liked that she seemed to be more of a check than a rubber stamp on her father’s agenda.

“When voters look at Ivanka in and of herself and the issues she focuses on, they generally have a positive response to her,” said Lorna Romero, a G.O.P. strategist in Arizona, where the president’s chances in November likely hinge on moderate Republican women, many of whom have felt alienated from the party under Mr. Trump.

“Four years later, they recognize how, not just as his daughter, but as his senior adviser, she is going along with the president’s rhetoric and policies they’re not supportive of,” she went on. “It’s a more conflicted opinion.”

When Ms. Trump made her political debut in 2016, voters who only knew her name from “The Apprentice” or from a rack of accessibly priced sheath dresses at Macy’s were subtly encouraged by the campaign to see in her a moderating influence. While her father was toying with a Muslim travel ban, or suggesting that Russian officials look into Hillary Clinton’s emails, Ms. Trump was discussing the punishing cost of child care and her passion for women’s issues in the pages of Harper’s Bazaar.

The campaign was confident that women might see her silence on the most controversial elements of her father’s campaign as daughterly deference to the tactics needed to win an election, rather than tacit approval.

Ms. Trump now has the burden of the incumbency, nearly four years by which voters may judge whether the original cornerstones of her appeal — a moderating effect, a stated commitment to a more progressive agenda on issues like climate change — have in fact borne out.

In March 2017, “Saturday Night Live” aired a sketch that called her “complicit” in the administration’s early actions, such as a Muslim travel ban, and since then Ms. Trump has complained privately about the “moderating influence” moniker, arguing it was an image foisted upon her by others that never reflected her own views. This is in many ways accurate: At no point in her father’s 2016 campaign did Ms. Trump suggest she was against, say, building a wall along the Southern border, “locking up” his opponent or any other element at the core of his candidacy.

Whether this softer public image was accurate or not, it is also true that early on in her White House tenure, Ms. Trump cared a great deal about protecting it. She made clear her support of the Paris climate accord and her attempts to prevent her father from withdrawing from the pact, which were ultimately unsuccessful. Coverage of the first daughter often included anonymous quotes — from people described as close to the family and familiar with her thoughts — revealing her disapproval of whatever firestorm had just engulfed the West Wing.

At a certain point, however, Ms. Trump seemed to tire of maintaining the pretense of being a responsible stewardess of taxpayer dollars. If her constructed identity was meant to keep suburban women with the president, the midterm elections in 2018 showed it wasn’t working.

With that clear, she appeared to change her own behavior, becoming more comfortable publicly embracing what proximity to the leader of the free world had to offer: hobnobbing with foreign leaders during high-profile trips overseas, joining her father for a historic exchange with the North Korean dictator Kim Jong-un in the Demilitarized Zone. For many of those ventures, even Ms. Trump herself may have struggled to articulate why her presence was necessary, how her portfolio of women’s economic empowerment bore relevance. But she increasingly felt less obligated to try. (On that June day in Seoul, she told reporters that “women will play an enormous role” in ushering in “peace” for the peninsula.)

“She is certainly an unconventional first daughter,” said Douglas Brinkley, a presidential historian at Rice University. “She seems to have endless access to anything and everything that goes on in the White House — she’s actually serving in many ways as a second first lady. We’ve never had that before.”

On a policy front, despite early setbacks, Ms. Trump has notched victories such as increasing the child tax credit as part of the president’s tax cuts in 2017. She has also rallied many Republicans behind the goal of passing paid family leave legislation, a topic that before Mr. Trump’s tenure rarely gained momentum in G.O.P. circles.

But any strides she has made as a bipartisan convener have at times been overshadowed by her increasing willingness to enter the political fray, an arena she was once content to let the rest of her family, especially her brother Donald Trump Jr., navigate without her.

Earlier this year, she embarked on a more active role in her father’s re-election bid. She attended the Conservative Political Action Conference, an annual gathering of conservative activists, and went on to schedule multicity fund-raising swings, relishing in her ability, as she put it, to raise

“record-shattering” amounts for the campaign.

She now frequently uses her Twitter feed to defend her father, a stark contrast from the posed family photos and occasional policy thoughts she once shared. In October 2019, as the House moved forward with impeachment proceedings against her father, Ms. Trump shared a Thomas Jefferson quote about the “enemies and spies” among his political opposition. In July, she tweeted a photo of herself holding a can of Goya beans, praising the brand after its C.E.O.’s support for the president sparked calls for a boycott.

In introducing her father on Thursday, Ms. Trump sounded many of the same notes as she did in 2016, reassuring voters of the president’s commitment to helping working families, as well as her own dedication to women’s empowerment and the kitchen-table issues that transcend party lines.

This time, however, she left no doubt about the precise nature of her political identity, and to what extent it aligns with her father’s. As she officially announced earlier this year, Ms. Trump is now a “proud Trump Republican.”

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By Astead W. Herndon and Reid J. Epstein:

MILWAUKEE — In a year of canceled plans, with vacations, graduations and sports seasons upended by the coronavirus crisis, the stretch of downtown Milwaukee where Democrats were supposed to hold their nominating convention this week was quiet and sparsely populated — another reminder of a summer lost.

Instead of thousands of Democrats preparing to gather at the newly built Fiserv Forum, there was just one street blocked off this weekend near the smaller Wisconsin Center, which will host the last few parts of the Democratic National Convention that will still take place in this city. Hotels were closed, restaurants were empty and the bars of America's most beer-loving city were eerily barren.

"What convention?" said Michaela Jaggi, a 21-year-old who passed by the Wisconsin Center on Saturday afternoon.

She eventually remembered: Joseph R. Biden Jr. was supposed to accept the Democratic nomination for president here this week. And the Democratic Party, shamed for not adequately investing in Wisconsin during the 2016 election, was to showcase its commitment to an all-important Electoral College state.

That was before the virus crisis forced Democrats to transform their convention into a virtual event, in which none of the leading participants will actually appear from Milwaukee.

"I've spent all these months in my apartment," Ms. Jaggi said. "I guess it was cool they were coming here, but it's responsible they're not anymore."

Some realities have not changed: The convention, which begins Monday and ends with a speech from Mr. Biden on Thursday evening, marks the beginning of the formal general election between Mr. Biden and President Trump. Mr. Biden's running mate, Senator Kamala Harris of California, will have her largest audience yet, in a speech on Wednesday evening. A who's who of Democratic Party politics will also deliver addresses to the nation — including former President Barack Obama, former first lady Michelle Obama, Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont and Hillary and Bill Clinton.

Aside from the five major speeches from Mr. Biden, his wife, Jill Biden, Ms. Harris and the Obamas, the average length for remarks will be just two minutes, convention organizers said. Mr. Sanders will have an eight-minute time slot. He plans to speak live from Burlington, Vt., but will pre-record a version in case there are technical difficulties. Mr. Sanders and Ms. Obama are the headline speakers for the opening night.

For Americans watching at home or on their phones, the convention will offer a unique viewing experience — a combination of April's National Football League draft, which ping-ponged from city to city, the produced montages of "Saturday Night Live at Home" and a political telethon asking viewers to commit and donate to the Biden campaign.

But the virtual convention is also a reminder that this is an election season unlike any other. The country, the economy and the campaign trail have all been upended by the coronavirus pandemic, which has killed almost 170,000 Americans. It has also reshaped daily American life and, in the political world, voting priorities and access to the ballot box.

The social and economic damage is particularly clear in Milwaukee, where businesses and residents had poured millions into preparations for the city's most anticipated event in decades.

For a community that has long suffered from an inferiority complex, winning the convention over cities like Miami and Houston had served to lift Milwaukee's civic self-esteem. But now it is not hard to find local Democrats depressed about the lost chance to showcase their city for a national audience, and the vanished revenue that would have come from an influx of some 50,000 visitors.

Marc Dulberger, a local businessman who said he poured \$30,000 into different ventures in anticipation of the big event this summer, said the combined loss of revenue from professional sports leagues and the convention had been a personal financial disaster.

"No Brewers, no Bucks, no convention," Mr. Dulberger said. "It's the ghost convention now."

Mayor Tom Barrett of Milwaukee lamented the loss of an expected \$200 million in economic impact and said there was "huge disappointment" that the event was now virtual. Representative Gwen Moore, the longtime Milwaukee Democratic lawmaker, said the combination of the pandemic and the loss of the convention was a "double whammy."

When Representative Bennie Thompson of Mississippi, the convention's chairman, gavels in the convention on Monday night, it will represent the culmination of a gradual five-month downsizing, chopped from 24 hours over all to eight hours.

If all goes well, the convention will have the intrigue and excitement of a reality TV contest in which the viewers already know who won. But if things go wrong, technical glitches could make for a very long two hours for convention organizers.

"These last few months, every time I log into Zoom something goes wrong," Ms. Moore, the Milwaukee lawmaker, said.

The slimmed-down convention will be a mix of live and prerecorded speeches and highly produced visual elements.

There will be a montage featuring the 2020 Democratic presidential candidates, a 30-minute roll call of states (down from more than two hours) and — toughest of all for a political class that enjoys few things more than talking on camera — strict time limits.

Four of the five major speeches will be delivered live, while Ms. Obama has already recorded hers. Mrs. Clinton will address the convention live, her return to the national party she once led. Mr. Clinton's remarks will be on tape.

The shorter speeches are a consequence of not just the virtual constraints but also the lack of applause. And unlike a typical national political gathering where the action takes place at party breakfasts or in arena concourses, the entire Milwaukee event will be run entirely out of a control room inside the convention center.

"There will be a lot less news," said Elaine Kamarck, a D.N.C. member who serves as an unofficial party historian. "My immediate worry is that the productions each night of the convention are compelling enough to hold an audience."

The major broadcast networks plan to carry an hour of the convention live each night, from 10 p.m. to 11 p.m. on the East Coast. Cable news channels will show the two-hour proceedings in full. There will be an official livestream from the party and the event will also be available on news sites, social media sites and streaming services.

There will be no official business conducted in Milwaukee. The voting to nominate Mr. Biden and to approve the platform was conducted over

email and completed Saturday. The only dignitaries who will be on site in Milwaukee for the convention are the D.N.C. chairman, Tom Perez, and Wisconsin elected officials who will speak, including Ms. Moore, Mr. Barrett and Gov. Tony Evers. The most important people at the Wisconsin Center will be the control room operators.

The party's big donors, traditionally feted with luxury suites, will probably have the most atypical convention. They will be watching at home like everyone else, without their desired access to governors, senators and other top party officials.

Alex Lasry, who was finance chairman of the host committee that raised \$40 million and is the son of Marc Lasry, a co-owner of the Milwaukee Bucks, once expected 50,000 visitors. Now, he said, he'll watch the convention on one screen and the N.B.A. playoffs on another, as the Bucks begin a postseason run in Florida.

"I might go in on Thursday to watch from the control room," he said.

Mayor Barrett said the city expected to be reimbursed by the federal government for the more than \$20 million it had spent on convention-related security costs. The city's Police Department remains on high alert, Mr. Barrett said, for possible protesters outside the convention center, though it remains unclear why they would come without the national media spotlight in town.

With no delegates coming to Milwaukee, state parties have sought creative ways to engage supporters. In Boston, Democrats are building a pop-up drive-in movie theater to show the festivities at the former Suffolk Downs racetrack.

Jim Roosevelt, a convention attendee since 1960, said he had been asked by delegates over the summer how best to experience the convention.

"The first thing I recommend is that people watching at home act as if they are there," said Mr. Roosevelt, a D.N.C. member from Massachusetts. "Set aside the week as if you were there in Milwaukee and immerse yourself in the electronic participation."

In recent weeks, there has been an effort from Milwaukee's business and political leaders to convince the D.N.C. that the city should be given a do-over in 2024.

Gary Witt, who owns venues in downtown Milwaukee that would have hosted concerts and parties, began a campaign in April to rally the city around the idea of pressuring the party to come back.

"If the Democratic Party doesn't believe enough in the idea of bringing hope to a city and now needs it more than ever due to the pandemic, if they don't feel that's a good idea, maybe they'll do it because it can help them win Wisconsin in 2024," said Mr. Witt, who expected \$750,000 in revenue from convention-related events.

Mr. Perez said awarding the 2024 convention would be a question left either to Mr. Biden or, if Mr. Trump wins re-election, the next party chairman.

In an attempt to highlight the absence of Democrats, Mr. Trump and other Republicans are holding in-person events in Wisconsin this week — coronavirus be damned. Democrats are hoping voters will reward their caution, and do not conflate a desire to take the virus seriously with a disregard for Wisconsin voters.

As Karan Novak, 65, walked her dog in Milwaukee on Saturday afternoon, she lamented that Wisconsinites are again being bypassed by Democrats, like in 2016. But she also said the risk was too great, citing the outbreak of virus cases in Oklahoma after Mr. Trump's indoor rally in Tulsa.

“I don’t think they had another choice but to err on the side of caution,” Ms. Novak said, before focusing on a lost opportunity.

“My husband was a huge autograph seeker,” she said. “He had such big plans.”

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NYT: Jim Carrey Will Play Joe Biden on 'Saturday Night Live'

By Dave Itzkoff

Jim Carrey, the elastic actor and star of films like "The Mask," "Dumb and Dumber" and "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind," will be the latest performer to take on the role of former Vice President Joseph R. Biden Jr., the Democratic presidential nominee, at "Saturday Night Live."

NBC said on Wednesday that Carrey will play Biden on the coming 46th season of "S.N.L.," which begins on Oct. 3.

Carrey, who has hosted "S.N.L." several times over the years and rose to stardom on the Fox sketch show "In Living Color," will be the latest performer to impersonate Biden on "S.N.L."; the role has previously been played there by Jason Sudeikis, Woody Harrelson and John Mulaney.

Alec Baldwin, who has been playing President Trump for "S.N.L." since 2016, will be returning to that role.

Presumably there will be plenty of work for both of him and Carrey as "S.N.L." ramps up to cover the Presidential election season: NBC said that the show will broadcast five new episodes to start its season, from Oct. 3 through Oct. 31. No hosts or musical guests were immediately announced for these shows.

These will be the first live episodes that "S.N.L." will broadcast since the coronavirus shutdown in March. The show was forced to conclude last season with several remotely produced episodes.

NBC said in a news release that it expects to allow "a limited in-studio audience at Rockefeller Center" for these new broadcasts and said that "S.N.L." will "work closely" with the team of the governor of New York, Andrew M. Cuomo, in proceeding with this plan.

"S.N.L." said that it has added three new featured performers to its cast: Lauren Holt, a house performer from the Upright Citizens Brigade theater in Los Angeles; Punkie Johnson, who has appeared on shows like "Space Force" and "Corporate"; and Andrew Dismukes, who has worked as a staff writer on "S.N.L."

NBC also said that "S.N.L." would be working with comedy training programs at the PIT, Second City, the Groundlings and Upright Citizens Brigade to provide funding for "a scholarship program for students of diverse backgrounds to advance their comedy careers."

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By Matthew Goldstein and Katie Benner:

A former top federal prosecutor in Miami “exercised poor judgment” by allowing the disgraced financier Jeffrey Epstein to evade federal child trafficking charges more than a decade ago, a Justice Department review revealed on Thursday, but it found no other wrongdoing, prompting criticism that the department dodged responsibility for its light treatment of Mr. Epstein, who died last year of an apparent suicide after his arrest on similar charges.

The department’s Office of Professional Responsibility did not find any professional misconduct by R. Alexander Acosta, the U.S. attorney in Miami who oversaw the 2006 investigation into Mr. Epstein and who later served as labor secretary under President Trump until he resigned last year amid a renewed uproar over the Epstein case.

The review was an attempt to close the door on an embarrassing episode for the Justice Department that critics have said allowed Mr. Epstein to largely go unscrutinized in the face of years of allegations that he sexually abused dozens of teenage girls. It also permitted him to continue to socialize with politicians, celebrities, academics and Wall Street billionaires and reinvent himself as a philanthropist and tax and estate adviser to the ultrarich.

The decision by Mr. Acosta to pursue a nonprosecution agreement rather than federal charges “was a flawed mechanism for satisfying the federal interest that caused the government to open its investigation of Epstein,” according to a 13-page executive summary of the report. Mr. Acosta, the summary said, erred in giving too much deference to the interests of Florida prosecutors and “his view of the federal interest in prosecuting Epstein was too narrow.”

The nonprosecution agreement was part of a deal that culminated with Mr. Epstein pleading guilty in Florida to a single state charge of soliciting prostitution from a minor girl and registering as a sex offender. The terms of the federal agreement, which also safeguarded four named alleged co-conspirators from prosecution, were largely kept hidden for years from his victims.

While the Justice Department emphasized in its summary that it found no wrongdoing, it is clear from the full, nearly 350-page report that Mr. Epstein and his defense lawyers were in control of the negotiations from June 2007, when they first met with prosecutors to discuss the potential charges, until the investigation was resolved with a nonprosecution agreement.

The lead prosecutor on the case, Marie Villafaña, originally drafted an 82-page prosecution memorandum with 60 possible criminal counts of sexual misconduct and human trafficking. She and her colleagues used the document to plan out a possible indictment, narrower in scope, that would include only their strongest witnesses and allegations. By mid-May, they had come up with a set of charges that could result in 14 to nearly 18 years.

But Mr. Acosta told the Justice Department’s investigators that he believed Ms. Villafaña was in “over her skis,” and he privately discussed slowing down the case with her supervisors. They also met with Mr. Epstein’s defense lawyers at the end of June over Ms. Villafaña’s objections, opening the door to a relentless onslaught of criticism from Mr. Epstein’s lawyers, which eventually prompted one of Ms. Villafaña’s supervisor to review her work on the case.

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The report also faulted Mr. Acosta for not being sensitive to the feelings of Mr. Epstein's victims by not alerting them to the terms of the nonprosecution agreement and making sure they had adequate notice of Mr. Epstein's guilty plea to the state charge. The report said that omission "presented a glaring contrast with Acosta's responsiveness to the demands of Epstein's attorneys, which included the unusual courtesy of allowing them to preview and respond to (federal prosecutors') draft victim notifications."

The review had followed public outrage prompted by an investigative series in The Miami Herald that examined the events leading up to the nonprosecution agreement and the relatively light sentence Mr. Epstein received from state prosecutors in Florida as a part of the deal. A month after the Herald series, Senator Ben Sasse of Nebraska, who is chairman of the subcommittee with oversight of the federal judiciary, demanded a Justice Department investigation of Mr. Acosta's handling of the matter.

Mr. Sasse said the review's findings were inadequate. "The D.O.J.'s crooked deal with Epstein effectively shut down investigations into his child sex-trafficking ring and protected his co-conspirators in other states," he said in a statement.

Mr. Acosta defended his 2007 decision making during a news conference soon after Mr. Epstein's arrest in July 2019. But his explanation did not quell the furor, and two days after that news conference he resigned as labor secretary.

The report also seeks to rebut certain urban myths that have developed around Mr. Epstein, including whether he had received a light deal because he cooperated in an investigation involving a criminal case involving two former Bear Stearns hedge fund managers or was an "intelligence asset." The report said it "found no evidence suggesting that Epstein was such a cooperating witness or 'intelligence asset.'"

In a two-page statement issued by his lawyer, Gordon Todd, Mr. Acosta said the review largely vindicated him and "debunks allegations" that he and his office had "improperly cut Epstein a 'sweetheart deal' or purposefully avoided investigating potential wrongdoing by various prominent individuals."

Mr. Acosta also said in the statement, "The Epstein affair as understood today is vastly more lurid and sweeping than was known" and involves allegations against a number of prominent people as well as Mr. Epstein.

Before releasing the executive summary, Justice Department lawyers met in Miami with lawyers for some of the victims to discuss their findings. The government lawyers said full copies of the report would be provided to any member of Congress who asked for them.

Sigrid McCawley, a lawyer with Boies Schiller Flexner who represents several victims, called the review an "anemic accounting of what really happened." Spencer Kuvin, who represents some of the first accusers who complained to federal and state authorities about Mr. Epstein, said he was glad "the U.S. government is recognizing its own failures regarding its handling of this matter."

The furor over the handling of allegations of sexual abuse by Mr. Epstein led federal prosecutors in Manhattan to take a fresh look into the matter. The new investigation led to Mr. Epstein's arrest on sex-trafficking charges in July 2019.

But his death a month later prompted another round of public outcry, particularly from victims who would never be able to face him in a federal courtroom. Attorney General William P. Barr immediately announced internal investigations to determine how Mr. Epstein had died and said that the Manhattan federal prosecutor's office would continue to build a human trafficking case against some of Mr. Epstein's associates.

Coroner's reports and an investigation by the F.B.I. and the Justice Department's inspector general ultimately ruled Mr. Epstein's death a suicide,

Mr. Barr said last fall, adding that he personally reviewed security camera footage of Mr. Epstein's housing area that showed that no one had entered it on the night of his death.

The F.B.I. and inspector general investigations led to criminal indictments against two prison guards who were charged with conspiracy to defraud the United States and with making false records. While the guards have pleaded not guilty, the cases against them laid out the official narrative of the negligence that the government said allowed Mr. Epstein the privacy and isolation that he needed to commit suicide.

The Bureau of Prisons has also completed an investigation into the circumstances surrounding Mr. Epstein's death, but it is not expected to be made public.

This summer, the U.S. attorney's office in Manhattan arrested Ghislaine Maxwell, the daughter of a publishing magnate and a onetime confidant of Mr. Epstein, on charges that she lured underage girls and groomed them to be abused by Mr. Epstein.

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By Sydney Ember and Lisa Lerer:

The last time Kamala Harris stepped onto a debate stage, her Democratic primary campaign was sputtering to a close — running out of money, trailing badly in the polls and fading as a force on policy issues. She ranked sixth in speaking time at that November 2019 debate; she dropped out of the race two weeks later.

Now, as she prepares to face off against Vice President Mike Pence on Wednesday and to play a starring role in the upcoming Supreme Court confirmation hearings, Ms. Harris will be tested as a national leader and a voice of the party unlike ever before. It is a singular challenge for Ms. Harris, who arrived in Washington as a senator in 2017: Can she best her opponents and make the case for Democrats while walking the tightrope of unique expectations that American voters still have for women in power?

Ms. Harris, who is the first woman of color on a major party's national ticket, has tried to downplay expectations for herself in the vice-presidential debate, reflecting concerns quietly raised by some aides and allies that the standard for her success on Wednesday has grown impossible to meet.

"I'm so concerned," she said with a laugh at a fund-raiser last month. "I can only disappoint."

While President Trump spent months waging relentless attacks on former Vice President Joseph R. Biden Jr.'s mental acuity, lowering the bar for his opponent, Democrats have, by contrast, heralded Ms. Harris as a star prosecutor and talented debater, which carries its own set of risks.

Mr. Trump's coronavirus diagnosis has injected another element of unpredictability and amped up the pressure on Ms. Harris and Mr. Pence to reassure a jittery public that they can step in as president.

Before Mr. Trump was hospitalized last week, Ms. Harris's aides and advisers had wanted her to focus in particular on Mr. Pence's stewardship of the coronavirus task force, tying the United States' death toll directly to him. Campaign aides now say Ms. Harris plans to avoid personal attacks and commenting on the president's condition. They also pushed for stronger safety protocols in advance of the debate, including strict enforcement of mask-wearing and testing. Already, the two candidates will be 12 feet apart, an increase from the seven feet that was originally proposed, and they are expected to be separated by plexiglass.

Fiery exchanges have become a hallmark of Ms. Harris's political career, and many Democrats are gleefully anticipating that her experience as a district attorney and a California attorney general means she will have no trouble holding Mr. Trump and his allies to account.

Dan Newman, a former adviser to Ms. Harris who started a super PAC to support her primary bid, said his group had prepared an advertisement to run in Iowa that featured footage of the California senator speaking in hearings. The ad, which never ran because Ms. Harris ended her primary bid, showed her challenging Brett M. Kavanaugh, the Supreme Court justice; William P. Barr, the attorney general; and Jeff Sessions, the former attorney general.

"Those exchanges have been some of the most important moments in her ascendance as a national leader in the party," Mr. Newman said.

And one of the most pivotal moments of her presidential campaign was on a debate stage: She declared "that little girl was me" as she questioned Mr. Biden's opposition to busing. Even "Saturday Night Live" poked fun at Ms. Harris for her ability to craft a television-ready viral moment.

One challenge for her — but also for the many Democrats who are convinced they are about to see Ms. Harris administer a rhetorical thrashing to Mr. Pence — is not to approach the debate like a cross-examination.

“It’s not the same skills,” said Robert Barnett, a Washington lawyer who has helped prep several presidential and vice-presidential candidates for debates. “I feel she’ll be equally good at it, but I think, again, it’s a mistake to assume that, just because one is a good prosecutor or a good cross-examining senator, that necessarily translates into a one-on-one debate.”

During mock debate sessions — which Ms. Harris is using to calibrate her prosecutorial skills — Mr. Pence is being played by Pete Buttigieg, the former mayor of South Bend, Ind., and a onetime presidential candidate, according to people familiar with the preparations. Mr. Buttigieg was selected, they said, for his debating skills and knowledge of Mr. Pence’s record as governor in their shared home state, Indiana.

With so much at stake, aides and former advisers have for weeks tried to lower the bar by noting Ms. Harris’s uneven debate performances during the primaries and talking up Mr. Pence’s discipline as a debater and loyalty to the president.

“Pence is a professional communicator,” said Senator Tim Kaine of Virginia, who debated Mr. Pence four years ago as Hillary Clinton’s running mate. “He was a radio talk show host before he was in politics, so he can deliver a line.”

Current and former aides say Ms. Harris is a prodigious preparer who spends weeks studying briefing books, brushing up on policy and practicing lines. She organizes her points on hundreds of index cards, a study tool from her days in law school. Before primary debates, campaign staff members would reprint the cards at least once a day, former aides said, tweaking lines and clarifying policy.

As Mr. Biden did before his first debate with Mr. Trump, Ms. Harris has suggested she does not want to fact-check Mr. Pence in real time, hoping instead that the moderator, Susan Page, the Washington bureau chief for USA Today, fills some of that role.

“I don’t necessarily want to be the fact checker,” Ms. Harris told Mrs. Clinton last week during an interview on Mrs. Clinton’s new podcast. She also drew a contrast between preparing for the vice-presidential debate and the primary debates. During those events, lined up next to other Democrats, she told Mrs. Clinton, “it was mostly about speaking up about my position on various issues as compared to my colleagues on the stage.”

This time, she said, she has been particularly focused on mastering Mr. Biden’s policies, which at times have diverged from her own, as well as Mr. Pence’s and Mr. Trump’s to perfect her lines of attack. Her preparations have been overseen by Karen Dunn, a lawyer who helped lead debate prep for Mrs. Clinton and former President Barack Obama.

For all Ms. Harris’s meticulous work, her team is deeply cognizant of the unique challenges facing her as the first Black woman ever to win a place on a presidential ticket. While many Democrats view Ms. Harris as a barrier-breaking hero, Fox News hosts and conservative media outlets have mounted racist and sexist assaults on her reputation, painting her as a radical leftist.

Research has found that it is much harder for female candidates to be rated as “likable” than men — and that they are disproportionately punished for traits voters accept in male politicians, including ambition and aggression. At the same time, voters view their credentials more skeptically and question their toughness, a precarious situation that is so universal for women seeking leadership roles that it is known as the “double bind.”

Mrs. Clinton, the last female nominee on a major party ticket, has spoken with Ms. Harris about the unique attacks that the vice-presidential nominee is likely to face because of her race and gender.

“What Mike Pence will try to do is somehow subtly undercut Kamala,” Mrs. Clinton said at a fund-raiser with Ms. Harris last month. “She has to modulate her responses because we know there still is a double standard alive and well when it comes to women in politics.”

At the same time, the campaign views Ms. Harris, the daughter of immigrant academics from India and Jamaica, as a valuable asset when it comes to wooing voters of color. Since Mr. Biden named her as his running mate in August, many of her campaign events have targeted Black and Latino voters — both critical voting blocs for Democrats — in cities with large nonwhite populations, including Detroit, Raleigh, N.C., and Las Vegas.

“She’s really speaking to, and represents, millions of us,” said Aimee Allison, the founder of She the People, a national network that advocates on behalf of women of color in politics. “She’s speaking directly to the voters who will put the Biden-Harris ticket over the top.”

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By C. J. Hughes:

The long lists of shows displayed on streaming sites, which seem to grow exponentially by the day, serve to tell you what's on. But in New York City, they also might reveal a bit about the future of your block.

Many of the studios that produced the television series, which have turned New York into a small-screen production hub, are now planning to open new facilities or expand what's already here, some in parts of the city that have been unfamiliar with such large-scale investment.

Fueled by a pandemic-era demand for stay-at-home entertainment, and generous tax breaks, the studios are targeting a range of locations in Queens and Brooklyn, including historic red brick enclaves, working-class sections of the waterfront, and industrial precincts known not for celebrities, but concrete plants.

These areas may not look the same for long. Previous developments of soundstages, as these facilities are known because they are designed to be soundproof, have had transformative effects. The creation of Silvercup Studios in a former bread factory in Long Island City in the 1980s, for example, helped turn that part of Queens into a trendy destination.

Some residents seem ready for their neighborhood's star turn.

"It's exciting," said Vanessa Pacini, a 17-year resident of East Williamsburg, Brooklyn, a gritty industrial stretch where Netflix is planning a new home.

"People don't really walk in this area. I would like to see more foot traffic," said Ms. Pacini, who co-owns a local restaurant called Ange Noir Café. "But they have to keep the vibe."

Low-slung, windowless and nondescript, many soundstages seem happy to strike a low-key profile. Indeed, Broadway Stages, which has several addresses in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, doesn't offer much in the way of signage. On a recent afternoon, a notice taped to a wall at one location about the show "Billions" was one of the only indications of what transpires there.

But other soundstages are more overt about their role as place-maker, like the century-old Kaufman Astoria Studios in Queens, which was run for more than three decades, starting in the early 1980s, by George S. Kaufman, a member of a prominent real-estate family.

Originally owned by Paramount, which produced feature films including two starring the Marx Brothers in 1929 and 1930, the company sold the property in 1942 to the U.S. Army, which used it for decades to create propaganda and training films. Jack Lemmon was a star. Years later, at the same address, Lemmon would shoot "Glengarry Glen Ross."

After renovating the soundstages, whose main building, a column-fronted landmark on 35th Avenue, dates to 1921, Mr. Kaufman took steps to revitalize the surrounding community, which today has schools, restaurants and apartments that would not have otherwise existed, said Hal G. Rosenbluth, the studio's chief executive.

Series filmed at Kaufman Astoria, which has what is believed to be the only private outdoor stage, or backlot, on the East Coast, include "Sesame Street," "Flight Attendant" (HBO Max) and "Dickinson" (Apple TV+).

“George would always say, ‘Once you invest in the community, you help yourself by helping others.’ It sounds like a p.r. kind of thing, but it really is a true statement,” Mr. Rosenbluth said.

More recently, in 2016, Kaufman Astoria, with Procida Companies, codeveloped the Marx, a 33-unit condo on 35th Street, where a two-bedroom unit with two baths was for sale last month for \$995,000.

But the studio is also trying to meet the fresh demand for streaming video. This year, it cut the ribbon on two new soundstages, built on a former parking lot. Above them sit three floors of offices, which are open to nonfilm tenants. About 15,000 of the 65,000 square feet have leased so far.

Its next project, for which Kaufman Astoria has partnered with Silverstein Properties, is more ambitious. They hope to redevelop a five-block stretch south of 35th Avenue into Innovation QNS, a mixed-use district with parks, shops and 2,700 apartments. But the city would first need to rezone the area to allow for taller buildings, which could meet resistance.

Still, some who have peeked at the plans seem enthused. “It would be mind-blowing,” said Greg Kyroglou, 44, a resident of Astoria who grew up in the neighborhood and remembers when the area around Kaufman Astoria was bleak. “The studio has been a great asset,” said Mr. Kyroglou, now a real estate agent with the firm Modern Spaces.

While Kaufman Astoria may sit in an established neighborhood, most soundstages exist on the fringes, on streets that don’t see crowds, meaning the sites can feel like they’re backstage from the city itself.

Two new facilities are planned for just such a stretch, along 19th Avenue in Ditmars Steinway, Queens, which offers scrap metal yards, roofing-contractor shops and the entrance to Rikers Island. The first, an 11-stage version from a group that includes Robert De Niro, the actor, director and entrepreneur, will rise on a windswept parcel between the Steinway and Sons piano factory and a skinny creek. Developers, who paid \$72 million for the site last winter, hope to break ground in a few months.

The other facility will rise inside a factory once occupied by an Asian food wholesaler known for its egg rolls. The studio, at 45th Street, will be operated by Broadway Stages, which bought it for \$8.4 million in 2015 and plans to enlarge the property and add higher ceilings, city records show.

Broadway Stages, which began life in 1983 making MTV videos for musicians like Billy Idol, today offers 60 soundstages at 30 addresses, mostly in Brooklyn and Queens. But on Staten Island, it owns the former Arthur Kill Correctional Facility, a 67-acre former prison whose razor-wired yards have played host to “Orange Is the New Black,” “The Blacklist” and “Bull.”

The Industrial Age is also giving way to the Information Age in the area where East Williamsburg borders Bushwick, at Netflix’s site, which is where a printing plant once stood by railroad tracks on Johnson Avenue. Netflix, one of the top creators of original programming, which includes “Orange Is the New Black,” “Stranger Things” and “Emily in Paris,” intends to have six soundstages there.

Netflix plans to rent these new soundstages from Steel Equities, a Long Island developer, which bought the elongated site in January 2019 for \$53 million, according to city records. Last month, Steel also purchased another site, at Johnson and Bogart Street, for \$20 million, records show, prompting speculation about further expansion.

“As long as they don’t build tall towers and tear down all the old buildings, it will be fine,” Ms. Pacini said. “We don’t want to look like Williamsburg.”

But light technicians, grips and actors won't be the first to gentrify the area, where cement mixers continue to queue at concrete plants. Besides frequenting Ms. Pacini's café, young stylish types already hang at restaurants like Rebel Café and Garden, which serves "disco fries" and grilled cheese (\$15) in a plant-lined yard.

In Sunset Park, a large parking lot — complete with a Hollywood-style backlot archway — will be a selling point of a new eight-stage studio incorporating two existing brick warehouses that is planned by Steiner Studios, whose other complex, a 30-stage version at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, arrived in 2004.

At soundstages, most of the action takes place indoors. But directors occasionally capitalize on local scenery, and the Sunset Park address, amid the ruins of a former shipping district that has stunning waterfront views, is hard to beat, said Doug Steiner, the studio's chairman.

Nicknamed Steiner Sequel, cameras aren't expected to roll on these soundstages until 2024. After a two-year competitive process, the city awarded Mr. Steiner the 14-acre site under a 99-year lease in October. And Mr. Steiner, who has also made a name for himself as a developer of condos and rentals, is now talking to lenders for the \$350 million project. As part of the deal, Steiner must complete the construction of next-door Bush Terminal Park, which now has a few sports fields, and build a playground there.

As Mr. Steiner sees it, some industries, even white-collar ones, are fading in New York, which means content creation for screens large and small is necessary. "It's really critical to the future," he said.

New York's 1.5 million square feet of soundstages ranks it third in the country, after California, with 5.5 million and Georgia with 1.8 million, according to an October report from CBRE, the commercial real estate firm.

And employment in overall entertainment jobs has increased by 16 percent in New York since 2010, to 358,120, a rise many analysts attribute to soundstage growth, according to CBRE. Soundstage owners report being near full capacity. Steiner Studios' occupancy level is about 95 percent.

Of course, coronavirus has taken a toll. New York productions were paused from March to mid-July, and soundstages are now operating at only 50 percent capacity under state pandemic rules. But quarantine, at least in the short term, seems to have had some benefits. Video-streaming has surged in popularity, up 74 percent nationally in the past year, CBRE said. And a quarter of all TV-watching involves streams.

Soundstage owners say the industry would be doomed without the hefty public subsidies provided by the state.

"Virtually all" of Steiner's clients, for instance, avail themselves of tax breaks, which allow 30 percent of the cost of a large part of a production to be credited back. It's the most generous package in the country. California and Louisiana, tied for second, offer 25 percent. "I lose sleep regularly over the thought of what would happen if they were to go away," Mr. Steiner said.

Season two of HBO'S "The Deuce," which was partly filmed at Queens's Silvercup Studios, for example, benefited from a \$21 million credit in the third quarter of 2019, according to state figures.

Created in 2004 and set to expire in 2022, the breaks have so far created a tremendous amount of wealth, officials say. Since their introduction, the state has awarded nearly \$8 billion in incentives to 2,200 movies and shows, most of which have been shot in the city. Those productions spent \$40 billion and hired millions of workers, according to a spokeswoman for Empire State Development agency, and naturally pay some taxes, too.

But echoing the opponents of the deal to bring Amazon to Queens in exchange for \$3 billion in breaks, critics call the film incentives a waste of public money because they believe the moviemakers would come to New York anyway.

“Saturday Night Live,” for example, has collected up to \$15 million a year, according to the Citizens Budget Commission, a watchdog group, but is unlikely to ever leave its New York base. The comedy show occasionally shoots at Kaufman Astoria Studios.

And with New York already facing a budget hole of billions of dollars, the “film tax credit is a very expensive incentive to provide at a time when New York state is withholding payments to school districts, nonprofits and others,” the group said.

If the method for luring movies is controversial (along with allowing shoots to disrupt streets and sidewalks), the result still seems to offer some benefits for communities.

“If it wasn’t for the studio, I don’t know where we would be today,” said Caroline Bell, a co-owner of Cafe Grumpy, a national chain of coffee shops whose pioneering location, in Greenpoint, is across from a Broadway Stages location.

In the cafe’s first year of business, in 2005, on otherwise sleepy days, large orders of “75 coffee drinks” would pour in from soundstage crews, Ms. Bell said. And actors would occasionally drop in, like Andrew McCarthy, who once popped back behind the bar to help. “That was exciting,” she said.

Similarly, Kingbridge Cleaners and Tailors, based inside the Brooklyn Navy Yard, has dry-cleaned Victorian suits worn by actors in “Boardwalk Empire,” which was filmed at nearby Steiner. Costumes from “The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel,” another Steiner production, were also scrubbed, said Richard Aviles, a co-owner of the shop, who said the studio accounted for 20 percent of his business pre-Covid.

“It’s a very cool feeling to see costumes on TV that you’ve cleaned,” Mr. Aviles said. “Sometimes I watch them spill something on a dress, and think, I can’t believe we got that out.”

The upsides may also be less direct, like in Port Morris, in the Bronx, a rough-edged industrial neighborhood where in 2016 Silvercup opened a 115,000-square-foot soundstage facility in a former lighting warehouse. The towering complex, at Locust Avenue and East 139th Street, sits by a depot for oil trucks and a boarded-up rowhouse.

But some developers believe show-business-related businesses will eventually follow. At 825 East 141st Street, in the shadow of the Bruckner Expressway, a development team that includes the Altmark Group is converting a former baking factory for the A. & P. supermarket chain into offices.

The eight-story charcoal-toned building, called Union Crossing, has been slow to lease because of Covid, said Ellen Israel, an agent with JRT Realty Group, which is marketing it. But Ms. Israel envisions companies involved in scenery and lighting as tenants. Asking rents are about \$25 per square foot a year.

“Silvercup is a known entity, and if you are doing business with them, you don’t want to be too far away,” she said. “We’re trying to create a vibe.”

In the end, there might be no surer sign of growth potential than the increasing interest from traditional real estate circles.

This fall, Square Mile Capital Management, a New York firm that previously had invested in offices and apartment buildings, and Hackman Capital Partners, a Los Angeles company with office properties, snapped up Silvercup for \$369.3 million. And the deal is one of several recently for the team that involves film facilities, including California’s historic Culver Studios.

For its part, Silvercup, whose rooftop sign is visible from Manhattan, has had a string of successes since opening in 1983, including “Sex and the City,” “The Sopranos” and “Succession.”

“I think it’s pretty clear that something is going on with streaming video, perhaps accelerated by the impacts of Covid, but probably because of a change in consumer behavior,” said Craig Solomon, Square Mile’s chief executive.

And additional soundstages may be only part of the calculation. Mr. Solomon would not rule out adding apartments or office buildings at or near Silvercup, which in addition to its main location near the Ed Koch-Queensborough Bridge and its Bronx soundstage, has others in an industrial zone near Calvary Cemetery in Sunnyside.

“It’s natural to want to continue to grow and benefit from the placemaking aspects of these properties,” Mr. Solomon said. “At the end of the day, it’s the business we are in.”

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By Anita Gates and Katharine Q. Seelye:

Linda Tripp, the former White House and Pentagon employee whose secret audiotapes of Monica Lewinsky led to the impeachment of President Bill Clinton in 1998, died on Wednesday. She was 70.

Joseph Murtha, a former lawyer for Ms. Tripp, confirmed the death. No other details were given.

When Ms. Lewinsky completed her testimony about the scandal, she was asked if she had any final comments. According to CNN, she answered, "I hate Linda Tripp."

Ms. Tripp always contended that she had revealed Ms. Lewinsky's private confession of a sexual relationship with Mr. Clinton out of "patriotic duty." She had worked in the White House under President George H.W. Bush and stayed on to work briefly in the Clinton administration. She was transferred to the Pentagon and its public affairs office.

Ms. Lewinsky, who had been a White House intern, was transferred there, too, in 1996, and the women, despite a 24-year age difference, became friends.

When Ms. Lewinsky confided in Ms. Tripp that she had had a physical relationship with the president, Ms. Tripp got in touch with Lucianne Goldberg, a literary agent who had once reached out to her for information on Vincent Foster, the White House lawyer who committed suicide in 1993.

More recently, Ms. Tripp had been working on a book proposal tentatively titled "Behind Closed Doors: What I Saw Inside the Clinton White House." Now she had a hook.

Ms. Goldberg suggested, among other things, that Ms. Tripp tape her telephone conversations with Ms. Lewinsky. That was legal in the District of Columbia and in 39 states, but not in Maryland, where Ms. Tripp was living.

More than 20 hours of audiotapes were turned over to Kenneth Starr, the independent prosecutor handling the Clinton investigation.

After four years and \$30 million, Mr. Starr's investigation had stalled, lost in stale allegations involving the Whitewater land deal in which the Clintons had lost money. Ms. Tripp's tapes suddenly provided a fresh, rich avenue for exploration, galvanizing the investigation almost overnight as they carried the potential to bring down the president.

The tapes revealed a complicated relationship between Ms. Tripp and Ms. Lewinsky. Ms. Lewinsky seemed grateful to be able to confide in the older woman, talking with her regularly and for hours at a time about everything from their diets and exercise routines to Ms. Lewinsky's secret romance with the president — all while Ms. Tripp was milking her young friend for incriminating information against him.

They laughed together and cried. They both ate while on the phone. At one point, Ms. Lewinsky asked Ms. Tripp to help her proofread a love letter she had written to Mr. Clinton.

“Handsome, you have been distant the past few months and have shut me out,” Ms. Lewinsky read. “I don’t know why. Is it that you don’t like me anymore, or are you scared?”

Ms. Tripp assured her that Mr. Clinton would call, prompting Ms. Lewinsky to say, “Linda, if I ever wanna have an affair with a married man again, especially the president, please shoot me.”

At another point, Ms. Lewinsky confided that after she had apparently had phone sex with Mr. Clinton, she told him that she loved him — and called him “butthead” at the same time.

During another of their long phone calls, Ms. Tripp, fully aware of her betrayal, predicted the demise of their friendship.

“I feel like I’m sticking a knife in your back,” Ms. Tripp told Ms. Lewinsky on Dec. 22, 1997, during a conversation that ran 68 pages when it was transcribed. “And I know at the end of this, if I have to go forward, you will never speak to me again.”

Ms. Tripp was later given immunity from wiretapping charges in exchange for her testimony.

She was soon a figure of ridicule, being played by John Goodman in “Saturday Night Live” sketches.

While Ms. Tripp had been central to Mr. Starr’s case against Mr. Clinton, the conservatives and Clinton-haters who once hailed her did little to try to protect her. The gibes about her were so cruel that she more or less gave up on her own defense.

She held only one news conference.

“I am you,” she said as she emerged from testifying before Mr. Starr’s grand jury. “I’m an average American who found herself in a situation not of her own making.”

Linda Rose Carotenuto was born on Nov. 24, 1949, in Jersey City, N.J. Her father, Albert Carotenuto, was a high school math and science teacher who met his wife, Inge, when he was an American soldier stationed in her native Germany. The Carotenutos divorced in 1968 after Ms. Tripp’s mother learned that her husband was having an affair with a fellow teacher.

Ms. Tripp graduated from high school in East Hanover, N.J., and went to work as a secretary in Army Intelligence at Fort Meade, Md. In 1971 she married Bruce Tripp, a military officer. In a 2003 interview, she described herself as “a suburban mom who was a military wife for 20 years.” The couple divorced in 1990.

Ms. Tripp married Dieter Rausch, a German architect, in 2004. In later years she worked with him in his family’s retail store, the Christmas Sleigh, in Middleburg, Va., a Washington suburb.

In addition to Mr. Rausch, her survivors include a son, Ryan Tripp, and a daughter, Allison Tripp Foley.

Ms. Tripp was dismissed by the Pentagon in January 2001, on the last day of the Clinton administration. She later sued the Justice and Defense Departments for having released her security and employment files to the news media. She was awarded a settlement of almost \$600,000, plus back pay for three years.

On Twitter earlier on Wednesday, as reports circulated that Ms. Tripp was critically ill, Ms. Lewinsky wrote: “no matter the past, upon hearing that linda tripp is very seriously ill, i hope for her recovery. i can’t imagine how difficult this is for her family.”

Later in the day, Ms. Goldberg said of Ms. Tripp: “She was very brave, and they put her through an awful lot, and she held her ground. I was happy to be a part of her life. It wasn’t a lot of fun but I got the fun part and she got the headaches.”

Ms. Goldberg said she had once asked Ms. Tripp why she was doing what she was doing.

“It was fury at what she saw going on, and she couldn’t do anything about it,” Ms. Goldberg said. “She knew about it, and she couldn’t live with it, and she was very fond of Monica. She honestly thought that she was saving Monica’s life.”

The Lewinsky story has continued to fascinate Americans. The FX series “American Crime Story” plans to devote its third season, beginning in September, to the scandal. Sarah Paulson is scheduled to portray Ms. Tripp.

In a 2003 television interview on CNN’s “Larry King Live,” Ms. Tripp said: “Actions speak louder than words. My actions over the last five years should be pretty clear evidence that this was not about self-enrichment, political gain, partisan interest. It was about good government.”

As for posterity and the view that she was the betrayer and Mr. Clinton and Ms. Lewinsky the victims, she said, “I think history will see things through a prism that will make it easier to understand that it wasn’t black and white.”

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By Michael Kimmelman:

The \$1.6 billion Moynihan Train Hall opened at dawn on New Year's morning — on budget, too, even a couple of months early. Instagram swooned. Tweeters channeled Stefon from "Saturday Night Live."

In the midst of everything else, we needed this. New York needs this.

No, the huge, lofty train hall, with its soaring skylights, doesn't magically resurrect the old Pennsylvania Station or extinguish the raging dumpster fire that is the current one. It leaves all sorts of herculean challenges and tasks around Penn Station unresolved. But it delivers on its promise, giving the city the uplifting gateway it deserves. When was the last time you could say something like that about a public works project?

We'll get to what Moynihan doesn't do. First: It converts what used to be a mail-sorting hall inside the James A. Farley Building, formerly the General Post Office, across Eighth Avenue from Penn Station. If you can't picture it, Farley is that Beaux-Arts behemoth with the imperial staircase and Corinthian columns, occupying the entirety of the superblock between Eighth and Ninth Avenues and 31st and 33rd Streets.

The building was built during the early 1910s as an architectural bookend to McKim, Mead & White's gloried station. This was a time when post offices and train stations were conceived to be palaces for the people — and when mail was transported by rail. Farley (this is a crucial point) sits over the end of several tracks that serve Penn.

The slightly Rube Goldbergian idea of repurposing it as a train hall was first floated nearly 30 years ago by Daniel Patrick Moynihan, the United States Senator from New York and the most architecturally engaged and sophisticated public official since Thomas Jefferson. He understood the historic station was a kind of civic barometer. An era had come tumbling down along with the soot-stained travertine walls and Doric columns when wrecking crews razed the original site in 1963. By the '60s, Gilded Age optimism and New York's leaping ambition at the start of the century had succumbed to a mean, cramped vision of the city and its prospects, which the new subterranean Penn Station exactly embodied.

Senator Moynihan wondered whether Farley's mail-sorting facility, with its access to railway platforms under Eighth Avenue, was a potential restorative for lost glory that kept things, architecturally speaking, in the family. This being a big, complicated infrastructural proposal, years passed and various attempts to make something happen foundered. Finally in 2016, Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo got it done: He promised the train hall would be built and showed renderings by the architecture firm Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, which had been working on various conversion schemes since the '90s.

You may have glimpsed Farley's mail sorting room in "Miracle on 34th Street." It was a prosaic, not obviously promising thrum and mess of machinery and columns. A skylight had been covered over during World War II. A dropped ceiling hid steel trusses from which security guards kept their eyes on postal employees.

The transformation now is stunning. Full credit to the governor for bringing all the key players together. Michael Evans deserves a special shout out. He was president of the Moynihan Station Development Corporation and died, at the age of 40, in March. Mr. Evans, the team at Skidmore, Owings & Merrill and the engineering firm Schlaich Bergermann have gifted the city with a new light-filled steel, glass and Tennessee marble cathedral, nearly the size of Grand Central Terminal's main hall.

Those trusses, exposed and painted gray as is much of the hall, support catenary skylights, like inverted nets or inflated glass balloons, aerial feats of sculptural engineering and parametric design. Norman Foster's Great Court at the British Museum comes to mind (Moynihan's grid shells are actually finer), as do classic 19th century European railway sheds and of course the concourse from Charles McKim's original Penn Station.

But Moynihan doesn't pretend to exhume the concourse or compete with Grand Central. The marble recalls the stone quarried for Grand Central. Arched windows allude to the Baths of Caracalla, one of McKim's inspirations. And as in McKim's station, a clock dangles above the middle of the train hall, begging to be met under. The architect Peter Pennoyer won a competition to design it. He riffs on Farley's industrial pedigree along with Ralph T. Walker and Ely Jacques Kahn to concoct a nostalgic, Art Deco confection. I like it.

That said, the architecture is modern, sober and solid. The layout is the opposite of the current Penn Station — clear, intuitive, axial, with loads of electronic signage and wayfinding kiosks. We'll see how it functions once retail settles in. The original station, let's remember, was built by and belonged to a private, for-profit company. Moynihan, like so many public projects today, depends on retail and commercial development. Facebook recently leased 730,000 square feet in the west end of Farley. Skeptics had expressed fears that the new train hall would be just another publicly subsidized shopping mall masquerading as a railway station like the \$4 billion Oculus at the World Trade Center. (I can't think of a recent project that did more to squander public faith or sour New Yorkers on the value of architecture.)

I was worried, myself.

But Moynihan isn't a shopping mall, at least it doesn't look that way to me. The main hall seems clearly organized around passenger services and amenities. The Rockwell Group designed for it an attractive 320-seat waiting room with snaking walnut banquettes. I suspect there will be a call for even more seating, post-pandemic. The concourse is a place where people might just want to hang out. Public bathrooms are exceptionally nice. The Public Art Fund has contributed first-rate art installations by Kehinde Wiley, Elmgreen & Dragset and Stan Douglas. A midblock corridor, where mail trucks used to disgorge cargo, now leads to Amtrak's almost comically handsome Acela lounge on a mezzanine overlooking the train hall, by FXCollaborative.

As for circulation and access, an escalator and corridor tie the train hall to Ninth Avenue along what would be West 32nd Street. The metamorphosis of the neighborhood to the west of Moynihan into Singapore on the Hudson, with its rash of new office and high-priced apartment towers, including the architectural petting zoo called Hudson Yards, provided a demographic rationale for the train hall.

West Side development, even looking ahead several decades, is in fact not likely to account for more than a fraction of Penn's ridership. Like a luxury box in a stadium, Moynihan was built essentially to benefit a privileged few.

What Penn still needs are more tracks and platforms and new tunnels under the Hudson River — a project called Gateway, which, fingers crossed, might at last get funded with an Amtrak fanboy in the White House. The economy of the Eastern Seaboard depends on it, and on increasing Penn Station's capacity. Before the pandemic, some 650,000 people a day used the station, triple the number it was built to handle. As many as one million or more may want to use it in the coming years, especially assuming Penn Station Access brings all of the city's major commuter railways, including Metro-North, into the station. This requires that a whole new facility, Penn South, be built south of the existing one, between Seventh and Eighth Avenues, to link with Gateway's tunnels and create new tracks to serve New Jersey Transit riders, whose misery Moynihan does next to nothing to relieve.

This is because Farley squats over the westernmost ends of tracks used by Amtrak and Long Island Railroad but over tracks that only partly serve New Jersey Transit. Moynihan is a spectacular train hall for Amtrak, providing additional access to Long Island Railroad platforms.

But Amtrak accounts for some 30,000 passengers a day. Five percent of Penn Station's (pre-Covid-19) ridership.

I still believe the hall is a useful step. Symbols matter, after all, as the original Penn Station proves. The millions of commuters who suffer the present station know that its problems aren't just aesthetic. They involve public health, public safety, environmental justice and the city's economy, which in no small measure will only recover if commuters in places like Floral Park, Hempstead and Trenton want to return to offices in Hudson Yards, Midtown and Brooklyn after the pandemic. Moynihan provides a welcoming new front door and doubles down on the future of train travel. It sends a message. And we shouldn't underestimate the hunger and political momentum it can generate for further improvements.

Momentum is our collective challenge. We have become a city of naysayers and obstructionists. But historically, New York has battled back after recessions and calamities by dreaming big. The success of Moynihan must accelerate a campaign that includes Penn South, a renovated Penn Station, Gateway — all of it part of a neighborhood plan that rationalizes forthcoming development, adds bike access and prioritizes public spaces, street life and pedestrians. Governor Cuomo has said he intends to follow through. On Sunday he proposed a \$60 million plan for walking paths that would link Moynihan to an extension of the High Line and Hudson River Park.

Talk is talk, obviously. Moynihan is something else. It's proof of concept. Last week representatives for Manhattan Community Board 5, which oversees the neighborhood, agreed to consider a proposal by PAU Studio, an architectural and urban design firm, that would move Madison Square Garden across Seventh Avenue, freeing Pennsylvania Station from its entombment.

An intriguing, less costly and far likelier idea just now making the rounds involves persuading (a presently recalcitrant) Amtrak to relinquish its mezzanine space in Penn, since it has Moynihan. Demolishing that mezzanine could make it possible to raise the low ceiling now squashing the rest of the station into a subbasement, giving millions some relief.

Getting Amtrak (much less Madison Square Garden) to go along with either plan is another matter. Penn Station has been notoriously impossible to fix because it is the perfect storm of siloed interests, private properties, entrenched bureaucracies and conflicting jurisdictions.

London may provide a useful example here. King's Cross and St. Pancras are neighboring but separate railway stations in the city's King's Cross district. One station serves commuters and points north, the other European travelers as well. For generations, the area was poor, run-down and crime-ridden. Its problems seemed intractable. Then the stations were redone and the neighborhood redeveloped. The process was costly and took many years. But now the district is one of Europe's great success stories, a thriving hub, critical to England's economy and future.

Change can happen. Moynihan is a start.

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By Sarah Bahr and Sean Piccoli:

Although most indoor live performances have been banned in New York since the coronavirus began its deadly spread in March, about a dozen people turned up Wednesday night at Birdland, the jazz club near Times Square, for a 7 p.m. performance that was billed as dinner with live jazz. They had reservations.

Among them was Tricia Tait, 63, of Manhattan, who came for the band, led by the tuba player David Ostwald, which plays the music of Louis Armstrong. Until the pandemic hit, it had performed on most Wednesdays at Birdland. She admitted to health worries "in the back of my mind," but said, "Sometimes you just have to take a chance and enjoy things."

Birdland, and a number of other noted jazz clubs and piano bars across the city, were quietly offering live performances again, arguing that the performers were playing "incidental" music for diners, and that the music was therefore permitted by the pandemic-era guidelines set by the State Liquor Authority. But the shows will not last long: Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo said Friday that he would close all indoor dining in New York City beginning Monday, citing troubling signs of the virus's spread.

"We're going to close," Ryan Paternite, the director of programming and media at Birdland, said after the announcement. "We're not going to flout the law."

That the performances had been taking place at all was perhaps surprising, given that the number of daily new coronavirus cases in New York City has been climbing to levels not seen since April, in-person learning has been suspended at public middle schools and high schools, and most other indoor shows were banned.

But the clubs argued that they were following guidelines from the liquor authority, which state that "only incidental music is permissible at this time" and that "advertised and/or ticketed shows are not permissible." The guidelines continue: "Music should be incidental to the dining experience and not the draw itself."

That was enough for a number of New York venues that are better known for their performances than their cuisine — including Birdland, the Blue Note and Marie's Crisis Cafe, a West Village piano bar that reopened Monday with a show tune singalong after declaring itself a dining establishment — to begin offering live music again.

"We think it's incidental," Mr. Paternite said of its calendar of performances that included a brass band and a jazz quartet. "It's background music. That's the rule."

The state rules have been challenged in court. After Michael Hund, a Buffalo guitarist, filed a lawsuit in August challenging them, a judge in the U.S. District Court in the Western District of New York issued a preliminary injunction last month preventing the state from enforcing its ban on advertised and ticketed shows. "The incidental-music rule prohibits one kind of live music and permits another," the judge, John L. Sinatra Jr., wrote in his Nov. 13 decision. "This distinction is arbitrary."

"The science is clear that mass gatherings can easily turn into superspreader events, and it is unconscionable that businesses would attempt to undermine proven public health rules like this as infections, hospitalizations and deaths continue to rise," William Crowley, a spokesman for the liquor authority, said Thursday. He noted that a federal judge in New York City had ruled in another case that the restrictions were constitutional. He said that the state would "continue to vigorously defend our ability to fight this pandemic whenever it is challenged."

But it is far from clear what, exactly, “incidental” music means. Does that mean a guitar player in the corner? A six-person jazz band like the one that played at Birdland on Wednesday night? The Harlem Gospel Choir, which had been set to perform at the Blue Note on Christmas Day? Mr. Crowley did not respond to questions seeking further clarity on Thursday, or about what enforcement actions the state has taken.

Robert Bookman, a lawyer who represents a number of New York’s live music venues, said venues interpreted the ruling as allowing them to advertise and sell tickets for incidental music performances during dinner.

So venues had been choosing their words carefully. They were taking dinner reservations, and are announcing calendars of lineups for what Mr. Paternite, of Birdland, characterizes as “background music during dinner.” Unlike Mac’s Public House, the Staten Island bar that declared itself an autonomous zone and was recently lampooned on “Saturday Night Live,” they have no interest in openly flouting regulations.

Mr. Paternite said that Birdland, after laying off nearly all of its 60 employees in March, came back with what he called a “skeleton staff” of about 10 people.

“It’s a huge risk for us to be open,” he said. “And it only brings in a pittance. But it helps us out in our agreement with our landlord, because to pay our rent over time and stay current on our utilities and taxes, we need to stay open. But we’re losing massive amounts every day.”

Mr. Cuomo, in announcing the pending closure of indoor dining, called for federal aid to help bars and restaurants survive, and for a moratorium on commercial evictions.

If venues are unable to reopen now, Mr. Paternite fears, they may never do so. The Jazz Standard, a beloved 130-seat club on East 27th Street in Manhattan, announced last week that it would close permanently because of the pandemic. Arlene’s Grocery, a Lower East Side club that hosted the Strokes before they became well known, said it was “on life support” and, without aid, would have to close on Feb. 1.

Randy Taylor, the bartender and manager at Marie’s Crisis Cafe, said the last time the piano bar had served food was probably back in the 1970s — or perhaps earlier. “There’s a very old kitchen that’s totally disconnected upstairs,” he said. Its dining options had been extremely limited: It was offering \$4 bowls of chips and salsa. “We are required to sell them,” he said. “We can’t just give them away.”

Shortly before the indoor dining ban was announced, Steven Bensusan, the president of Blue Note Entertainment Group, said that he hoped it could be avoided.

“I know cases are spiking,” he said. “But we’re doing our best to keep people safe, and I hope we can continue to stay open. We’re not going to be profitable, but we have the ability to give some people work who’ve been with us for a long time.”

The clubs said they had been taking precautions. At the Blue Note, which reopened Nov. 27, the formerly shared tables were six feet apart and separated by plexiglass barriers, and its two nightly dinner seatings were each capped at 25 percent capacity, or about 50 people. At Marie’s Crisis Cafe, where the masked pianist Alexander Barylski was ensconced behind clear shielding on Wednesday night as he led a jubilant group chorus of “Frosty the Snowman,” Mr. Taylor said that tables were separated by plastic barriers, and that the venue conducted temperature checks and collected contact tracing information at the door.

Marie’s Crisis Cafe had been livestreaming shows on Instagram and its Facebook group page, but Mr. Taylor said it wasn’t the same. On Wednesday night, 10 customers belted out holiday tunes through masks, some sipping their first drinks at a venue since March.

“There have been some tears,” Mr. Taylor said. “People really, really missed us. We can’t see their smiles through their masks, but their eyes say it

all.”

He said that he heard the news that indoor dining would be banned again while he was at Sam’s Club buying more chips and salsa for the bar.

“We’re closing and locking everything down, but we’ll be ready to go whenever we can go again,” he said. “It makes me sad because I had such a great night last night.”

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By Eric Lipton and Kenneth P. Vogel:

WASHINGTON — The alarm bells sounded immediately among some progressives when President-elect Joseph R. Biden Jr. released the list of advisers this week who will help him with the transition at the White House's Office of Management and Budget, which oversees the \$5 trillion federal budget and shapes regulations on everything from labor standards to air pollution.

Mr. Biden's team included executives from Amazon Web Services, Lyft, Airbnb and a vice president of WestExec Advisors, a Washington consulting firm whose secretive list of clients includes financial services, technology and pharmaceutical companies.

"This puts us at a state of high alarm," said Jeff Hauser, who runs a liberal group called the Revolving Door Project, which has been pressuring the Biden administration to stay away from not only lobbyists but also individuals coming out of the business world whom Mr. Hauser and other activists call "corporatists."

His concerns are an early manifestation of a percolating and broader clash between the progressive wing of the Democratic Party and the more establishment members of Mr. Biden's core team over the role of corporate executives, lobbyists and consultants in the incoming administration.

In a letter sent Thursday, liberal groups including Demand Progress pushed Mr. Biden to adopt the sort of sweeping restrictions that his more liberal challengers for the presidential nomination had championed during the primary campaign, urging him not to "nominate or hire corporate executives, lobbyists, and prominent corporate consultants."

Their views are represented most prominently in the party by Senator Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, who has made reining in the influence of corporate America and Wall Street a front-and-center issue for many Democrats.

An early indicator of Mr. Biden's efforts to navigate this divide will come when he announces ethics rules for his government, a move expected in the hours after his inauguration.

The progressive activists want him to adopt hiring practices that go far beyond policies embraced by former President Barack Obama, who barred officials in his administration from working on issues on which they had lobbied in the past two years.

The Biden transition said in a statement that the president-elect was determined to ensure that "public servants serve all Americans, not themselves or narrow special interests." The transition statement did not take a detailed position on what kinds of ethics prohibitions Mr. Biden would impose on hiring, but it hinted that Mr. Biden might bring on staff members who have worked on behalf of various causes and interests in the past.

"Talent will be evaluated carefully to ensure important perspectives are not excluded," the statement said. "Some of our nation's brightest policy minds are also fierce advocates on issues from criminal justice reform to health care and workers rights."

The fight over these rules started quietly over the summer when Mr. Biden's campaign invited dozens of ethics experts, professors and others, including advisers to Ms. Warren and other members of Congress, to make recommendations about an ethics policy to be issued on Day 1 of a possible administration.

While some argued that the Obama-era lobbying restrictions could hurt a Biden administration's ability to recruit people with useful expertise,

others pushed for tougher restrictions that bar not only lobbyists from being hired, but also corporate executives and consultants who advise companies on getting their way in Washington but do not register as lobbyists.

Progressives started growing concerned about Mr. Biden's personnel moves even before the election, when he announced his first list of top transition advisers. It included Jessica Hertz, who helped oversee government relations efforts at Facebook, and Avril Haines, who worked at WestExec Advisors and also consulted for the data-mining company Palantir.

Mr. Biden's first big move — naming Ron Klain on Wednesday as his chief of staff — drew praise from Ms. Warren and some progressive activists. They had worried that Mr. Biden might pick Steve Ricchetti, a close adviser and former pharmaceutical industry lobbyist who served as his chief of staff while he was vice president.

Mr. Klain has corporate ties, too. He has most recently worked with Steve Case, the founder of AOL, in a venture capital firm called Revolution, and he warned in 2015 about the impact that government regulation can have on technology start-ups.

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'Saturday Night Live' Sends Off Trump With a Ballad

A Guaranteed Monthly Check Changed His Life. Now He Sends Out 650.

A Man (and Meals) Worth Losing Sleep Over

Debates over personnel are common in new administrations, as interest groups and factions of supporters of an incoming president jockey for influence.

But they are likely to be particularly intense in the Biden administration after an election in which the liberal wing of the party suppressed its concerns about what they saw as Mr. Biden's cautious centrism out of a desire to defeat President Trump. The stakes are heightened further by Mr. Biden's pledge to differentiate his administration from Mr. Trump's, in which representatives from corporate America and Wall Street held prominent posts, and conflicts of interest abounded.

Mr. Biden has not always shared the left's concerns about lobbying.

When he was vice president under Mr. Obama, Mr. Biden bristled at the strict lobbying rules, which he contended would deprive their nascent administration of experienced talent.

He specifically balked at an effort by Mr. Obama's aides to try to block the vice president from hiring Mr. Ricchetti, a well-connected Washington operator who had also lobbied for insurance companies, credit agencies and others. Mr. Ricchetti eventually became Mr. Biden's chief of staff and continued working with him after the administration ended.

Mr. Ricchetti became the chairman of Mr. Biden's presidential campaign, and is reported to be in contention for a prominent administration post. Mr. Ricchetti's brother continues to operate a lobbying firm bearing the family name, which has signed several new clients in recent months.

Several other Biden confidants with ties to Washington's influence industry worked on his campaign or his transition team. In addition to the team's Office of Management and Budget review team, those appointed this week to oversee the reconfiguration of other agencies also included a number

of people who work for firms that lobby for an array of interests that concern liberals, including oil and pharmaceutical companies.

Mr. Biden pledged during the campaign to adopt strict ethics rules, pointing to broad conflicts of interest he said persisted through the Trump era. He promised a policy that addresses “not only the improper influence of lobbyists, but also any improper or inappropriate influence from personal, financial and other interests” that his appointees might have.

The ethics rules adopted by Mr. Obama in 2009 were considered the most comprehensive in modern American politics. They included for the first time a commitment to ban registered lobbyists from working in agencies they had lobbied in the prior two years, with limited exceptions. The White House also moved to routinely release a list of all visitors, so the public could see what corporate executives and lobbyists were meeting with the president and members of his staff.

But both sides soon found ways to evade these rules. That included off-the-books meetings between lobbyists and White House aides at nearby coffee shops. Other representatives of corporate interests avoided the “lobbyist” stigma — and any restriction on being appointed to a political post — by positioning themselves as so-called strategic advisers. That role allowed them to advise clients about how to exert influence on the government without registering as lobbyists.

Officials from such strategic advisory firms — including WestExec Advisors and Albright Stonebridge Group — are represented on Mr. Biden’s transition team or are expected to play prominent roles in his government.

Four people affiliated with Albright Stonebridge, which was co-founded by former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, are listed as members of Mr. Biden’s agency review teams overseeing the State Department and international aid programs.

The firm, which says it does not lobby the U.S. government, represents a range of international clients, including until recently the Switzerland-based mining and commodities trading giant Glencore, which has been the subject of investigations in the United States and around the world related to corruption and other issues.

Cristina Killingsworth, WestExec’s vice president, is on leave from the firm while she works on Mr. Biden’s Office of Management and Budget review team. One of the firm’s co-founders, Antony J. Blinken, a former deputy secretary of state, took a leave in August to run the Biden campaign’s foreign policy operation.

Mr. Blinken is considered a possible secretary of state in the Biden administration, while his WestExec co-founder, Michèle Flournoy, a former under secretary of defense for policy, is considered a possible defense secretary.

The firm does not name its clients. It has worked with the philanthropy started by Eric Schmidt, the former Google chairman, and with Google’s in-house incubation unit, Jigsaw. On its website, WestExec says its clients include a leading American pharmaceutical company and a multibillion-dollar American technology company that it helped with “safeguarding against trade tensions between the U.S. and China.”

“Those kinds of consulting shops take advantage of weaknesses in current laws, so there is no transparency in their clients and how they are trying to influence public policy for them,” said Danielle Brian, the executive director of the nonprofit watchdog group the Project on Government Oversight. “That’s exactly the kind of people who should not be in an administration.”

Progressive Democrats and advocates for tighter ethics rules have called for years for an expansion of lobbying rules to include strategic consultants, as well as executives who work behind the scenes to help corporations develop lobbying strategies.

Some participants in the ethics policy group assembled by the Biden campaign argued that the administration should widen restrictions on hiring to include not only lobbyists, but also strategic consultants, according to people familiar with the process, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Others said the administration should ban lobbyists for corporate interests, but allow lobbyists for unions and nonprofit groups.

The Biden transition team's ethics policy takes a more case-by-case approach, barring participants who lobbied on the issues they have been assigned with overseeing, unless they receive waivers. The list of people appointed by the transition team this week to review agencies includes at least three who were recently registered to lobby for labor unions, as reported earlier by The Wall Street Journal.

The pressure on establishment Democrats is coming from progressives in Congress too, including Ms. Warren and Representatives Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York and Raul M. Grijalva of Arizona.

"If the C.E.O. of a fossil fuel corporation should not be put in charge of U.S. diplomacy or an oil lobbyist should not be put in charge of the Interior Department under a Republican administration, there is no reason to believe that an officer or lobbyist at a major bank or financial firm should be put in charge of financial policy under a Democratic administration," said a letter sent by 13 House Democrats last month to Senator Chuck Schumer of New York, the Democratic leader.

Liberal political activists are pressing Mr. Schumer to help deliver on their demands, pointedly noting that he is up for re-election in 2022 and could potentially face a primary challenge from a more liberal opponent.

But even some proponents of tighter ethics rules are starting to question if the demands by progressives have gone too far.

"I understand the desire to have people that are ideologically aligned," said Meredith McGehee, the executive director of IssueOne, a group trying to limit the role of money in politics. "But when you start doing litmus tests on appointees it can backfire. You need to have appointees in the administration who can work with a range of people in Congress or you are not likely to get much done."

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By Luis Ferré-Sadurní:

Representative John M. Katko, a moderate Republican who has defied the nation's partisan drift by holding on to a seat in a Democratic-leaning district in Central New York, won his bid for a fourth term.

His challenger, Dana Balter, a Democratic activist and former Syracuse University professor who also lost to Mr. Katko two years ago, conceded on Friday, acknowledging that the absentee ballots yet to be counted were unlikely to allow her to overcome his lead.

The Associated Press had not called the race.

The loss was the latest disappointment for the Democratic Party, which invested heavily in trying to flip Republican-held swing districts like Mr. Katko's in hopes of expanding its majority in the House of Representatives. Instead, Democrats are on track to lose House seats while still holding the majority.

The 24th District seat, which covers Syracuse and rural regions just south of Lake Ontario, has eluded Democrats since 2014, when Mr. Katko, a former federal prosecutor, defeated the Democratic incumbent.

The district, whose voters favored President Barack Obama twice and Hillary Clinton in 2016, is made up of slightly more registered Democrats than Republicans, and a large contingent of unaffiliated voters.

But Mr. Katko has won time and again, attracting independent voters and peeling away enough Democratic votes to defeat his challengers, by casting himself as a bipartisan lawmaker willing to work across the aisle in a divided Washington.

His electoral success made him a political anomaly: He became the only Republican in the House to represent a Democratic-leaning district, according to the Cook Partisan Voter Index, which measures how strongly a district leans toward either party.

"I promised Central New Yorkers I would act as an independent voice in Congress, and work with both Republicans and Democrats to deliver bipartisan results for our region," Mr. Katko said in an election night statement in which he effectively claimed victory. "I am honored and humbled to have once again earned the strong support of our community."

President Trump's divisive figure increasingly became a political liability for Mr. Katko, who endorsed the president earlier this year even as he sought to distance himself from Mr. Trump on the campaign trail.

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Ms. Balter used the endorsement as a cudgel against Mr. Katko and ran on progressive policies such as raising the minimum wage, rooting corporate money out of politics and “Medicare for all.”

But even President-elect Joseph R. Biden Jr.’s apparent victory in the district was not enough to help Ms. Balter overcome Mr. Katko’s crossover appeal.

“The current absentee ballot count makes it clear that our campaign does not have a path forward,” Ms. Balter said in a statement on Friday. “Today, I congratulate Congressman Katko on his victory.”

Throughout the campaign, both candidates sought to portray each other as members of the most extreme wings of their parties.

In their last debate, Mr. Katko warned that Ms. Balter was intent on raising taxes and repeatedly labeled her as part of the “far left.” Ms. Balter, for her part, tried to chip away at Mr. Katko’s image as a moderate, linking him directly to Mr. Trump, who is unpopular in large swaths of New York, his former home state.

In 2016, Mr. Katko called on Mr. Trump to drop out of the presidential race after the release of the infamous “Access Hollywood” tape. In January, however, Mr. Katko said he would vote for Mr. Trump because of his achievements over four years, including his tax and trade policies, though he did not condone the president’s rhetoric and personality.

Mr. Katko won by a landslide in 2016 when Mrs. Clinton won in the 24th District, making him one of only 25 Republicans in the country to win in districts Mrs. Clinton had carried. In 2018, when Democrats toppled 22 of those Republicans to retake control of the House, Mr. Katko edged out Ms. Balter by five percentage points to hang on to his seat.

That placed Mr. Katko in the rare company of a handful of Republicans to represent districts that Mr. Trump lost in 2016.

In 2020, Mr. Katko received endorsements from local newspapers and raised more money than Ms. Balter, though she had strong financial and strategic support from the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, which included her race in its “Red to Blue” program.

“As our nation and community emerge from this pandemic, we need strong leaders in Congress who are willing to work across party lines,” he said last week. “The voters recognize that, and I remain committed to that work.”

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By Shane Goldmacher and Emily Cochrane:

The first small cracks have begun to appear in the Republican wall of support for President Trump and his unfounded claims of voter fraud in the 2020 election, with a growing number of elected officials and party leaders signaling on Thursday that they would indulge Mr. Trump's conspiracy theories for only so long. A few were willing to openly contradict him.

Gov. Mike DeWine of Ohio said that it was time to call Joseph R. Biden Jr. the "president-elect." The Republican attorney general of Arizona said that Mr. Trump would not end up winning his state, despite the president's protestations. And on Capitol Hill, several Republican senators have begun, in measured tones, to say that Mr. Biden should be entitled to classified intelligence briefings as the incoming commander in chief or that it is time to recognize he will soon be certified as president-elect.

Asked when he believed Mr. Trump should accept the result, Senator Charles E. Grassley of Iowa, the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, even set a deadline for the president to acknowledge reality: Dec. 13 — the day before the Electoral College delegations cast their votes for president.

Influential party financiers and strategists have begun to weigh in, as well.

"The president does a disservice to his more rabid supporters by insisting that he would have won the Nov. 3 election absent voter fraud," said an editorial in The Las Vegas Review-Journal, a newspaper owned by the family of the Republican megadonor Sheldon Adelson. "That's simply false." Mr. Adelson and his wife, Miriam, have given more than \$75 million to super PACs supporting Mr. Trump.

Karl Rove, the Republican strategist, published a Wall Street Journal op-ed essay under the headline, "This Election Result Won't Be Overturned."

Mr. Trump has a long memory, a penchant for seeking revenge on those who cross him and overwhelming support among the base of Republican voters. The fact that so few prominent Republicans are willing to break publicly with him, even in defeat, is the latest sign of his enduring hold on the Republican Party — now and into the future.

"When you look at the number of votes that he got, you look at the kind of enthusiasm that he engenders, I mean — he's going to be a very, very significant figure whether he's in the White House or not," said Senator Josh Hawley, Republican of Missouri. "I don't know who else would be considered the leader, if not for him."

No prominent potential Republican candidate for president in 2024 — including Mr. Hawley — has criticized Mr. Trump for his refusal to acquiesce to the transition of power. Most have stayed silent or given Mr. Trump, who has spoken privately about running again in four years, latitude and support without parroting his most baseless conspiracies. Vice President Mike Pence, who followed Mr. Trump to the lectern on election night, tried to sound as if he was standing firmly with the president without echoing his false claims of victory.

But with Mr. Biden now leading in enough states to deliver him as many as 306 Electoral College votes — the same sum Mr. Trump won in 2016 and declared a "landslide" — and with no credible evidence of electoral malfeasance, Republicans are gingerly beginning to acknowledge the reality of Mr. Biden's win. The former vice president leads by more than 20,000 votes in Wisconsin, 53,000 in Pennsylvania and 148,000 in Michigan — comparable to or larger than Mr. Trump's winning margins in those states four years ago. And in the popular vote, Mr. Biden is now ahead by more than five million votes.

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"There is an inevitable logic to this," said Ari Fleischer, the White House press secretary under President George W. Bush, who has congratulated Mr. Biden on his win on Fox News. "None of these recounts and allegations are going to turn this election around."

Democrats argue that indulging Mr. Trump's recalcitrance is undercutting faith in the nation's democratic institutions and undermining the incoming Biden administration's legitimacy.

Former President Obama called it a "dangerous path" in an interview with CBS's "60 Minutes," according to excerpts released Thursday. He said he was troubled that "Republican officials who clearly know better are going along with this."

On Thursday, the president made new baseless accusations about a voting software company. Groups representing government election and security officials, including in the Trump administration, as well as private sector election vendors, issued a joint statement declaring, "There is no evidence that any voting system deleted or lost votes, changed votes, or was in any way compromised."

Mr. Trump's strategy is a familiar one that he has deployed since the first full day of his administration. Then, he demanded that his press secretary, Sean Spicer, march out to the White House Briefing Room to declare his inauguration crowd was the largest in history, despite clear evidence to the contrary. Now, he wants Republicans to ignore the election results to declare him the 2020 winner anyway.

When Secretary of State Mike Pompeo predicted earlier this week, with a grin, that there would be "a smooth transition to a second Trump administration," Mr. Trump favorably reposted the video on Twitter.

The political and rhetorical safe space that many Republicans have retreated to is a call to "count every legal vote," insinuating there was a raft of illegal ballots that no evidence has shown exist. (There are also more extreme Democratic fears of G.O.P. state legislatures appointing rogue electors who might ignore the results in their states, but Mr. Biden's campaign has been dismissive of such talk.)

For now, Senate Republicans are especially leery of crossing Mr. Trump before the two Georgia runoffs on Jan. 5 that will determine control of the chamber, realizing they must mobilize Mr. Trump's base without him on the ballot. There are fears that Mr. Trump might attack either Senator Kelly Loeffler or Senator David Perdue for being insufficiently loyal.

Both senators signed an unusual joint statement calling for the resignation of the Republican secretary of state in Georgia, a move widely interpreted as currying Mr. Trump's favor.

"It's pretty clear that the president doesn't give a damn about the Senate majority or those two senators, so they know it would not be anything to turn on them and crush turnout," said Brendan Buck, who served as a top adviser to the last two Republican House speakers, Paul D. Ryan and John A. Boehner. "We've always been talking about how the president has taken over the party. But here is an example where he is holding base G.O.P. voters hostage to force Republicans to participate in his charade."

Senator Chris Murphy, Democrat of Connecticut, said Republican fealty to Mr. Trump revealed that the party was “now a full-on cult of personality.”

“I think they understand that Trump will continue to dominate their politics for the next decade and they’ve all made a decision that they can’t survive personally if they get crosswise with him,” he said. “That’s a devastating development for our country.”

Mr. Murphy said undermining the legitimacy of Mr. Biden’s win had real-world consequences. “If there is a lingering belief among 40 percent of the country that Joe Biden’s election was fraudulent, it does make it very hard to do even the nonpartisan things, like distribute a vaccine,” he said.

The Trump campaign continues to bombard supporters with urgent requests for cash for his “election defense fund,” but the fine print of those appeals shows that the president is actually looking ahead to his own future, collecting cash primarily for a new political action committee, not an account devoted to legal and recount expenses. The first 60 percent of every donation goes to Mr. Trump’s new PAC, Save America, and 40 percent goes to the Republican National Committee.

Only after the PAC gets \$5,000 from an individual would any money wind up in the Trump recount fund.

Bob Bauer, a top lawyer for Mr. Biden, has dismissed Mr. Trump’s legal filings and tweets as “theater.” As Mr. Trump continues to whip up fears of a stolen election, even some aides and allies privately acknowledge that Mr. Trump has lost.

The reality is that Mr. Trump is not just the president but also a major publisher and distributor. In the week after the election, his postings dominated Facebook, accounting for the 10 most engaged status updates in the United States, and 22 of the top 25. “I WON THIS ELECTION, BY A LOT!” was his top post.

Mr. Trump also posted the most engaged link on Facebook that week, a solicitation for cash to fight the election results.

Inside the Republican Party, the president remains a singular influence. He effectively anointed Ronna McDaniel for another term as chair of the Republican National Committee with a tweet this week.

Several R.N.C. members echoed Mr. Trump’s fraud claims on Thursday.

“It is possible the true winner will never be known,” said Rob Steele, an R.N.C. member from Michigan, where some Republican lawmakers are demanding a “thorough audit” of the election.

Most were happy to hold off recognizing Mr. Biden as the president-elect until Dec. 14 — if then.

“Parties always belong to the last presidential nominee until the next presidential nominee comes along,” said Mr. Fleischer, the former White House press secretary. “It will not be Donald Trump’s party once Republicans have a new nominee in 2024.”

“Unless,” he added, “it’s Donald Trump.”

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By Nick Corasaniti, Reid J. Epstein and Jim Rutenberg:

PHILADELPHIA — Election officials in dozens of states representing both political parties said that there was no evidence that fraud or other irregularities played a role in the outcome of the presidential race, amounting to a forceful rebuke of President Trump’s portrait of a fraudulent election.

Over the last several days, the president, members of his administration, congressional Republicans and right wing allies have put forth the false claim that the election was stolen from Mr. Trump and have refused to accept results that showed Joseph R. Biden Jr. as the winner.

But top election officials across the country said in interviews and statements that the process had been a remarkable success despite record turnout and the complications of a dangerous pandemic.

“There’s a great human capacity for inventing things that aren’t true about elections,” said Frank LaRose, a Republican who serves as Ohio’s secretary of state. “The conspiracy theories and rumors and all those things run rampant. For some reason, elections breed that type of mythology.”

Steve Simon, a Democrat who is Minnesota’s secretary of state, said: “I don’t know of a single case where someone argued that a vote counted when it shouldn’t have or didn’t count when it should. There was no fraud.”

“Kansas did not experience any widespread, systematic issues with voter fraud, intimidation, irregularities or voting problems,” a spokeswoman for Scott Schwab, the Republican secretary of state in Kansas, said in an email Tuesday. “We are very pleased with how the election has gone up to this point.”

The New York Times contacted the offices of the top election officials in every state on Monday and Tuesday to ask whether they suspected or had evidence of illegal voting. Officials in 45 states responded directly to The Times. For four of the remaining states, The Times spoke to other statewide officials or found public comments from secretaries of state; none reported any major voting issues.

Statewide officials in Texas did not respond to repeated inquiries. But a spokeswoman for the top elections official in Harris County, the largest county in Texas with a population greater than many states, said that there were only a few minor issues and that “we had a very seamless election.” On Tuesday, the Republican lieutenant governor in Texas, Dan Patrick, announced a \$1 million fund to reward reports of voter fraud.

Some states described small problems common to all elections, which they said they were addressing: a few instances of illegal or double voting, some technical glitches and some minor errors in math. Officials in all states are conducting their own review of the voting — a standard component of the certification process.

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Perhaps none of the Trump campaign's claims received more attention than an allegation made over the weekend in Pennsylvania by Rudolph W. Giuliani, the president's personal lawyer. On Saturday, Mr. Giuliani held a news conference in the parking lot of a Philadelphia landscaping company and claimed that the election in the city had been rife with fraud.

The office of the state's top law enforcement official said that there was no evidence to support Mr. Giuliani's claims, and that the election in the state was "fair and secure."

"Many of the claims against the commonwealth have already been dismissed, and repeating these false attacks is reckless," said Jacklin Rhoads, a spokeswoman for Josh Shapiro, a Democrat who is Pennsylvania's attorney general. "No active lawsuit even alleges, and no evidence presented so far has shown, widespread problems."

What emerged in The Times's reporting was how, beyond the president, Republicans in many states were engaged in a widespread effort to delegitimize the nation's voting system.

Some Republicans have even turned to lashing members of their own party who, in their eyes, did not show sufficient dedication to rooting out fraud. In Georgia, where Mr. Biden is leading, the two Republican senators, Kelly Loeffler and David Perdue, both of whom are in a runoff to gain re-election, have called for the resignation of the Republican secretary of state, Brad Raffensperger. "The secretary of state has failed to deliver honest and transparent elections," the senators said in a statement.

In Washington, the losing Republican candidate for governor, Loren Culp, has disputed the Republican secretary of state's determination that the election there was free of fraud. The secretary of state, Kim Wyman, has in turn challenged Mr. Culp, trailing by roughly 14 percentage points in the results, to produce evidence. "It's just throwing grass at the fence at this point," she said in an interview. "See what sticks."

Democrats have more frequently been the target of criticism. Last week, the Republican leadership of the Pennsylvania state legislature called on Kathy Boockvar, the Democratic secretary of state, to step down. In Wisconsin, the Republican speaker of the Assembly announced he would form committees to investigate voter fraud in the wake of Mr. Biden's narrow victory in the state, though there is no evidence of any. Republican lawmakers in Michigan on Saturday voted to issue subpoenas for documents in search of "election irregularities."

Indeed, Republicans in all three "blue wall" states have initiated "investigations" or called for audits — which is redundant given the certification work already underway. Democrats say this is simply a way to undermine confidence in the results.

On Monday, the Trump campaign accelerated their legal efforts, filing a lawsuit in the seven Pennsylvania counties where the president lost that claimed mail voting created an unfair, "two-tiered" system during the election — though the system is also in place in counties the president won. The campaign also announced plans to file another suit in Michigan.

The president has kept up a barrage of Twitter posts with false claims about improprieties in Nevada and Pennsylvania, predicting he'd prevail in Georgia, where he is behind, and said Wisconsin "needs a little time statutorily," though he offered no explanation for what he meant.

Nellie Gorbea, the Democratic secretary of state in Rhode Island, said the amount of attention on the election would make illegal voting extremely difficult. "It would be nearly impossible to do voter fraud in this election because of the number of people tuned in," she said.

Voting fraud in the United States is extremely rare. The irregularities that do occur are often inconsequential, isolated in nature, and unlikely to alter the outcome of an election. The most significant episode of election fraud over the past several years involved an alleged effort to manipulate ballots to benefit a Republican candidate for Congress in North Carolina, Mark Harris, in 2018. The scheme forced a new election and an

operative who worked for Mr. Harris, L. McCrae Dowless, is under indictment. Mr. Harris was not charged with wrongdoing, and denied any role.

In the case of the 2020 election, Mr. Biden's margins in the blue wall states of Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin are all in the tens of thousands. Even in Georgia, where Mr. Biden leads by more than 11,000 votes, it would be hard to uncover enough voting irregularities to change who won.

"We have not seen any evidence of fraud or foul play in the actual administration of the election," said Jake Rollow, a spokesman for Jocelyn Benson, the Democratic secretary of state in Michigan. "What we have seen is that it was smooth, transparent, secure and accurate."

Still, Mr. Trump has been fixated on voter fraud since 2016, when he falsely claimed that vote stealing had cost him the popular vote, which he lost by roughly 3 million. In the election's aftermath, he formed a voting fraud commission that disbanded with no findings amid charges of secrecy, bias and overreach.

Mr. Trump's attack on the election system this year has relied on either outright fabrication or gross exaggeration involving the sorts of small problems that typically come up in elections.

In Ohio, for instance, Mr. LaRose said that while it was not unusual to discover a handful of improprieties in a statewide election, systemic fraud has not happened.

"In the past, I've referred people to local prosecutors and the attorney general for noncitizens voting," he said. "It's like tens or dozens of people, not hundreds. There's no acceptable level of voter fraud and we take every one of those cases seriously."

The tension over voting has been most palpable in Georgia. The Trump campaign and the two Republican senators have complained about transparency, which Mr. Raffensperger, the secretary of state, called "laughable."

"We were literally putting releases of results up at a minimum hourly," he said in a statement. "I and my office have been holding daily or twice-daily briefings for the press to walk them through all the numbers. So that particular charge is laughable."

He added that while there were likely small instances of fraud, he did not expect it to be significant enough to affect the outcome.

The absence of any major findings of fraud or irregularities, and the willingness of even Republican election officials to attest to smooth operations, have also undercut Mr. Trump's legal efforts.

In Michigan, the Trump campaign has sued, saying that their poll watchers were not given access to properly observe ballot counting in Detroit. But election officials in the city deny that, saying there were dozens of poll watchers from both campaigns inside the main counting center there.

Last week, a judge denied a Trump campaign bid to halt counting based on complaints about observers, dismissing key evidence as "vague" and as "hearsay."

The accusations of fraud from the president and his allies were noticeably absent from states where Mr. Trump and his fellow Republicans did well.

In South Carolina, for instance, the Republican incumbent, Senator Lindsey Graham, won relatively easily over Jaime Harrison, despite the fact that polls showed a tight race there. The South Carolina Election Board chairman John W. Wells said late Monday, “I have not heard of any” substantive allegations of fraud in the state, though he added he would await a final determination in the certification and protest process.

Asked if Mr. Graham was concerned about results in his state, a spokesman said the senator has “discussed states where the margins are close” but invited South Carolina voters to step forward with any “evidence of fraud or irregularities.”

Mr. Graham, a close ally of Mr. Trump, has taken up the president’s cause. He asked the Department of Justice to investigate claims made in an affidavit the Trump campaign shared with him from a Postal Service worker in Erie, Pa. The worker made allegations of impropriety at the local Postal branch based largely on a conversation he said he overheard.

Late Tuesday, the credibility of that affidavit came into question after the House Oversight Committee reported on Twitter that the worker recanted his story in discussions with the Postal Service’s Office of Inspector General. The worker later denied he recanted in an online video.

One of the secretaries of state who did not respond to requests for comment about the election in his state was Corey Stapleton of Montana, an outgoing Republican. But Mr. Stapleton did post a message implicitly addressing the president’s ongoing fraud claims. “I have supported you, Mr. President,” he wrote. “@realDonaldTrump accomplished some incredible things during your time in office! But that time is now over! Tip your hat, bite your lip, and congratulate @JoeBiden.”

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NYT: These Towns Trusted a Doctor to Set Up Covid Testing. Sample Patient Fee: \$1,944.

By Sarah Kliff

Rebecca Sussman got a coronavirus test because town officials in Bedford, N.Y., encouraged her to.

“If you haven’t gotten your test yet, please do so for yourself, your family and our community,” Chris Burdick, the town supervisor, said in an email. More tests would mean a lower positivity rate, he said, and a faster path to reopening. He directed residents to the town’s new testing site, situated on an empty parking lot at the train station.

Ms. Sussman, 51, took her whole family to get tested, and the results came back negative.

Then the paperwork came: \$6,816 had been charged to insurance for four coronavirus tests. Ms. Sussman’s fees alone were \$1,944.

She started looking through the itemized costs. One insurance claim showed that she had been tested for a dozen respiratory diseases. She found that odd; the town emails advertised only a coronavirus test. There was also a surprise \$480 charge for a short phone call relaying her results.

“That’s when I realized something was wrong,” Ms. Sussman said. “When in the history of medical appointments does it ever cost to get a phone call giving you your test results?”

The bills didn’t come from the town. They came from Dr. Steven Murphy, an internist from Greenwich, Conn., whom Bedford had selected to run its testing site.

Ms. Sussman and 10 other patients contend that Dr. Murphy used this public testing site and others nearby to run unnecessary and expensive tests. He did so with little oversight from town officials, who had advertised his services widely.

In health care, this type of billing is often described as upcoding, using codes that net high reimbursements but aren’t warranted for the medical care delivered.

“What it appears is happening is he is billing every code he can get reimbursed,” said Susan Null, a medical billing expert who reviewed patient billing documents from Dr. Murphy’s practices for The New York Times.

Patients tested at privately owned emergency rooms have faced similarly high bills. Many of those tested by Dr. Murphy were shocked that testing sites created by their cities and towns would involve such high fees.

Dr. Murphy estimates he has tested at least 60,000 patients for coronavirus. He defends his billing methods, and says he has brought an important service to the communities he serves.

“I jumped on this,” he said. “I decided, let’s work up these patients. Let’s care for them in the drive-through.”

The Times has been asking readers to submit their bills so that we can understand the costs of coronavirus testing and treatment. The collection of more than 400 bills has revealed that some coronavirus patients face overwhelming medical debt and that, across the country, many Americans face illegal fees for their tests. If you have a bill to submit, you can do so here.

Dr. Murphy has generated more submissions to the Times database than any other individual provider, often from patients concerned that his high fees would raise health premiums.

“Just because I have a zero-dollar co-pay, it doesn’t mean that, in the long run, I don’t pay for this,” Ms. Sussman said. “My husband works for a company with amazing benefits, but every year our premiums go up. This is part of that.”

A scarcity of tests, and an enticing offer

City officials were eager to work with Dr. Murphy when he offered to set up coronavirus testing sites in early spring. There was no national testing infrastructure, and cities, hospitals and doctor’s offices were scrambling to build testing capacity on their own.

New York City’s northern suburbs were especially desperate. Westchester County experienced one of the country’s earliest outbreaks, a cluster centered in a synagogue in New Rochelle.

Dr. Murphy offered to provide thousands of tests, something other doctors and hospitals could not match.

“He reached out to me, then we realized he was doing work in other towns,” said Justin Elicker, the mayor of New Haven, Conn., which started a testing site with Dr. Murphy in April. “We called them for references and they were all quite pleased.”

Cities and towns gave Dr. Murphy free access to public property and rented tents on his behalf. One city provided internet hot spots. Bedford, where Ms. Sussman lives, recruited volunteers to assist Dr. Murphy with his work and arranged for residents to donate lunches.

Dr. Murphy committed to not billing patients directly but retained control over how he would examine patients and what he would charge health insurers.

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Dr. Murphy said he reserved the larger panel test for symptomatic patients or those who needed a quick turnaround on their results. But in interviews, asymptomatic patients said they had also received the more expensive test.

Mary Farley, 69, got a test at one of Dr. Murphy's sites because she wanted to contribute to epidemiological data in her area, she said. She had no symptoms or any known contact with a positive case.

Medicare paid \$583 for Ms. Farley's drive-through test, in part because of the large panel test. Medicare typically pays only between \$51.31 and \$100 for a coronavirus test.

"There is a lot broken with the health system, and I think this is a blatant example of that," Ms. Farley said. "A lot of people are worried about taxes going up, and these charges are a hidden tax on all of us."

Dr. Murphy also billed patients hundreds of dollars for a short call to deliver results.

Ms. Farley recalled making repeated phone calls to Dr. Murphy's office to obtain her results. "It was a 30-second phone call after I spent almost two weeks trying to get someone on the phone," she said. "Then to find out they were charging \$340 for that, it felt like there was no end to it."

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Other plans are denying the large fees or requesting more information. Dr. Murphy has sued one large health plan, Cigna, over denied coronavirus test claims. When The Times first contacted Dr. Murphy, he responded with a photograph of what he said was a large box of insurer denials.

"About 4,000 denials or requests," he wrote. "Uncompensated at a cost of millions!"

Dr. Murphy said that it was inappropriate to test patients only for coronavirus, as other diseases could be missed.

"Just testing for coronavirus is one of the most dangerous things you could do," he said. "It is crystal clear that mentality is bad for public health."

When Ms. Farley emailed to inquire about her bill, Dr. Murphy's staff described the larger panel test as "a super Covid test."

"Dr. Murphy is a very thorough doctor," a staff member wrote, adding that everyone "is tested not only for Covid but also for any other virus that may be active." The email was obtained by a public records request filed by Sammy Sussman, Ms. Sussman's son, a student journalist who wrote about his test fees on Medium.

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WASHINGTON — For a while there, it looked possible that Dr. Anthony S. Fauci — the nation’s top infectious disease expert and a Washington sacred cow if there ever was one — might come away from the Trump White House unscathed. He was viewed as bipartisan (served six presidents!) and a savvy truth-teller able to skirt the reputational contagions that can accompany prolonged exposure to President Trump.

He dominated March and April as the coronavirus pandemic raged.

But then “Hang Fauci” signs started popping up at “Reopen Now” rallies, and #FireFauci hashtags started trending on Twitter. The president himself retweeted one. And now, well —

“That is a bit bizarre,” Dr. Fauci said this week in describing his current predicament at the White House. He has come under sustained attack, from the Oval Office down, on the record and off, in presidential tweets and in an attack op-ed article in USA Today by Peter Navarro, Mr. Trump’s top trade adviser, who declared that Dr. Fauci was “wrong about everything.”

(On Wednesday, the newspaper had second thoughts, as Bill Sternberg, the editorial page editor, said the article “did not meet USA Today’s fact-checking standards.”)

“You can trust respected medical authorities,” Dr. Fauci said this week in a virtual forum at Georgetown University, almost plaintively at times. “I believe I’m one of them, so I think you can trust me.”

He urged students to avoid the “waste of time” that can be an occupational hazard for anyone who tries to promote science research and public health in Washington. “Don’t get involved in any of the political nonsense,” he pleaded from the center of exactly that.

These are treacherous times in the sacred cow business.

Dr. Fauci can vanquish pandemics, receive a Presidential Medal of Freedom (awarded by President George W. Bush) and have a talent for killer lab-coat news conferences — and still require a security detail.

“I think it’s outrageous what’s happening to Dr. Fauci, I really do,” said Gov. Larry Hogan, Republican of Maryland, a Trump critic who has worked closely with Dr. Fauci on Maryland’s response to the coronavirus. “I have never seen anything like this in Washington, and I’ve been around a long time.”

“What’s happening to Dr. Fauci” has become an urgent topic around the capital these days, as well as in science and medical circles where he holds a solemn and almost revered status. The matter often gets raised with a level of resignation — or with a hint of surprise that he has survived this long around Mr. Trump.

“On some level, I guess I’m despondent,” said Dr. Ashish Jha, a professor of global health at Harvard Medical School. “I suppose it was inevitable, though. Obviously the pandemic response is going extremely badly, and when things get so bad, people need a scapegoat. But when you’re turning on Tony Fauci, you’re really in big trouble.”

The 45th president has a particular knack for going after figures once considered beyond reproach. Before he was even inaugurated, Mr. Trump went after a whole herd of presumed sacred cows — Representative John Lewis, Meryl Streep, the cast of “Hamilton” and the pope, among others — and lived to tell about it. Not only that, but his supporters seemed especially thrilled by Mr. Trump’s willingness to fight with anyone, no matter how exalted or elite.

Washington in particular has always had a weakness for a few designated figures who enjoyed bipartisan “national treasure” status. Colin L. Powell after the gulf war or John McCain after he ran for president in 2000 or Alan Greenspan before people started blaming him for tanking the economy or Robert S. Mueller III, the special counsel in the Russia investigation (at least until Mr. Trump started attacking his “witch hunt” investigation and many of the president’s supporters followed suit).

Dr. Fauci has burnished his own credentials over more than a half-century in Washington. He packed all the right biographical details and hobbies. He hailed from Brooklyn, was trained by Jesuits (College of the Holy Cross, class of 1962), loved baseball (Go Nats), ran lots of miles and subsisted on only four or five hours of sleep a night and double shots of Illy espresso when he rose at or before dawn.

He checked all the right boxes of a particular kind of Washington icon who could “transcend politics.”

“I have known Tony a long time, and I’ve never heard him identify himself as a Democrat or Republican,” said Dr. Margaret A. Hamburg, a former director of the Food and Drug Administration and a onetime assistant to Dr. Fauci. “He has always taken great pride in that he has continued to run a lab and see patients.”

Dr. Fauci joined the National Institutes of Health in 1968, was hailed for his pioneering AIDS research in the 1980s and was the inspiration for a dashing scientist protagonist in a best-selling 1991 novel, “Happy Endings,” by Sally Quinn, the longtime journalist, hostess and chronicler of Washington’s cultural anthropology.

He was especially adept at throwing himself into desperate situations, running up against prickly personalities and taming them into allies. Larry Kramer, the country’s best-known AIDS activist, would routinely rail against Dr. Fauci in the 1980s for what Mr. Kramer considered to be Dr. Fauci’s slow-walking of potential treatments against the deadly virus.

“How did I meet Larry? He called me a murderer and an incompetent idiot on the front page of the San Francisco Examiner magazine,” Dr. Fauci recalled to The New York Times’s Donald G. McNeil Jr. after Mr. Kramer’s death in May. Mr. Kramer eventually apologized, and the two would go on to forge “an extraordinary 33-year relationship,” Dr. Fauci said. “We loved each other.”

No one doubts Dr. Fauci’s ego, or his skill in cultivating his public image. He is solicitous and responsive to the news media, and displays an impressive gallery of photographs of himself with presidents and other dignitaries in his office at the N.I.H. He joked in a CNN interview that he would like Brad Pitt to play him in a “Saturday Night Live” skit — and then, a few weeks later, there was Brad Pitt playing Dr. Fauci in a “Saturday Night Live” skit.

In the early days of the pandemic, Mr. Trump would marvel at how “big” of a celebrity Dr. Fauci had become, as if he were just some obscure science nerd until Mr. Trump discovered him.

Dr. Fauci was ever mindful of managing up. He paid determined deference to the president, whom he would describe as “the boss,” even when he was strenuously recommending actions that ran directly counter to Mr. Trump’s own example — like wearing a mask.

For a while, Dr. Fauci’s avuncular, almost sheepish manner proved sufficiently disarming. Mr. Trump repeatedly referred to him as “a nice guy.”

“He learned how to speak truth to power but to do so in a way that did not threaten these big political egos,” said Dr. Howard Markel, a professor of the history of medicine at the University of Michigan Medical School.

Even in recent days, Dr. Fauci’s defense of himself against the White House attempts to undermine him have landed on the notion that this unseemly melodrama is “hurting the president,” as if Mr. Trump himself were just a passive victim of another random distraction that dropped from the sky.

“I remember hearing Tony talk once about working with all these different presidents,” said Dr. Jha, of Harvard Medical School. “He said that he didn’t spend a lot of time trying to figure out what their angles were.”

“In his own humble way,” Dr. Jha added, “he said, ‘I’m not smart enough to figure out what someone’s angle is.’ And usually that worked out just fine for him.”

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A losing candidate who is within striking distance — say a few hundred votes — might get lucky in a recount. Beyond that, he or she would need to show systemic fraud on a large scale.

Mr. Trump has shown nothing like systemic fraud in any of the lawsuits, 16 and counting, that his campaign and allies have filed since Election Day as they seek to block certification of Joseph R. Biden Jr.'s victory in the Electoral College. The allegations of fraud are a smattering of unverified accusations about the voting or counting process, usually directly affecting too few ballots to change a state's results.

Other lawsuits in the batch depend on the theory that differences among counties in verifying or including absentee ballots amount to a violation of a voter's constitutional right to equal protection. Given how decentralized the voting system is in the United States, that argument has yet to get legal traction after this election.

Here is a rundown of the cases and their statuses.

Michigan

Costantino v. Detroit

Filed: Nov. 9

Claim: The plaintiffs were two poll challengers — representatives of the Republican Party allowed to monitor the vote counting — who alleged fraud and misconduct during the vote count last week at the TCF Center in Detroit. The lawsuit asked the court to block certification of the election results in Wayne County (which includes Detroit), where more than 867,000 people voted.

The plaintiffs claimed that election workers were instructed “to not verify signatures on absentee ballots, to backdate absentee ballots, and to process such ballots regardless of their validity.” They presented five affidavits from other poll challengers who said, among other things, that they saw election workers enter Jan. 1, 1900, as the birth date of many absentee voters. The plaintiffs offered no corroborating evidence for the affidavits. They also falsely stated that Republican poll challengers could not observe the count.

Context: The plaintiffs misunderstood the process for verifying and tabulating absentee votes, according to Chris Thomas, the state director of elections in Michigan for 36 years before his retirement in 2017, who submitted an affidavit for the defendants, the City of Detroit and the Detroit Election Commission. He explained that election workers entered Jan. 1, 1900, as a placeholder when the computer system required them to type in a birth date but they could not access that information in the voter file.

Mr. Thomas also said that ballots received on Nov. 3 were entered on Nov. 4 after election workers discovered that they had not previously been fully processed. Finally, he explained that Detroit allows 134 challengers each from the Republican and Democratic Parties, and once those limits were reached, access for a new challenger was allowed when someone left the hall.

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Donald J. Trump for President Inc. v. Benson

Filed: Nov. 11

Claim: This is a federal suit that repeats the pending state-court claims of fraud and misconduct in *Costantino v. Detroit*. The Trump campaign is similarly seeking to block Michigan's certification of the vote.

The decision to file a second case suggests that the Trump campaign is "trying to try the same case in multiple courtrooms hoping that somebody will provide an endorsement of their baseless conspiracy theories," said David Fink, an outside lawyer for the city of Detroit.

Context: The plaintiffs submitted more than 230 pages of affidavits from Republican poll challengers. But they described isolated grievances and perceived irregularities, not systemic fraud. "I felt intimidated by union people who were staring at me," one poll challenger complained. Another said the loud volume of the P.A. system was distracting. A third said a Democratic poll worker told her to "go back to the suburbs, Karen." A fourth found it suspicious that most of the few dozen ballots he saw counted that were cast by members of the military were votes for Mr. Biden.

Status: Pending.

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Filed: Nov. 4

Claim: During the ballot counting in Michigan, the Trump campaign sued to stop it. In an affidavit, one poll watcher said another, whom she did not name, told her that she was told by still other poll workers to change the date on which a ballot was received.

Context: This was one of a number of cases the Trump campaign filed in key states to try to stop the counting as the results swung in favor of Mr. Biden.

Status: At a hearing, Judge Cynthia Stephens of the Michigan Court of Claims characterized the affidavit as, "I heard someone else say something," and said, "Tell me how that is not hearsay. Come on now!" Judge Stephens dismissed the suit on Nov. 5. The Trump campaign's appeal of her ruling was denied because it lacked the required attachments.

Stoddard, et.al. v City Election Commission of the City of Detroit

Filed: Nov. 4

Claim: A Republican poll challenger and the Election Integrity Fund, a nonprofit organization, sued to stop election workers in Detroit from hand duplicating ballots that could not be read by a machine. The suit also sought to delay certification of the results.

Context: This was an early effort to suggest that mail-in ballots were being handled to benefit Mr. Biden.

Status: Judge Kenny dismissed the suit on Nov. 6. "Plaintiffs fail to identify the occurrence and scope of any alleged violation," he wrote.

Pennsylvania

In re: Canvass of Absentee and Mail-In Ballots of Nov. 3, 2020, General Election

Filed: Nov. 10

Claim: On behalf of a voter, the Trump campaign appealed the decision by the Philadelphia County Board of Elections to count five categories of mail-in ballots. Pennsylvania law provides that voters must sign and "fill out" an outer envelope (as well as include an inner security envelope when they return their ballots). This suit challenges a total of 8,349 ballots with outer envelopes that were signed but lacked other information, like the date or the voter's printed name or street address.

Context: The number of ballots challenged in this suit for minor errors would not be enough to change the election result.

Status: On Friday, Judge James Crumlish of the Court of Common Pleas denied all of the challenges to all five categories of ballots.

Pirkle v. Wolf

Filed: Nov. 10

Claim: Four voters sought to block all votes from Philadelphia, Montgomery, Delaware and Allegheny Counties from being included in the state total, claiming that the state violated the right to equal protection by allowing differing absentee balloting practices among counties.

Before the election, Pennsylvania's secretary of state, Kathy Boockvar, advised county election officials that "curing" absentee ballots (the term for fixing mistakes like a missing signature) was permitted but not required. As a result, local practices differed to a degree. This suit claims that it was unconstitutional to allow some but not all Philadelphia voters to cure their ballots. The suit also cites Delaware County for allegedly giving in-person ballots to voters who were recorded as having received mail-in ballots without requiring them to sign the registration book at the polls. In Allegheny County, according to the suit, voters were required to vote provisionally when records showed they had requested an absentee ballot but not cast it.

Context: The election system in the United States is highly decentralized and gives considerable authority to state and county officials over how to

run elections. As a result, it is common for states to allow some variation in local election practices and to allow voters to cast provisional ballots in a variety of circumstances.

Status: On Thursday night, the law firm representing the Trump campaign, Porter Wright, asked to withdraw. Previously, the plaintiffs asked Judge Matthew Brann of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania to consolidate this case with the next one below.

Donald J. Trump for President v. Boockvar

Filed: Nov. 9

Claim: The Trump campaign is seeking to block the certification of the Pennsylvania election, alleging fraud in mail-in balloting, insufficient access for poll observers and varying procedures for curing ballots among different counties.

The plaintiffs said “Democratic heavy” counties allowed voters to cure their absentee ballots while “Republican heavy” counties did not. They also said ballots were processed in Allegheny County and Philadelphia while poll observers were too far away to see what was happening.

Context: On Election Day, Republican lawyers acknowledged in court that the party’s observers were present at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia when votes were being counted. “I’m sorry, then what’s your problem?” Judge Paul S. Diamond of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania asked. He granted a modest accommodation, ordering the city election commission to allow poll observers to move closer to the counting.

Status: Judge Brann scheduled oral argument for Nov. 17.

Donald J. Trump for President Inc. v. Bucks County Board of Elections

Filed: Nov. 9

Claim: The Trump campaign and others appealed the decision of the Bucks County Board of Elections to count 2,175 ballots that lacked the voter’s printed name or street address, or the date of signing. The suit also challenged the inclusion of 76 ballots that arrived in unsealed inner envelopes or with markings on them.

Context: Like a number of other suits, this one involves a relatively small number of votes that would not change the outcome.

Status: Judge Robert O. Baldi of the Court of Common Pleas scheduled a hearing for Nov. 17.

Donald J. Trump for President Inc. v. Montgomery County Board of Elections

Filed: Nov. 5

Claim: The Trump campaign and others sued the Montgomery County Board of Elections for notifying voters before Election Day to allow them to fill in missing information on ballot envelopes.

Context: About 600 ballots are at issue. At a hearing, Judge Richard P. Haaz of the Court of Common Pleas asked if the suit included any accusations of fraud. When pressed, the lawyer for the plaintiffs said no.

Status: On Friday, Judge Haaz denied the petition to disqualify the ballots. "Voters should not be disenfranchised by reasonably relying upon voting instructions provided by election officials which are consistent with the Election Code," he wrote.

Donald J. Trump for President, Inc. et al v. Boockvar et al

Filed: Nov. 4

Claim: The Trump campaign and others challenged guidance that Ms. Boockvar provided to counties before the election, allowing them to tell absentee voters they had until Nov. 12 to provide missing proof of identification.

Context: Pennsylvania law normally sets a deadline for six days after the election, Nov. 9 this year, for providing missing voter ID. Ms. Boockvar, the secretary of state, extended the deadline to Nov. 12 in light of a decision by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to allow absentee ballots to be counted if they were received by Nov. 6. The extension Ms. Boockvar allowed applied to only a small number of ballots with missing ID that arrived after Nov. 3.

Status: On Nov. 12, Judge Mary Hannah Leavitt of the Commonwealth Court ordered this narrow category of ballots to be excluded from the state count. None of these ballots had yet been included. This is the Trump campaign's only win so far in postelection litigation.

Republican Party of Pennsylvania v. Boockvar

Filed: Nov. 6

Claim: The Pennsylvania Republican Party asked the Supreme Court to block the counting of ballots received between the end of Election Day and Nov. 6.

Context: In September, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruled that ballots could be counted if they were postmarked by Nov. 3 and received by Nov. 6. Republicans then asked the U.S. Supreme Court to block the Pennsylvania court's ruling. In October, in a 4-to-4 split, the justices let the state court ruling stand. Pennsylvania's attorney general, however, ordered the late-arriving ballots segregated from the rest of the count.

On Nov. 6, Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. also ordered the late-arriving ballots segregated. In the end, there were fewer than 10,000 such votes. They have not been included in the reported state total. By themselves, those ballots would not affect the outcome in Pennsylvania.

Status: On Friday, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit ruled that the plaintiffs did not have standing to stop the counting of the late-arriving ballots. The Supreme Court has yet to say whether it will hear the Republicans' appeal.

Arizona

Donald J. Trump for President Inc. v. Hobbs

Filed: Nov. 9

Claims: The Trump campaign claimed that some ballots in Maricopa County were filled out with Sharpie pens. A handful of voters and a poll observer said they saw bleeding ink on these ballots, causing an “overvote” on the other side, and that poll workers were instructed to press a green button on the scanner to accept the votes despite the error. The suit seeks to prevent the supposed “overvotes” from being included in the tally until they are reviewed.

Context: The suit involves only 191 votes for president. At a hearing on Thursday, when one witness was asked if she had a basis to believe her vote was not counted, she answered, “Uh, I’m not sure.”

Status: On Friday, the Trump campaign dropped the suit.

Nevada

Stokke v. Cegavske

Filed: Nov. 5

Claims: Two voters, a poll observer and elected officials, backed by the Trump campaign, claimed there were problems with an automated signature verification machine in Clark County. One of them, Jill Stokke, said at a Trump campaign news conference, “I went to vote and was told I already voted.”

Context: The Clark County registrar of voters, Joe Gloria, investigated Ms. Stokke’s complaint and said that the signature on her absentee ballot appeared to match the one in the voter file, but gave her the option of challenging that vote and casting a provisional ballot. Ms. Stokke refused.

Status: Judge Andrew Gordon of the United States District Court for the District of Nevada denied the plaintiff’s request on Nov. 6 for lack of evidence.

Georgia

Brooks v. Mahoney

Filed: Nov. 11

Claim: Four Republican voters sued over the process of absentee vote counting in several Georgia counties, seeking to exclude all of the votes cast in them from the state total.

The plaintiffs cited isolated instances of fraud. One voter, for example, said his absentee ballot was recorded even though he voted in person. The plaintiffs also claimed that several counties appeared to have more registered voters than their interpretation of census data would suggest was plausible. They cited a study that estimated from past survey data, but without proof, that thousands of noncitizens voted for Mr. Biden.

Context: Georgia is in the middle of a recount.

Status: The suit is pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia, Savannah Division.

In re: enforcement of election laws

Filed: Nov. 4

Claim: The Trump campaign sued to prevent ballots from being counted if they were received after 7 p.m. on Election Day.

Context: This was one of the flurry of cases around the country seeking to limit the counting of mail-in ballots.

Status: Judge James F. Bass of the Superior Court of Chatham County dismissed the case on Nov. 5 for lack of evidence.

Wisconsin

Langenhorst v. Pecore

Filed: Nov. 12

Claim: Four voters sought to exclude all of the votes cast in three counties from Wisconsin's total based on differences in absentee voting rules among the counties. The suit objected to Milwaukee, Dane and Menominee Counties allowing voters who say they are "indefinitely confined" by age, illness or disability to cast ballots without proving photographic identification. The complaint also cited a handful of voters (identified by only their initials) who said they received absentee ballots without requesting them, and three absentee ballots allegedly completed after they were mailed to deceased people.

Context: This suit makes the same kinds of equal-protection claims as the ones in Brooks v. Mahoney. Both were filed by the conservative lawyer James Bopp.

Status: The case is pending in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, Green Bay Division.

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NYT: Trump Rebuffs Biden Transition Team, Setting Off Virus and National Security Risks

By David E. Sanger and Sheryl Gay Stolberg:

WASHINGTON — President Trump’s refusal to allow President-elect Joseph R. Biden Jr. and his transition staff access to government offices, secure communications and classified briefings prompted growing warnings on Thursday, including from Republicans, that keeping Mr. Biden in the dark potentially endangers the country.

On Capitol Hill, several Senate Republicans insisted that Mr. Biden should at least be given access to the President’s Daily Brief, the compendium of the nation’s most closely guarded intelligence secrets and assessments of threats like terrorist plots and cyberattack vulnerabilities. Their call amounted to an acknowledgment that Mr. Biden would be declared the victor in the election.

“I don’t think they need to know everything,” Senator Roy Blunt of Missouri, a member of the Senate Republican leadership, said of Mr. Biden’s advisers. “I think they do need to know some things, and national security would be one of them.”

“President-elect Biden should be receiving intelligence briefings right now — that is really important,” said Senator Susan Collins, Republican of Maine, a member of the Intelligence Committee and one of the few Senate Republicans to publicly acknowledge Mr. Biden’s victory. “It’s probably the most important part of the transition.”

Giving Mr. Biden and his top aides access to the daily briefing, as Mr. Trump got right after his election four years ago, would address only a fraction of the problem. Mr. Biden will confront an array of complex dilemmas: bruised relationships with foreign allies, a weak economy and a sluggish recovery, perhaps the most high-risk period yet of the coronavirus and a need to distribute a vaccine to 330 million Americans.

The president-elect’s team is concerned that it is being shut out of planning for the vaccine distribution, a huge undertaking that the incoming administration expects to inherit the moment Mr. Biden is sworn in. His advisers said they have not had access to the details of Warp Speed, the project that has vaccine distribution planning well underway, and understand little about its workings.

It is focusing on logistical challenges and policy questions, one senior Biden adviser said, like how to prioritize who gets a vaccine and how to make distribution equitable along racial and socioeconomic lines — a priority of Mr. Biden’s, but one rarely discussed by Mr. Trump.

“Every day Senate Republicans continue to indulge the president in the delusion he didn’t just lose the election, they are undermining faith in our democracy, putting our national security at risk and impeding the response to the Covid-19 health and economic crises,” said Senator Chuck Schumer of New York, the Democratic leader.

Mr. Trump’s stonewalling is already creating modest risks in the president-elect’s dealings with foreign leaders: Mr. Biden made his first contacts on unsecured telephone lines, without State Department translators or briefings about what those leaders might seek from him.

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Aides to Mr. Biden said that so far, the risks were manageable. Mr. Biden's decades of experience in Washington, including 17 years as the chairman or ranking member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, means little will take him by surprise. But given the global tumult in the past four years, as one Biden adviser put it, "The risk is that we don't know what we don't know."

Deprived of access to secure government communications by the Trump administration, Mr. Biden's team of more than 500 former officials and outside experts has embraced workarounds, talking over encrypted apps like Signal to shield their conversations from the Chinese and meeting in outdoor coffee shops with government officials they once worked alongside.

The conversations are circumspect because of rules on both sides limiting their exchanges of information, participants said. But the Biden team will be relying on deep connections and old friendships that have kept up throughout the Trump administration, often with parts of the bureaucracy that Mr. Trump has referred to as the "deep state."

It may be weeks until Mr. Biden's so-called agency review teams, made up of longtime government officials with deep roots in the bureaucracy, are let into the government departments that a Biden administration will run starting at noon Jan. 20. Some issues can wait until a formal "ascertainment" is declared, giving them access to the offices and classified material that some parts of the administration have prepared, including the Department of Homeland Security and the intelligence agencies.

Combating Covid-19 may be the most urgent issue for Mr. Biden. His team hopes to carry out a national testing strategy, but it will have to start from scratch because the Trump administration does not have one. Biden advisers are seeking guidance from groups including the Rockefeller Foundation, which has drafted a national testing plan and is partnering with states and cities to expand testing efforts.

And access to the Trump vaccine distribution plan will become increasingly important as Mr. Biden's inauguration approaches so his team can take over without any hiccups, said the senior adviser, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal transition details.

Senator Lisa Murkowski, Republican of Alaska, said she believed the Trump administration should share vaccine distribution plans with Mr. Biden, ensuring that "as the president-elect is able to come in and bring with him a transition team, that there is that flow of information that we typically see when we have transitions."

Experts in both national security and health security see the pandemic as a national security threat. They note that China and Russia are expanding their sphere of influence by promising vaccines to other countries in need.

"The Biden team is going to be responsible for that on Jan. 20," said Dr. James Lawler, an expert in global health security at the University of Nebraska, who joined with a former Navy secretary and a former Trump homeland security adviser in an opinion article on Wednesday in *The Washington Post*. "It's as important as what we're doing with our strategic nuclear forces and what current threat assessments are around the world."

Other matters also have a short time fuse. The last remaining arms control treaty between the United States and Russia, called New START, expires days after the inauguration. Mr. Biden has expressed a willingness to renew it, but his national security staff has had no access to the detailed discussions between the national security adviser, Robert C. O'Brien, and his Kremlin counterpart, or to a team of State Department negotiators who have dealt with Russia on questions like future inspections and verification.

An array of newer threats persist, as well, like terrorist plots or brewing cyberattacks. The 9/11 commission concluded that the short transition caused by the Florida recount in 2000 hampered the Bush administration's ability to deal with Qaeda plots. At the time, President-elect George W. Bush discussed the dangers of abbreviated briefings in an interview with *The New York Times* at his ranch eight days before his first

inauguration.

In many ways, what is happening now, officials said, is a reverse of four years ago — when President Barack Obama’s team was ready with detailed briefings and simulations of potential crises (including a pandemic flu), and Mr. Trump’s advisers were unwilling to receive them.

Mr. Trump’s incoming national security adviser, Michael T. Flynn, who was fired within a month, did sit for reviews of urgent national security threats with Susan Rice, his predecessor. But other officials refused briefings, apparently not wanting Mr. Obama’s worldview to taint theirs. Secretary of State John F. Kerry never met with his successor, Rex W. Tillerson. Ernest J. Moniz, the Obama energy secretary, never gave his full brief to Rick Perry, the former Texas governor, who was coming in to oversee, among other things, the remaking of America’s nuclear weapons arsenal.

Now, Mr. Biden has loaded his transition team with many of the same officials who were ready to brief the Trump appointees. But they have not gotten far.

With Mr. Trump unwilling to recognize the election result and authorize the ascertainment that allows formal transition to begin, the White House Communications Agency is forbidden to run secure lines to Mr. Biden’s house in Delaware. That creates a risk that some of his conversations could be vulnerable to foreign eavesdropping. His team cannot use the government transition email system, and intelligence agencies have warned that the transition operation is a prime target for Chinese, Russian, North Korean, Iranian and other hackers.

The refusal of the General Services Administration to recognize Mr. Biden as the president-elect has also all but halted transition work inside the Pentagon and intelligence agencies.

Even as congressional Republicans avoided acknowledging Mr. Biden’s victory, they began to push back at the Trump administration’s refusal to grant Mr. Biden classified intelligence briefings, in their first significant sign of recognition of Mr. Biden and the need for a transition.

“I see no problem,” Senator Charles E. Grassley of Iowa, the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, said on Thursday when asked about whether Mr. Biden should receive those briefings.

Senator Lindsey Graham, Republican of South Carolina, told reporters, “Yes, I think so,” when pressed as well.

Senator James Lankford, Republican of Oklahoma and a member of a key Senate oversight committee, told reporters that without an update from the General Services Administration by Friday, he planned to push for answers on the process for beginning to share information with transition officials.

“Both sides had access to the intel information through the whole campaign,” Mr. Lankford said, refusing to confirm that Mr. Biden is the president-elect because of the Trump campaign’s outstanding legal challenges and the need for states to formally certify results. “Both sides need to have access to the information because we don’t know who the president is going to be, so allow that part of this process to still continue just for the sake of national security.”

The prolonged transition will have other consequences, like delaying the start of background checks for many senior and midlevel officials, said John B. Bellinger III, a former Bush administration official.

“We felt behind from the beginning,” Mr. Bellinger said.

Senior national security officials awaiting completed background checks could not start their jobs until the spring and summer of 2001, a delay that made it difficult to hold senior-level meetings and make tough policy decisions, including regarding Al Qaeda and the Taliban, Mr. Bellinger said. Citing those transition delays, the 9/11 commission made recommendations to smooth presidential transitions and expedite clearances.

Fulsome briefing memos from the outgoing administration are also important, Mr. Bellinger said, even if a new administration is planning big policy changes.

“Incoming administration officials always want to fix policies they think are broken,” he said. “But it is important for them to know what the outgoing administration was already doing and why problems that may look easy to fix from the outside may not be quite so easy.”

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By Shane Goldmacher and Adam Nagourney:

Adam: So, first things first. I know Republicans had talked about this being an optimistic, uplifting convention. Maybe that happens on Night 2? We heard a pretty withering case against Joseph R. Biden Jr. that President Trump is obviously going to use this week and in the months ahead. We always knew this would be a negative campaign, but I think this is going to be the most brutal campaign we've seen since George Bush defeated Michael Dukakis in 1988.

Shane: Hey, shouldn't I be the one linking to your smart stories? Yeah, the message tonight was pretty clear: Joe Biden is a radical. Donald Trump cares (and is not a racist). Oh, and please remember the pre-pandemic economy.

Adam: It was a night that included dark (and often misleading) warnings that a Biden presidency would lead to more crime and civil unrest, higher taxes, defunded police departments and a shutdown of the country to deal with the coronavirus. (No attacks on mask-wearing mandates, though, right? Well, the week is young.) And have you ever seen a candidate for president use the White House as a stage for a convention, Shane?

Shane: There needs to be a sharper description than norm-busting. The president is taking the seat of government and turning it into the backdrop for his campaign marketing — even bringing in hostages whose release the government helped negotiate for a talk-show-like segment (by the way, I stopped cold when Mr. Trump said, "To me, President Erdogan was very good" to a former hostage). The East Room event was also surprising because Mr. Trump's first prime-time convention appearance was talking about a virus he has more often preferred to ignore.

Adam: The segment on Covid-19 was striking. The president clearly sees this as a major obstacle to his re-election (you don't need to commission a poll to know that). You again saw the claim that Mr. Trump was in fact ahead of everyone else in grasping the severity of the pandemic — even though he repeatedly downplayed the virus. From watching this, it sounds like a cure and a vaccine is around the corner. I'm no epidemiologist, but I'm not sure any of that's correct. And they pulled (accurate) video clips of Democratic leaders — Gov. Andrew Cuomo and Mayor Bill de Blasio — minimizing the danger of the pandemic. Those were from early March, and those two New Yorkers later changed their tunes — but they did say it.

Shane: Hey, Mr. de Blasio finally got his convention airtime!

Adam: And kind of deliciously, they used quotes from Mr. Cuomo and Gov. Gavin Newsom of California praising Mr. Trump for his response.

Shane: Speaking of which, I couldn't help but notice that Mr. Newsom's ex-wife, Kimberly Guilfoyle (who is now Donald Trump Jr.'s girlfriend), specifically called out California as an example of rotten Democratic rule.

Adam: That was rich. Do you think Mr. Newsom watched her speech?

Shane: I don't know — you're the one based in California, Adam. I was also struck by whom the Republicans anointed to open their convention: the pugilistic Charlie Kirk of Turning Point USA, who was soon followed by Matt Gaetz, a Florida congressman who once wore a gas mask to the House floor as a stunt. When Mr. Gaetz dropped the word "woketopians," it felt like I was back covering an annual Conservative Political Action Conference gathering. I guess that was the point: Rally. The. Base.

Adam: Confession: "Woketopians" was a high point of my night.

Tim Scott's night in the spotlight

Adam: I'm going to argue that Senator Tim Scott of South Carolina gave the most important speech of the night, with Nikki Haley coming in a close second. (We'll get to her — with video! — in a bit.) The Republicans thought so as well; his speech closed out the night. He made a methodical case against Mr. Biden, attacking his record in public service. And he ran through some of Mr. Biden's more inartful statements on race, including when he said "you ain't Black" if you vote for Mr. Trump, and his sponsorship of a tough 1994 criminal justice bill.

Shane: And it was not just what he said, but who he is in saying it: the Republican Party's top Black lawmaker. Adam, there were a number of Black speakers on Monday who tried to knock down the accusations that Mr. Trump is racist. Who do you think their target audience was, Black voters or white voters?

Adam: That is one of the big questions of the night. I do not believe, and I don't think anyone in the Trump or Biden campaigns believes, that Mr. Trump — considering what he's said and done about race — has any realistic hope of pulling a significant number of Black voters away from Mr. Biden. But I do think having Mr. Scott make that case out there — he was one of a few African-American speakers on Night 1 — gives a license to moderate white voters who are thinking about voting for the president but are put off by his racist statements. It is a permission structure; if Mr. Scott says that Mr. Trump is OK, well...

Shane: Herschel Walker, the former football player, was explicit about this point earlier in the night: "I have seen racism up close. I know what it is. And it isn't Donald Trump."

Nikki Haley brings some traditional G.O.P. vibes

Shane: Listening to Nikki Haley, the former governor of South Carolina and United Nations ambassador, feels like a complete repackaging of the Trump agenda. It's all refracted through the prism of traditional Republicanism. It was taxes and spending at home, projecting American values abroad. Simple contrasts, calm delivery and digestible framing. "He's moved America forward," she said of Mr. Trump, "while Joe Biden held America back."

Adam: There was speculation early in the year that Ms. Haley had stepped down from her post at the United Nations to distance herself from Mr. Trump in preparation for her own presidential run. I even heard some speculation she might challenge him in the 2020 primary, which seemed nuts. It's hard to imagine anything else she might have done on Night 1 to put her into the very best of graces with Mr. Trump — and, importantly, Mr. Trump's supporters. I think she did herself some good here if she wants to run for president in 2024.

Shane: Look, there were definitely some shades of 2024 on Monday and hints about the future fissures inside a post-Trump G.O.P. — especially with Ms. Haley's stylistic opposite, Donald Trump Jr., speaking immediately after her. Ms. Haley talked about removing the Confederate flag as governor — though she didn't say the word Confederate! — calling it a "divisive symbol." A few minutes later Don Jr. spoke about not tearing down monuments. "We must learn from our past, not erase it," he said.

Trump Jr. makes his pitch for his father (and himself)

Adam: So, Donald Trump Jr. is no Donald Trump.

Shane: Hey, you used that line last week about the Cuomos!

Adam: Yeah, well, I'm learning that a lot of these political apples are falling far away from their political trees. Or something like that. Most viewers

were really meeting the president's son for the first time as a person who might carry on his father's legacy, and some may know him only as the ambling, good-natured brother of Eric as portrayed by Mikey Day on "Saturday Night Live." But in his speech, he was coiled, intense and partisan.

Shane: Of the Trump children, it is Donald Trump Jr. who has his finger closest to the pulse of the Trump base. There was not a lot of subtext to this speech. He called the former vice president "Beijing Biden." He said Mr. Biden wants to "bring in more illegal immigrants to take jobs from American citizens." He recently wrote a book called "Triggered" about getting under the skin of the left, but the younger Mr. Trump surely knows where the political pressure points are for the right, too. Who knows if an actual Trump might be the inheritor of the mantle of Trumpism?

Adam: OK, that's a really good point and he might do well in a future primary. But positions aside, he does not seem to have the campaign skills that his father has displayed. President Trump knows how to entertain his supporters; you are as likely to hear laughter at a Trump rally as cheers. His son doesn't seem to have the kind of side to him that would make an audience laugh. Listen, if he does want to pick up his father's legacy, he has time: It's not easy being a candidate. But I'm not sure it was a terrific outing for him.

It's the Trump show

Shane: The cable countdown timers Monday afternoon said there were still hours to go before the convention was supposed to begin, and yet there was Mr. Trump talking to the party delegates in North Carolina — and he sure does look like a politician who has missed live and adoring audiences.

Adam: Talking. And talking. And talking. Is it over yet? Anyway, he didn't waste any time answering one question I had coming into this week: Will this be an all-Trump-all-the-time convention?

Shane: Was it ever not going to be? On Sunday, when the Republican National Committee's delegates basically abandoned a formal party platform in 2020, it really drove home how Republicanism is now Trumpism. "The Republican Party has and will continue to enthusiastically support the president's America-first agenda," said the formal resolution.

Adam: Do you think he will change his tone in his big speech later this week? Will he broaden his appeal when speaking to what I assume will be a huge national audience?

Shane: Don't use the T-word, Adam! There is just one Donald J. Trump, and he is a perpetually aggrieved president who views the world through the prisms of strength and weakness, friends and haters. And as he told the delegates, he thinks he has the "greatest base" ever. That's whom he'll (mostly) be speaking to.

Adam: I know, I know. But he really squeaked to victory in 2016. I'm not sure a base-only speech is going to get him back to the White House. He hit so many different issues and themes on Monday. He made unfounded warnings about ballot fraud, raising questions about the integrity of the election. He said Democrats were trying to use the coronavirus to steal the election. He called it the "China virus." All that stuff sent the fact-checking police into overdrive.

Shane: All the hits.

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NYT: What Happened in Each Key Senate Race

By Matt Stevens:

In the days since Joseph R. Biden Jr. was declared the winner in the presidential contest, the vote counting and reporting in states across the country have continued and are helping to clarify what the Senate will look like in 2021.

Democrats did not get the sort of blue wave they had hoped for, and their paths to flipping the Senate have significantly dwindled. In an election cycle in which President Trump ran much closer to Mr. Biden than many of the polls had predicted, Republicans appear poised to hold on to all but two of the roughly dozen seats that were thought to be competitive — and they flipped one seat held by a Democrat.

Two critical Senate races in Georgia are headed to a runoff. A third race in Alaska, where the Republican candidate is significantly ahead, and a fourth race in North Carolina, where the Democratic challenger has conceded, also have yet to be formally called. With the Alaska Senate race likely to wind up in the Republicans' column, it appears that Democrats' only path to a Senate majority will require winning both of Georgia's seats.

Here is a quick summary of what has happened in Senate races across the country.

What Democrats needed to happen

Entering Election Day, Republicans held a three-seat advantage over Democrats in the Senate. That meant that in order for Democrats to take control of the chamber in 2021, they needed to flip at least three seats — and most likely four — assuming they also won the White House.

If Democrats were to pick up three seats, then Kamala Harris, as vice president, would be able to break a 50-50 tie in the Senate. But Senator Doug Jones, Democrat of Alabama, was widely expected to lose his race in the deep red state, so realistically, most Democrats expected they would have to flip a fourth Republican seat.

In that scenario, Democrats also had to defend the other 11 seats held by Democratic incumbents that were up for grabs this cycle, including one in the battleground state of Michigan.

What actually happened

The Democrats flipped two seats, in Arizona and Colorado, and the Republicans flipped one, Mr. Jones's. That leaves Democrats, at least for the moment, with a net gain of just one seat — far short of what they needed.

As of Tuesday, Republicans have secured 49 seats in the next Senate, and Democrats, combined with the two independent senators who caucus with them, have secured 48.

The two races in Georgia are both headed to a Jan. 5 runoff because none of the candidates received 50 percent of the vote, the threshold under Georgia law to win outright. If a Republican wins either of the races in the traditionally conservative state, the party will maintain control of the Senate.

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The Democrats held onto the other 11 seats they were defending, including in Michigan, where the Democratic incumbent, Gary Peters, narrowly prevailed.

Here is a state-by-state look at how the Senate races played out.

Alabama

Mr. Jones earned his Senate seat in a deeply red state after winning a special election in 2017 against Roy S. Moore, a Republican accused of sexual misconduct.

As expected, Mr. Jones lost by a wide margin to Tommy Tuberville, a Republican and former college football coach who has aligned himself with Mr. Trump.

Arizona

As the polls had predicted, Mark Kelly, a former astronaut and retired Navy captain, defeated Senator Martha McSally, the Republican incumbent in Arizona. Mr. Kelly built a national profile as a gun safety advocate after his wife, former Representative Gabrielle Giffords, was seriously injured during a mass shooting in 2011. He ran as a pragmatic outsider and leaned hard into his biography on the campaign trail.

It was a second loss for Ms. McSally, who failed in her first run for Senate in 2018 but was then appointed by Gov. Doug Ducey to the seat left vacant by the death of Senator John McCain.

Colorado

The polls were similarly accurate in predicting that former Gov. John Hickenlooper would defeat Senator Cory Gardner in Colorado. Mr. Hickenlooper, who had made an unsuccessful run for the Democratic nomination for president in 2019, handily defeated Mr. Gardner by roughly nine percentage points in a state that is increasingly tilting to the left and that went for Mr. Biden over Mr. Trump.

Iowa, Montana and South Carolina

Though Iowa, Montana and South Carolina are all traditionally right-leaning, polls had shown tight Senate races in those states, and the Cook Political Report had rated each a tossup. But come Election Day, Republicans easily won each race.

In Iowa, Senator Joni Ernst, the Republican incumbent, dispatched Theresa Greenfield, her Democratic challenger, by 6.6 percentage points. In Montana, Senator Steve Daines, the Republican incumbent, won by more than 10 percentage points against Steve Bullock, Montana's two-term Democratic governor.

And in South Carolina, Senator Lindsey Graham, a Republican and the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, survived a challenge by Jaime Harrison, a former chairman of the state's Democratic Party, winning by 10.3 percentage points.

Maine

Perhaps no Senate race result proved as befuddling to Democrats as the one in Maine, where Senator Susan Collins, the Republican incumbent, brushed aside her Democratic challenger, Sara Gideon.

The race was one of the most difficult in Ms. Collins's career. She faced extraordinary sums of Democratic money and anger over her decision to confirm Brett M. Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, and polls had her trailing Ms. Gideon, a formidable opponent who is the speaker of Maine's House, for much of the race.

But it did not end up being all that close: As of Tuesday, Ms. Collins's margin of victory over Ms. Gideon stood at nearly eight percentage points.

North Carolina

Democrats were also deeply disappointed by the outcome in the North Carolina Senate race, where Senator Thom Tillis, a first-term Republican, appeared to have narrowly edged out his Democratic opponent, Cal Cunningham, a former state senator and an Army reserve officer, who conceded the race on Tuesday. Though there has been no official call, Edison Research reported that Mr. Tillis was leading in the race by just under 100,000 votes.

Like Ms. Gideon in Maine, Mr. Cunningham had a lead in the polls heading into Election Day. The race concluded with two significant developments: Mr. Tillis contracted the coronavirus, and Mr. Cunningham became mired in a scandal over romantic messages he had sent to a woman who is not his wife. While it was not immediately clear what effect, if any, those developments had on voters, as of Tuesday, Mr. Trump also held a considerable lead in North Carolina, which may have helped buoy Mr. Tillis.

What happens next

There were two Senate races held in Georgia, both of which are headed to runoffs in January.

One of the races involves Senator David Perdue, a first-term Republican, who was trying to hold off Jon Ossoff, the Democratic nominee. Mr. Perdue's share of the vote dipped below 50 percent last week as more ballots were tallied, forcing a showdown in January.

In the other race, the Rev. Raphael Warnock, a Democrat, and Senator Kelly Loeffler, the Republican incumbent, finished first and second in a special election that featured 20 candidates. Neither amassed 50 percent of the vote, and so, like Mr. Perdue and Mr. Ossoff, they will now go head-to-head on Jan. 5.

The pair of contests will most likely determine which party controls the Senate.

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By Mark Leibovich:

FRANKLIN, Wis. — President Trump had just been on Fox and Friends, demanding that his attorney general “act” against his opponent before the election. He had, the day before, called Joseph R. Biden Jr. a “criminal,” Dr. Anthony S. Fauci a “disaster,” government scientists “idiots” and members of the media “real garbage.”

Ivanka Trump, meanwhile, was visiting suburban Milwaukee and here for none of this.

“I learned that the first ice cream sundae was created in this amazing state!” the president’s older daughter and senior White House adviser said from a small stage of a sunlit function room overlooking a pond.

There would be no mentions of Hunter Biden in here, no reference to Hillary Clinton, “Barack Hussein Obama,” China Virus, witch hunts, fake news, Antifa or rigged elections.

Instead, the first daughter came armed with local fun facts and pleasing asides. She skipped the Trump-branded red meat and went straight to dessert.

“Wisconsinites eat 21 million gallons of ice cream a year,” Ms. Trump shared as an icebreaker. She likes to collect souvenir trivia like this from the road, which she will then serve up at home as cool mom fodder.

“My children, upon hearing this, want to move to Wisconsin,” she continued. “So, the Kushners might be coming to town!”

The crowd was heavy with the just the kind of white, suburban female voters who have become her father’s demographic kryptonite. They have been fleeing his coalition with such abandon that he has recently been reduced to begging. “Suburban women, will you please like me!” the president pleaded at a rally in Pennsylvania last week.

By wide margins, they do not, especially the white suburban voters who went for Mr. Trump last time. A remarkable 56-percent of white women said they held a very unfavorable view of the president in a New York Times/Siena College poll. These include many independents and former Republicans who self-identify as moderate or conservative and are likely to be put off by the president’s more boorish inclinations.

As much as it’s possible, the Trump campaign is attempting to deploy the first daughter as a demographic paratrooper targeting at-risk women of the changing suburbs.

Speaking to a gathering in the wooded outskirts of Milwaukee — a polite, professionally dressed and economically comfortable group — she focused more on points of friendly consensus (who doesn’t love ice cream?) and seemed determined to offer a stark departure, at least rhetorically, from the tornado of grievance and belligerence that has marked so much her father’s campaign.

She was happy to leave that to her dad and brothers and the rest of the boys. Eric Trump did a raucous, partially masked rally in the packed basement of a bowling alley here last week. Later, Don Jr. would appear on Fox News and link Hunter Biden, Joseph R. Biden Jr.’s son, to “human trafficking and prostitution rings.” Senator Ron Johnson, Republican of Wisconsin, told a Trump rally in Janesville last weekend that supporters of Mr. Biden “don’t particularly love America.”

Wisconsin is home to both the fierce devotion and revulsion that has burned for Mr. Trump from the outset. It is as hotly contested and divided as any state. The discord has even extended to the stars of *Happy Days* — set in the Milwaukee suburbs of the 1950s. Ron Howard (who played Richie Cunningham), Henry Winkler (Fonzie) and other alums of the show joined a “virtual reunion” of the cast to raise money for Democrats. But Chachi was not cool with this at all.

“What a shame to use a classic show like *Happy Days* about Americana to promote an anti-American socialist,” tweeted Scott Baio, a vocal Trump supporter who played Fonzie’s apprentice cousin on the beloved sitcom.

It is not clear that any safe zone is possible inside the Trump enterprise, given the president’s all-consuming personality and the commotion of his presidency. “The first family, including the president, are all going to have different styles,” explained Mercedes Schlapp, a former White House official and campaign surrogate who asked questions of Ms. Trump onstage during her appearance in Franklin. “It’s important to talk about what the president has done for this country in a short period of time,” Ms. Schlapp said in an interview. “It’s important not to get lost in the noise that so much of the mainstream media is wrapped up in.”

Ms Schlapp was asked whether President Trump himself was responsible for creating some of that noise.

“Look,” Ms. Schlapp said, chuckling, “The president punches when he needs to punch.” His daughter has her own story to tell, and her own way of telling it.

Still, a surrogate can stray only so far from a campaign’s dominant message and messenger. Ms. Trump could speak with endless poise about all the important lessons her father instilled (“Find something you’re passionate about, because that’s the path to happiness”). She could focus on suburban parenting concerns such as school choice and education reform, and lament “the loss of social interaction for our kids” during the coronavirus outbreak. She could avoid any talk of immigration, caravans, walls or family separation.

And then, later in the day came a report that the parents of 545 children who had been separated from them at the southern border could not be located.

“On the one hand, a president’s family member can offer a softening and humanizing touch,” said Gil Troy, a presidential historian who has written extensively on first families. In such a polarized and binary environment, he added, Ms. Trump can still offer some measure of reassurance for Republicans who do not like her father but who would be loath to support Mr. Biden. “Ivanka can still be proof that is ‘See, he’s not that bad,’” Mr. Troy said. “She is trying to be some port in the storm.” At a certain point, though the contrast becomes too stark. “It becomes almost a countercampaign rather than a supporting one,” he said.

And while Ms. Trump may avoid the vitriolic language of her father and brothers, she has been connected to policies and actions that critics find just as distasteful or ill-advised. She was, reportedly, a proponent of her father’s march across Lafayette Square last spring during protests against racial injustice, culminating in a Bible-waving photo-op in front of the fire-damaged St. John’s Church. The widely-derided performance stands as one of the most notorious spectacles of Mr. Trump’s presidency.

She has shown a knack for oblivious, tone-deaf gestures: drawing backlash, for instance, after she tweeted a photo of herself cuddling her two-year-old son amid reports of migrant children being forcibly taken from their mothers by border agents. Ms. Trump’s official position at the White House — along with that of her husband, Jared Kushner — has brought a host of criticism over nepotism and potential Hatch Act violations.

As perhaps the president’s most influential aide, his daughter tends to be studiously quiet in public, even over policies she is believed to personally oppose. She inspired a spoof perfume commercial on *Saturday Night Live* — a fragrance called “Complicit.” (“She’s beautiful. She’s powerful. She’s complicit.”)

On the re-election trail, Ms. Trump is offering a campaign version of daytime TV.

“It’s a breath of fresh air to hear that positive tone,” said Joe Krupa of Franklin through a navy blue, MAGA-emblazoned mask. “I’m really sick of all the Debbie downers and the negativity,” he said. To be clear, Mr. Krupa said he blamed this negativity on the rampant “hatred for Trump” that exists from Democrats and the biased media. Hunter Biden’s work for a Ukrainian energy company, he added, “should be an even bigger scandal than Watergate.” Mr. Krupa seemed to be getting slightly worked up for a second but stopped himself — as if this was not the right vibe for the Ivanka Hour.

“It’s more of the boys’ role to talk about Hunter Biden and all of the other stuff that’s wrong with Joe Biden,” said Mr. Krupa’s friend, Lois Dombrowski of Caledonia, another Milwaukee suburb.

In her remarks, Ms. Trump spoke of her father’s willingness to look beyond party orthodoxy and support creative solutions: one local example involved an initiative to help Wisconsin farmers whose goods were shut off from supply chains after the coronavirus hit. “Farmers were literally taking this beautiful milk and pouring it down the drain,” Ms. Trump said.

Like her father, Ms. Trump is fond of breathless adjectives (“amazing” “unbelievable”) and applying them to common nouns (“beautiful milk”)

“Why do you do what you do every day?” Ms. Schlapp asked the first daughter. How does she endure all the incoming — all the attacks, biases, hatreds and all she had to deal with?

In short, Ms. Trump said she does what she does for the same reason her father does what he does — for love.

“We love this country, we love the people of this country,” she said. “For all the negativity, for all the noise and all of the biased reporting that the president receives, the outpouring of love and prayers” — she paused — “The love is just a beautiful counterbalance.”

In a sense, Ms. Trump is still attempting to serve as a counterbalance of her own to an otherwise dark campaign. She aims to present, for what it’s worth, an alternative reality check to a version of Donald Trump that seems deeply embedded at this late stage.

Of all the Trump ambassadors, she offers the most disciplined message, sharing a pitch that rarely makes reference to “idiot” scientists or hoaxes of any kind. Among family surrogates, she makes an odd kind of black sheep.

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By Bill Mahoney:

LOWVILLE, N.Y. — Andrew Giuliani stopped to pet a cow while touring a corner of the Lewis County Fair where 4-H members displayed prize chickens and the local Holstein club was auctioning off bull semen.

“I don’t do that too much in Manhattan,” he said.

Giuliani, the son of former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, would like to replace Andrew Cuomo as governor of New York next year. Republicans have attempted to center the conversation about the still-crowded field of gubernatorial candidates on Rep. Lee Zeldin. The party declared him the “presumed nominee” in June, a full year before primary voters will decide who the actual nominee will be.

But Giuliani, the son of former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, just might be the biggest wild card in the still-young race to run against Cuomo or another Democratic nominee in 2022. For one, he almost certainly has the highest name recognition in the field. “How’s your old man doing?” — a question one stranger asked him at the fair — is presumably not a question that Zeldin gets asked with any regularity.

All evidence suggests he’s putting real energy into his campaign and not simply resting on his family name as a lot of people in New York political circles assumed he might when he launched this spring. While he spent four years as an adviser to Donald Trump (and, by one measure, the former president’s most frequent golf companion), his only previous run for office entailed a brief flirtation with a New York City mayoral campaign.

He’s now a regular presence across upstate New York, at places like the fair in Lowville, a town of 3,500 people located to the west of the Adirondacks, about halfway between Utica and the Canadian border.

“Our goal is — and this is an impossible goal, but it doesn’t mean we don’t try to set our minds on that — is to meet as many of the 19.5 million New Yorkers as possible,” Giuliani said in an interview at the fair. “Certainly as many of the 9 million voters as possible, and in order to win this primary, as many of the 2.9 million registered Republicans as possible.”

“That’s why we go to the Lewis County Fair,” he added. “That’s why we’re going to the Greene County Fair. That’s why we’ll go up to Nascar. That’s why we’re doing the Empire Farm Days.”

Before this year, Giuliani’s most prominent appearance in New York politics came when he was just 7 and took the mayoral oath of office along with his father — a scene-stealing performance that earned him a Chris Farley portrayal on Saturday Night Live. Now 35, Giuliani’s work since has included the pursuit of a career in golf and a job in the White House, with a portfolio that included managing Trump’s interactions with sports teams.

Some of the people who have seen Giuliani on the campaign trail think his efforts should not be discounted.

“He seems to be more of an appeal to the Trump-oriented voter than Zeldin,” said Jeff Graham, the former mayor of Watertown, a city about five miles from Lake Ontario. Graham recently hosted Giuliani on his local talk radio show.

“Zeldin — there hasn’t been a lot of pizzazz in his efforts so far. If you’re going against Cuomo, you have to be a fighter, because Cuomo’s a street fighter. He’s going to throw a lot of elbows under the basket,” Graham said. “And I do think Giuliani has more spirit than what I’ve seen from the

other candidates.”

Giuliani “knows that I’m supporting Lee Zeldin,” said Assemblyman Chris Tague, the GOP chair in rural Schoharie County, west of Albany.

But, Tague added, Giuliani is “very smart, very good on his feet, and he’s very personable. I was actually very impressed with him. And he has a lot of knowledge on a broad range of things, which I was also impressed with, and I think it would be wrong to just ignore him . . . Whether this is his time or not, to just cast him aside and not give him any respect, I think, is wrong.”

Tague backed Zeldin in a June straw poll of GOP officials. The 41-year-old Long Island congressman received 85 percent of the weighted vote, former Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino got 5 percent and none of the other candidates received any support.

If there’s a similar result when party leaders officially convene this winter, then Zeldin will receive an automatic spot in the June primary and be able to characterize himself to potential donors and voters as the party’s endorsed candidate. Everybody else will need to shift their attention to collecting tens of thousands of petition signatures in order to appear on the primary ballot.

Winning a gubernatorial primary without a party’s backing is obviously a more difficult path. But it’s been done before, most recently in 2010, when Rick Lazio — who, like Zeldin, served four terms in Congress representing Long Island — was stunned by Carl Paladino, a Buffalo developer who ran a grassroots campaign appealing to the types of voters who would eventually form Trump’s coalition.

There’s another more recent example of a candidate winning a major office with negligible establishment support at this point in a race.

“[Trump] would have just announced his candidacy in 2015 for president,” Giuliani said. “That’s kind of where we are for a gubernatorial — we’re 15-and-a-half months out still. Obviously some stuff has moved quick at this point, but I think if we continue to build the grassroots by coming to these massive gathering places, we’re going to have a great chance.”

Giuliani is promising to bring something resembling a Trumpian style of politics to office if elected. There’s long been an unwritten rule in New York politics that governors should not publicly feud with individual state legislators, and those who have violated the rule have faced serious consequences.

Eliot Spitzer crossed that line in 2007 by attacking members of the Assembly who didn’t support his plan for choosing a new state comptroller, and he was never able to stabilize his administration’s relationship with the Legislature. When Cuomo crossed the line earlier this year by lashing into Assemblyman Ron Kim, who had criticized the administration’s decision to hide the number of Covid-19 deaths tied to nursing homes, he created a national news cycle focused on the governor’s history of bullying behind closed doors that rapidly evolved into a discussion of allegations of even more improper behavior by Cuomo.

But for Giuliani, directly combating members of the Democratic-dominated Legislature is part of his campaign pitch.

“I’d like to invite every single Assembly member over for lunch within the first 90 days and see if we can develop [a] rapport,” he said. “If that doesn’t work, then, ultimately, we need to make sure that we can use the governor’s bully pulpit to cut taxes.”

He said he’d go into the districts of individual lawmakers to push his agenda if they buck him — an aggressive move for a New York governor.

“We’re going to go beyond them and go to their constituents,” he said.

Zeldin, like Giuliani, has spent recent years as a prominent supporter of Trump. He voted against the certification of the presidential election on Jan. 6 and was one of the former president's most vocal defenders during the first impeachment.

Trump is expected to host a fundraiser for New York Republicans on Aug. 5. He hasn't publicly tipped his hand on whether or when he'll make an endorsement in the gubernatorial race.

Giuliani does not expect an endorsement "until the spring of next year, if he does."

"My guess is he probably sits it out. Obviously, I would never turn down an endorsement from President Trump," Giuliani said "But I know how his mind works, I know how the inner workings of his political team work, and if you have multiple friends in a race, generally you kind of sit that out and see how it plays out. So my guess is he sits this out until it's clear we're going to be the candidate."

Even if Giuliani pulls off an upset in the primary, he would enter the general election as an even bigger underdog. No Republican has won any statewide election in New York since 2002, and the results have rarely been close since then. And unless the mood of the electorate drastically changes — much of Cuomo's successful 2018 campaign messaging simply pointed out that his opponent was registered in the same party as Trump — it might be tough to imagine a White House alum will be the one to break that streak.

But Giuliani thinks there's a path, and it might be very similar to the one followed by his father when he was elected mayor of New York City in 1993. He notes that crime was a top issue for Democratic voters in June's mayoral primary, which was won by Eric Adams, a former NYPD captain who pushed a law-and-order message.

"When that's the number one issue for Democrats, generally what you see is Democrats will cross the lines and vote for Republicans or may not come out to vote," Giuliani said "That gives me a lot of hope that we're going to have a great chance to get the crossover vote that we need."

It also helps that Cuomo is as vulnerable as he's ever been. He is facing multiple investigations, including an impeachment inquiry, related to allegations of sexual misconduct, the scandal around deaths tied to nursing homes and claims he improperly used state resources to help him write a book. He will almost certainly face a bruising primary if he follows through on his plans to seek a fourth term.

But to even have a chance at pulling off a seismic upset — against Cuomo or another Democrat — Giuliani will first need to pull off a primary upset and win over voters in Republican strongholds like Lewis County.

The county, which gave Trump 70 percent of the vote last year, might be sparsely populated, but it's the type of place where a Republican characterizing themselves as running against the establishment could find some success: The first house seen when crossing the county line from the south displayed a flag similar in design to a MAGA banner, but containing a message that was nine letters long. The final five were C-U-O-M-O.

"We feel like if we can make inroads with these voters," Giuliani said, saying doing so will give him "the best chance to ultimately win."

"Rather than appealing to the few of the party leaders," he added, "I'd much rather appeal to the 3 million New Yorkers who are going to vote in June of next year."

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By BILL MAHONEY:

ALBANY, N.Y. — Former New York Gov. David Paterson found out that that he was about to become New York's top elected official via a phone call made from a bathroom, less than an hour before the New York Times reported that his soon-to-be predecessor, Eliot Spitzer, was a client of an expensive escort service.

Paterson was the Empire State's lieutenant governor at the time. Spitzer resigned shortly after the Times report was published in March 2008.

“My overriding thought about Spitzer’s departure and my elevation to the role of governor is that it’s the best benefit I ever got from sex — and I wasn’t even there,” Paterson writes in a new memoir, entitled "Black, Blind & In Charge."

While the former governor has used varieties of that one-liner before, the book includes unprecedented detail about how the most consequential week of modern New York politics unfolded for one of the key players. As he tells it, the day of Spitzer’s downfall seemed to be a fairly typical one for a lieutenant governor, although he kept having certain events, like a meeting with Cardinal Edward Egan, thrown onto his schedule while the governor was mysteriously stuck in Manhattan.

Paterson learned of the looming bombshell thanks to a surreptitious call from gubernatorial secretary Richard Baum, who contacted Paterson from Spitzer’s bathroom. Upon the advice of his father, longtime political powerhouse Basil Paterson, he proceeded to call the state’s other top officials so they wouldn’t be upset about being left in the dark.

The first to call him back was Sen. Hillary Clinton, then in the midst of her 2008 presidential primary campaign.

“[T]he governor’s health is fine but he is going to resign within the hour,” he recounts saying.

“Well, what is the reason causing him to resign?” she replied.

“I started to speak and then held my breath because I thought, ‘How do you explain a sex scandal to Hillary Clinton?’”

Spitzer did not resign that afternoon, choosing instead to see if he could hold onto power. He gave up, according to Paterson, after then-Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver told the governor he’d have no support in an impeachment trial. Paterson then persuaded Spitzer’s team to make the resignation effective the following week so that he could fully prepare and avoid a rushed inauguration where he’d “look weak, alone, or unprepared ... standing in Albany, by myself.”

He describes the rushed transition as “an orgy of cannibalism” where “a plethora of self-serving pariahs” seeking power tried to form connections.

One of the few people he characterizes as “magnanimous” during this time was then-New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg. When the incoming governor was overwhelmed on inauguration morning, Bloomberg pretended to be holding a meeting with Paterson, guaranteeing they’d remain unbothered while Paterson was able to rest.

His feud with Richard Ravitch

One of Paterson's lasting legacies was the discovery that New York governors can fill vacancies in the lieutenant governor's office.

There hadn't been precedent for that. Then-Attorney General Andrew Cuomo argued it was unconstitutional. But Paterson moved forward and chose longtime civic leader Richard Ravitch for the post. (Paterson writes that Cuomo ultimately "seemed relieved" when he made his choice: "I surmised because it was not [Nassau County Executive] Tom Suozzi ... someone whom Cuomo deeply despised.")

But Paterson's recollections about his lieutenant governor are far from positive.

As his administration was enveloped in a series of scandals in early 2010, a stream of rumors involving his imminent resignation circulated through the halls of the New York's Capitol. They were fueled when Ravitch went off the grid for several days and held a meeting with Cuomo.

Plenty of theories have been offered about Cuomo's role in the drumbeat against Paterson in 2010. But in the ex-governor's narrative, Cuomo is generally treated very kindly, while Ravitch was the bigger problem during those troubled months.

He had been tasked by the governor with developing solutions to the budget woes of the Great Recession, coming up with the "Ravitch Plan" that would have entailed borrowing massive amounts of money to cover a shortfall. Cuomo ultimately persuaded Paterson that this was a backdoor way to undo recent court cases that shifted budgetary powers toward the executive.

"Ravitch, as Andrew Cuomo ... warned me, was doing the bidding of the legislative leaders, and his rotund frame, the only thing I know of that is larger than his ego, was noticed in several of their offices while I was trying to pass the budget," Paterson wrote.

... And Trump's feuds with Ravitch

Paterson wasn't the only one who seems to have a distaste for his lieutenant governor.

A certain New York City real estate developer warned him from the get-go that Ravitch was "incompetent and incapable of running government." That feud seems to have dated to Ravitch's tenure as head of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority 40 years ago, when Ravitch said that Donald Trump would need to pay if he wanted a new subway exit built directly into the Grand Hyatt Hotel from Grand Central Station in midtown.

When Ravitch was promoting his budget fixes in 2010, Paterson got a call from Trump.

"Hey David, I warned you and look at this! This guy is an asshole, he is untrustworthy, and he is disloyal," Trump proclaimed.

Trump quickly began telling reporters that Paterson had told him he regretted making his lieutenant governor pick.

"I never said that I'm sorry that I took Ravitch," Paterson recounts telling Trump in a follow-up call.

"But it's the truth, it's the truth! You do wish you hadn't taken him. Look me in the eye and tell me that isn't the truth," Trump said, according to Paterson.

The Ravitch pick apparently riled Trump as recently as a 2014 New Year's Eve lunch at Mar-a-Lago in Florida.

Trump, Paterson says, approached him to reiterate his thoughts on the matter:

“You know, Governor, I probably wouldn't have said what I did that day but I was completely frustrated that this Ravitch guy . . . wanted to borrow \$6 billion and give it to the legislature to prolong the fact that they were continually refusing to cut the budget and I thought that was completely out of line for his position.”

The 2002 leadership fight in the state Senate

Leadership battles hold a special place in Albany lore, though Paterson's 2002 ouster of Senate Democratic Leader Marty Connor hadn't previously been detailed in any depth. But despite the lack of importance of the job at the time, it was a notable moment in recent Albany history, both because it made Paterson the first Black leader of a legislative conference and because of the players involved.

The plan was first developed over wine with fellow Sen. Eric Schneiderman near Paterson's home in Guiderland, near Albany. Schneiderman unveiled a list of 10 senators who would support Paterson, just shy of the 13 needed to make him leader.

Paterson demurred. But after then-Sen. Malcolm Smith subsequently gave a motivational speech about living up to the legacy of people like his father and fellow Harlem leader Percy Sutton, Paterson's imagination took him to lines uttered by Babe Ruth's ghost in the movie "The Sandlot" — “There are heroes and there are legends . . . Heroes die and legends live forever” — and he decided to make a run for it.

Paterson eventually gathered a group of 13 senators in his Manhattan office. But one, then-freshman Martin Dilan, remained noncommittal.

He decided to trick a colleague, Carl Andrews, into thinking he had the 13 votes locked up — suggesting he'd be left out of any leadership team if he remained with Connor — and Andrews soon came from Brooklyn accompanied by another Senate colleague, Velmanette Montgomery, allowing Paterson to hold a news conference where he locked up support.

Gillibrand's appointment to the U.S. Senate

“Probably the most qualified person to succeed Hillary Clinton in the Senate was Andrew Cuomo,” Paterson wrote about the bitter and drawn-out selection process to replace Hillary Clinton after she left the Senate to become secretary of state under Barack Obama. “But providing I got an appropriately qualified candidate, I wanted to appoint a woman.”

Paterson spends dozens of pages summarizing backstabbing by supporters of Caroline Kennedy, who was a possible candidate for the appointment, and his own staff.

He confirms that his ultimate selection of then-Rep. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) was made partially due to an incident that was completely unknown at the time — her kindness to the governor after "Saturday Night Live" began using him as a vehicle to make jokes about the blind. (Paterson is legally blind.)

Gillibrand was in his office and overheard discussions about whether to respond. She urged him to “fight for people who didn't have a voice.”

“Congressman Gillibrand’s voice was one of support and encouragement,” Paterson wrote. “It wasn’t the sole reason I made the choice, but it was a contributing factor.”

Christie and Bloomberg

Paterson recalls an incident during Queen Elizabeth II's visit to the World Trade Center site in 2010, as he stood with then New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie awaiting the monarch's arrival.

Christie said to him: “I was told by the protocol people that nobody escorts the Queen but Prince Phillip, but I bet you that Bloomberg is going to try to stand in front of us both and escort her.”

“Yeah, Chris, Michael always takes charge like that. I’m OK with it.”

“Well I’m not putting up with it this time. If he tries it today, I want you to trip him and I’m gonna sit on him.”

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NEW YORK — New York City's top mayoral candidates took their last, best shots during their final debate Wednesday night as voters head to the polls over the next six days — and no one emerged as a clear victor.

The eight Democratic contenders wrangled over homelessness, mental illness and the city budget — setting the tone for the closing stretch of a bruising campaign.

The fourth televised debate, sponsored by POLITICO, WNBC and Telemundo 47, reflected the unsettled nature of the race: No one candidate took the brunt of foes' attacks, nor were any clear alliances formed to knock down a chosen target. Some of the sharpest exchanges came between lower-polling contenders. For the most part, candidates stayed away from the personal attacks that have marked past debates, even as they clashed fiercely on policy at the most substantive of their face-offs so far.

After a season of endless zoom forums, erratic polls and a truncated campaign season, the race remains a tossup less than a week out. With ranked-choice voting throwing more uncertainty into the process, the Democratic nominee, who is all but certain to win the general election, will likely not be named until well after Tuesday's primary.

That uncertainty seemed apparent among the candidates who took the stage at NBC's fabled studio 8-H — the longtime home of "Saturday Night Live."

Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams, a former NYPD cop who has led recent polls, and Andrew Yang, the one-time frontrunner in the race who has recently fallen behind, are both aiming to portray themselves as the best candidate to ensure public safety — a dominant theme in the race as shootings and hate crimes surge.

Yang tried to undermine Adams' tough-on-crime credentials — deriding his past advice for New Yorkers to confront their neighbors over illegal fireworks and bring guns to church for protection, and touting his own recent endorsement by the NYPD captains union, where Adams was once a member.

"They think I'm a better choice than Eric to keep us and our families safe," Yang said, adding that one police captain was taken aback after a woman who did confront neighbors over fireworks, as Adams encouraged, was killed. "This was the most irresponsible thing he'd seen from a public official, and it's not the kind of leadership he wants to see from the next mayor."

Adams retorted that the union disliked him because he advocated for reform while on the force, and that he never sought their endorsement.

The final days of the campaign will reflect a tight race between Yang, attorney Maya Wiley and former Sanitation Commissioner Kathryn Garcia, all of whom are trying to catch up to Adams. Wiley is running to the left, surging after other progressive candidates' campaigns stumbled, while the other leading candidates are more moderate.

Yang piled on when candidates were asked to name the worst idea they've heard a candidate propose, singling out the former cop's declaration after a synagogue shooting that off-duty law enforcement officers should carry guns to their houses of worship. Adams in turn cited Yang's proposal for basic income payments to some New Yorkers, labeling it "Monopoly money."

Wiley is proposing to cut the NYPD budget, in contrast to Adams and Yang, who both support bringing back a version of a controversial anti-crime unit disbanded because of civilian complaints.

“The worst idea I’ve ever heard is bringing back stop and frisk and the anti-crime unit from Eric Adams, which, one, is racist, two, is unconstitutional and, three, didn’t stop any crime,” she said.

Tens of thousands of New Yorkers have already cast their votes: As of Wednesday, 84,132 ballots have come in through early voting, which kicked off on Saturday, according to the city Board of Elections.

But the turnout so far has been slow compared to the hordes who lined up to vote early in the November presidential election. Going into the closing weekend of the race, campaigns have much more work to do to win over and turn out potential supporters.

Garcia, running on her skills as a manager, identified hashtags like #DefundthePolice as the worst idea she’s heard from an opponent.

And the question prompted one of the most intense exchanges of the night between Dianne Morales, a former nonprofit executive who supports defunding the police, and Ray McGuire, a Wall Street vet who opposes it.

McGuire said the defund movement was not right for Black and brown communities, prompting Morales, who is Afro-Latina, to cut in: “How dare you assume to speak for Black and brown communities? You cannot do that.”

“I just did do it,” McGuire, who is Black, shot back. “I’m going to do it again. Black and brown communities do not want either defund or stop and frisk, full stop.”

Both candidates have lagged in polls, with Morales’ campaign imploding after staff attempted to unionize, costing her what had been growing support on the left.

The city’s move to ranked-choice voting, a system that allows voters to choose up to five candidates in order of preference, makes the results all the more unpredictable. Even if the polls hold and Adams comes out on top, there’s no guarantee he will ultimately win the nomination once all the down-ballot votes are tallied.

A Marist poll released this week showed Adams ultimately beating Garcia after 12 rounds of ranked-choice voting. But a different survey by the conservative Manhattan Institute has Adams winning the most first-place votes, but narrowly losing to Garcia in the end.

While Yang hinted earlier in the day at a potential ranked-choice alliance with another candidate, none materialized during the debate.

And New Yorkers could be waiting quite some time for results: First choice votes will be reported on election night, but ranked choice tabulations will not begin until at least a week later.

Yang zeroed in on concerns about mentally ill individuals living on the street, an issue that has been present in the city for years but became more noticeable as the Covid-19 pandemic emptied the streets of office workers and tourists.

“Mentally ill homeless men are changing the character of our neighborhoods,” Yang said, adding that a friend of his wife’s was recently punched in the face. “Families are leaving as a result.”

He advocated increasing the number of psychiatric care beds and forcing people off the street if they’re deemed a danger. “We have the right to walk the streets and not fear for our safety because a mentally ill person is going to lash out at us,” he said.

City Comptroller Scott Stringer, who instead emphasized the need for affordable housing, called that “the greatest non-answer of any debate.” “Not one specific idea, not one specific plan,” he said. “How much is this going to cost, if I can ask you?”

Stringer was an early progressive favorite in the race but has faded after two allegations of sexual misconduct.

The candidates were also pressed on how they would tackle a projected \$5 billion deficit once the city runs through its federal aid package, though few detailed specific cuts.

McGuire said his rivals were “talking loud, saying nothing. ... You’ve got career politicians here who clearly don’t understand the basics of 101 economics and how you manage a budget,” he said. “You asked a question, what you are going to do with a \$5 billion budget [deficit]? Nobody answered that. They’re talking about what else they’re going to pile on to the budget.”

The candidates agreed on a few things, all saying they would not offer a job in their administration to the current mayor, Bill de Blasio. And all said they get six or fewer hours of sleep, below the recommended eight hours.

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By Jon Campbell:

Saturday Night Live is famously broadcast each week from New York, home to some of the country's most restrictive COVID-19 precautions meant to discourage crowds and limit the spread of the deadly coronavirus.

So how exactly will the venerable show be allowed to have a live audience when it returns home to Studio 8H in Rockefeller Center this Saturday?

By making the audience members part of the cast or crew, according to current state rules.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo has banned most in-person gatherings of more than 50 people, kept movie theaters closed and prohibited crowds of any size at professional sporting events and concerts in hopes of keeping a surge in COVID-19 at bay.

But the Cuomo administration's COVID-19 rules for "media production," which cover Saturday Night Live and other television shows, allow for an in-person audience of up to 100 people — so long as those people are cast members, employees or part of the crew.

Barring a change in policy prior to SNL's Oct. 3 season premiere, an audience of cast, crew and employees is the only way the state would allow the longstanding sketch comedy institution to have a live audience at all.

"Employees, cast and crew may make up a live audience of no more than 100 individuals, or 25% the audience capacity, whichever is lower," the state's current guidelines say. "Live audiences must maintain social distance of at least six feet in all directions."

Lorne Michaels, SNL's creator and executive producer, first revealed the show's plans for its upcoming 46th season in an interview with Vulture Sept. 16.

Michaels said SNL will return to its home studio in Manhattan after a series of remote shows closed out its 45th season earlier this year.

The show intends on having a studio audience, he said.

"We've been getting support from the governor's office, which is important because the audience is a huge part of it," Michaels said in the interview.

Later, SNL issued a news release confirming the show is planning to have a "limited in-studio audience at Rockefeller Center for the upcoming season."

"The show will work closely with Gov. Cuomo's team," the news release read. An SNL spokesperson declined to elaborate last week.

Late Sunday, SNL began accepting requests for free tickets for the Oct. 3 show and dress rehearsal through Iota, an audience casting agency.

When asked last week about Michaels' comments, Cuomo's office pointed to the state's "media production" guidelines, which were first released in June when some New York regions first entered the fourth phase of the state's COVID-19 reopening process.

The guidelines plainly mandate show producers must "prohibit live audiences unless they consist only of paid employees, cast, and crew."

New York's ban on gatherings of 50 or more people does not apply in cases when the state has issued industry- or activity-specific guidelines, which include both mandated rules and suggested precautions.

Under normal circumstances, Studio 8H holds between 200 and 300 people for an SNL broadcast. Under the state's current guidelines, capacity would be restricted to 25% occupancy.

Saturday Night Live benefits from the state's film-tax-credit program, raking in \$42.7 million from New York taxpayers in recent years

No pro sports team is allowed to have any fans in the stands under the state's current rules. That also included the Toronto Blue Jays, who played their home games this season in Buffalo. Major League Baseball has not allowed fans at any park.

Teams "must ensure that no audience, fans, or spectators are authorized to attend or permitted entrance to any professional sports venue, even if the competition is held at an outdoor location," reads the state's most-recent guidance, first issued in June and updated Sept. 11.

In August, the Bills announced they would not have a live crowd for the first two home games.

But the team held out hope the state would allow a limited number of fans would be permitted to attend games in October and beyond, including a key primetime matchup with the defending Super Bowl champion Kansas City Chiefs on Oct. 15.

So far, the Cuomo administration hasn't budged.

"As Governor Cuomo has said, our goal is to reopen as many facets of the economy as possible, while keeping infections low and New Yorkers safe — and we are working with many productions and professional sports teams across the state to ensure they operate safely," Cuomo spokesman Jack Sterne said in a statement.

"We will continue this work to make sure SNL is 'Live from New York' and Josh Allen is throwing touchdowns at Bills Stadium while protecting New Yorkers from COVID-19."

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By Tom Wroblecki:

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. – We Staten Islanders need to stop running ourselves down.

An Atlantic League baseball team is set to replace the Staten Island Yankees at Richmond County Bank Ballpark in St. George.

Borough "Saturday Night Live" celebs Pete Davidson and Colin Jost, along with billionaire supermarket magnate and talk radio host John Catsimatidis, are leading the effort.

And how are some Staten Islanders reacting? By saying it'll never work. They say the Yankees failed and this new team will fail too.

Because Staten Islanders can't have nice things.

How about rooting for the new Atlantic League team to be a success, Staten Islanders?

I know, things haven't always worked out as planned in our borough.

The Staten Island Yankees should have been a big success given the fact that the New York Yankees are one of the most recognizable brands on the planet.

But it wasn't a success. For a lot of reasons, including some that were out of our control, such as the contraction of baseball's minor-league system.

The Yankees also failed because Islanders just didn't show up at the ballpark in sufficient numbers.

In some ways, it was a self-fulfilling prophecy. If you don't think a minor-league baseball team is ever going to work on Staten Island, you won't go. And if you don't go, you help ensure that the concept never works.

And this goes beyond baseball, of course. The demise of the New York Wheel was one of the biggest debacles we've ever seen on Staten Island. Half a billion dollars in private money sunk into the ground and nothing to show for it except a parking garage.

So when people talk about a smaller Wheel project, we hear the same chorus from some Staten Islanders: It'll never work. It didn't work the first time. It's a joke. Nobody will pay to ride an observation wheel with views of the North Shore.

Other development projects meant to boost St. George have also had their problems. The COVID-19 pandemic made everything worse, of course, but these projects were struggling long before the virus got its hooks into us.

If you were among the naysayers, you were right. Happy now?

You shouldn't be.

It's easy to feel downtrodden if you're a Staten Islander. We are downtrodden.

We're largely ignored by City Hall. We're the butt of jokes for everything from our ties to the Mob to those "Jersey Shore" knuckleheads. Some of us have to take a boat to get to work. Funny stuff.

We're told that we're not as hip, rich or sophisticated as the other boroughs. We're a bunch of right-wing Trump voters. We used to be home to the largest dump in history.

Whatever. Let them say what they want. They don't know us. They don't know Staten Island.

They don't know the awesome dining we have here. The great neighborhood bars. The entertainment venues and cultural attractions. Musicians and performers. Our parks and woodlands.

And, yes, our celebs like Davidson and Jost and The Impractical Jokers.

We have a lot going for us here.

And sometimes it seems Staten Islanders themselves forget it. They buy into this myth that we're somehow beneath the other boroughs and New Jersey. We give ourselves our own inferiority complex.

So when something new comes along, like a baseball team or a tourist attraction, our knee-jerk reaction is to reject it. To say it'll never work here. That a Wheel is fine for London or some other place, but not for Staten Island.

How about rooting for our borough instead? Sure, we might end up disappointed. Things might not work out as planned.

But let's not defeat ourselves before we even start.

Let's not help the haters.

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By Sydney Kashiwagi and Pamela Silvestri :

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Staten Island restaurant owners are standing by, but are planning to reopen for outdoor dining on Monday June 22 as the city and state appear to be at odds on when New York City can move into Phase 2 of reopenings.

On Wednesday, Gov. Andrew Cuomo was adamant that New York City could move into Phase 2, which includes outdoor dining, by Monday. However, that same day, Mayor Bill de Blasio said a decision on when the city can enter Phase 2 of reopenings remains a "day to day discussion."

De Blasio previously said outdoor dining likely would not happen until the beginning of July.

But as many restaurants across the city have already started to offer outdoor dining to patrons, regardless of the rules, the mayor has been unable to set a date for Phase 2, though he has said Monday, June 22 would be the earliest day the city could start Phase 2 openings.

On Staten Island, Rob DeLuca, the owner of DeLuca's Italian restaurant and the unofficial leader of "I.R.O.A.R." -- the Independent Restaurant Owners Association Rescue, a band of food brethren who recently appealed to the Governor to get back into business.

But he expressed frustration over the lack of clarity from the mayor and governor on when restaurants can reopen.

"The mayor's office needs to get their act together and get on the same page as the governor's office so we can go forward," said DeLuca.

Massimo Felici, who owns VINUM and The Richmond in Stapleton, likened the city dragging its feet to "a bad Saturday Night Live skit."

Ultimately, Felici said he's going to go with whatever guidance the state provides.

"We're going to follow what the State says. But is this mayor going to send out city agencies to police us? The main fear we have is losing our liquor licenses," Felici said. "By Cuomo saying New York State will reopen for alfresco we take this as OK for the whole state."

De Blasio laid out a plan for outdoor dining earlier this month, but on Wednesday, he said there were still "a lot of different options on the table" on how restaurants can reopen.

Instead, he said the city would put out a policy for restaurants "very, very soon," without setting a date.

"Outside is going to be the big hope, we have to maximize it. So we're looking at a variety of options, but again, the announcement will be very, very soon because obviously people are preparing for a Phase 2 and we need to get that out immediately, we're just fine tuning it, but very, very

soon,” De Blasio said during a press conference Wednesday.

Stavros Bakousis, the owner of the Annadale Diner in Annadale, said he wants his customers to be able to make a choice whether they want to come out or not, but he wants the city and state to be more clear with its guidelines.

“The city and state should have more proper guidelines on reopening. As a small business owner, I would want to have a safe and healthy environment so that my customers and employees feel comfortable being in this type of environment,” Bakousis said.

De Blasio said that Phase 2 reopenings would be dependent on the city’s daily health indicators this weekend and whether weeks of police reform protests across the city have caused an uptick in coronavirus cases.

The city’s infectious disease specialist Dr. Jay Varma said the earliest a person can test positive for the virus is three days after contracting it.

And last Friday, de Blasio said he would need to wait until the end of the month to see whether the protests were having an impact on the city’s coronavirus case count.

“The earliest date we could go is Monday. It’s a decision we’re going to make very closely with the state,” de Blasio said.

“We’re all mindful that we had a very unusual situation with the protests and we’re going to see, we believe the fuller impact, if any, of the protests, in terms of our health indicators around this weekend, maybe into the first few days of next week - that’s an important factor here,” he continued. “Also seeing the impact of Phase 1 itself, obviously, which is much bigger than the protests in the sense of, several hundred thousand people each day, going back to work every day for the full workday.”

New York City moved into Phase 1 of reopenings on June 8, which includes manufacturing, construction, wholesale, and retail such as clothing and office supplies, but restricted to curbside pickup or in-store pickup.

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By Joe D'Amodi:

This is no joke!

Saturday Night Live comedians and Staten Island natives Pete Davidson and Colin Jost are part of the new ownership group that will bring an Atlantic League team to the Island starting in 2022, according to a report in the New York Post.

The two SNL stars will join Manhattan billionaire John Catsimatidis and New Jersey politico Eric Shuffler as partners in the group. The Advance and SILive.com last week reported the news about Catsimatidis and Shuffler .

The Post also reported that the ex-wife of Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, Dany Garcia, who is still Johnson's business partner, is also said to be a partner in the team, which will play at Richmond County Bank Ballpark at St. George.

The new team, whose name will be selected via a contest, will replace the now-defunct Staten Island Yankees, who folded in the wake of Major League Baseball's contraction of its minor leagues which saw 42 teams eliminated.

The Atlantic League, although a partner of MLB, is an independent loop, which means the team isn't associated with any MLB squad like the Staten Island Yankees were.

Davidson, Jost and Garcia's partnership with Catsimatidis and Shuffler in the new ownership group -- called Staten Island Entertainment LLC -- makes for an all-star cast of owners.

In addition to minor league baseball games, the new ownership group plans to hold concerts and festivals and make Richmond County Bank Ballpark a year-round attraction.

The new owners also want local high school and youth sports teams to use the facility.

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BY JUSTINE COLEMAN:

Freedom of Information Act requests produced thousands of pages of emails this week sent and received by Anthony Fauci during the tumultuous period when COVID-19 first emerged.

The emails, obtained by The Washington Post and BuzzFeed, provided an inside look at the top infectious diseases expert's hectic work life in the early months of the pandemic.

BuzzFeed's more than 3,200 pages of emails and the Post's more than 860 pages of emails detail how Fauci communicated with fellow officials, colleagues, scientists and concerned Americans when COVID-19 first began to fundamentally alter U.S. society last year.

Here are the five biggest revelations from Fauci's inbox:

Fauci said he wasn't censored by the Trump administration

The nation's top infectious diseases expert fielded several questions, including from medical professionals and a columnist, about whether he was being "muzzled" by former President Trump or his administration.

But Fauci repeatedly countered any characterization that the administration was controlling what he could tell the public.

At the beginning of March 2020, Mark Shlomchik, the chair of the Department of Immunology at the University of Pittsburgh, sent an email encouraging Fauci to negate rumors that he's being silenced publicly after Shlomchik confirmed that they weren't true.

"I have been very explicit in stating publicly that I am not being muzzled or censored," Fauci said. "I say exactly what I want to say based on scientific evidence."

"I could not possibly be more public about this," he added, citing his many television appearances and press conferences. "No censor. No muzzle. Free to speak out."

As the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), Fauci became a trusted voice in the administration, but he sometimes clashed with Trump and other officials, sparking concerns from some that the respected expert would be instructed to stay silent.

His pushback was particularly notable when responding to Gregg Gonsalves, a Yale School of Public Health epidemiologist, who sent an email in early March 2020 to several top health officials.

"All we see is genuflection in word and deed from most of you to a White House that wants this all to magically go away," Gonsalves wrote.

"Gregg: I am surprised you included me in your note," Fauci responded. "I genuflect to no one but science and always, always speak my mind when it comes to public health. I have consistently corrected misstatements by others and will continue to do so."

Gonsalves clarified "that part of the message was not directed at you," saying other officials "haven't been as forthright as you have," to which Fauci answered, "Understood. I appreciate your note. I will keep pushing."

Early predictions, advice underscore evolving understanding of COVID-19

It's clear through the NIAID director's emails that his expectations, predictions and advice from early in the pandemic do not always align with current results and recommendations, signifying that even Fauci was learning as COVID-19 emerged.

A day after the first documented COVID-19 death in the U.S. in February 2020, ABC News's managing editor of the medical unit reached out to Fauci to ask if he agreed with a Department of Homeland Security source that the U.S. could see 98 million cases and 500,000 fatalities from the virus.

"That seems exceptionally high," Fauci said at the time.

The U.S. surpassed 500,000 deaths the following February. Now, the country is nearing 600,000 COVID-19 deaths and has documented 33 million cases, according to Johns Hopkins University.

Some of the emails show how Fauci's guidance on mask wearing has evolved throughout the pandemic. It's been previously reported that the NIAID director initially recommended against wearing masks out of concern that Americans would use up the already short supply of face coverings needed by medical professionals.

In February 2020, he gave the same instructions to Sylvia Burwell, the former Health and Human Services secretary, who asked through email whether she should bring a mask to the airport, saying she would be in a very "low risk location."

"Masks are really for infected people to prevent them from spreading infection to people who are not infected rather than protecting uninfected people from acquiring infection," Fauci wrote.

"The typical mask you buy in the drug store is not really effective in keeping out virus, which is small enough to pass through the material," he continued. "It might, however, provide some slight benefit in keep out gross droplets if someone coughs or sneezes on you."

His tone changed after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated its guidance in April, recommending people wear face coverings in public and around people outside of their household, prompting Republican scrutiny.

Fauci responded to both officials and strangers who sought advice

In the thousands of pages of emails, Fauci frequently answered questions from officials, colleagues and strangers who were seeking advice to stay safe in the early stages of the pandemic.

One woman wrote to him under the subject "A humble request for your wisdom" on March 4, 2020, asking if a person vaccinated against pneumonia had any protection against COVID-19.

Fauci responded an hour later, saying most pneumonias would not provide protection against COVID-19 and recommending those 65 and older get the pneumonia vaccine “regardless of the risk of coronavirus infection.”

She answered shortly after saying, “Oh my God...I honestly never expected you to reply and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for being so generous.”

In late February 2020, a doctor emailed saying he suspected that one of his patients had contracted COVID-19. Fauci answered with his advice for the patient before saying, “If things change, do not hesitate to call or e-mail me.”

The NIAID director also fielded a series of questions from a senior official in the Office of the Surgeon General in the Army and U.S. Army Medical Command. The queries ranged from whether COVID-19 could be contracted from a corpse to what keeps Fauci up at night regarding the virus.

“I have said in the past that what keeps me up at night is the possibility of a pandemic respiratory infection,” Fauci answered in April 2020. “We are in that now, and what keeps me up at night is the response, a major part of which is the development of an effective vaccine and treatments for COVID-19.”

Colleagues raised concerns about his heavy workload

Within the sea of messages, colleagues and others sent notes raising concerns with Fauci about his health and workload as he worked long days and continued appearing on television.

Howard Bauchner, the editor in chief of the Journal of the American Medical Association, emailed Fauci an outline of a scheduled discussion in early February before adding, “You surviving - worried a bit about your workload.”

"Am hanging in there," Fauci answered. "Feels like my internship and first year residency when I was on every other night and every other weekend, but actually never left the hospital because the patients were so sick."

Days earlier, Fauci apologized to someone else for canceling a meeting, saying "This is White House in full overdrive and I am in the middle of it. Reminiscent of post-anthrax days."

On March 19, 2020, Francis Collins, the NIH director, closed a lengthy email to Fauci with the recommendation for him to “Get some sleep.”

Top Chinese health official George Gao also expressed concern in an April email saying he heard Fauci was “being attacked by some people” and hoping “you are well under such a irrational situation.”

“Thank you for your kind note,” Fauci responded, “All is well despite some crazy people in this world.”

Fauci was uneasy about his celebrity status

The infectious disease expert expressed his discomfort about his sudden rise to celebrity status in his emails, calling fascination with him

“surrealistic.”

An NIAID colleague emailed Fauci a story from the Post called “Fauci socks, Fauci doughnuts, Fauci fan art: The coronavirus expert attracts a cult following” on March 31, 2020.

“Truly surrealistic,” Fauci answered. “Hopefully, this all stops soon.”

In a later email, he wrote, “It is not at all pleasant, that is for sure.”

In an April 2020 email, Fauci instructed an unknown recipient to click on an article entitled “‘Cuomo Crush’ and ‘Fauci Fever’ — Sexualization Of These Men Is a Real Thing on The Internet.”

“Click on the ‘Cuomo Crush’ and ‘Fauci Fever’ link below,” he wrote. “It will blow your mind. Our society is really totally nuts.”

But the infectious diseases expert did find some benefits in his popularity, noting in an April 27, 2020, email that a Saturday Night Live viewer commented that actor Brad Pitt “looked ‘exactly like me.’” Pitt had played Fauci in an SNL episode at the time.

“That statement made my year,” he said, adding a smiley face.

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Subject : Time Out New York: Eight NYC theaters and comedy clubs are suing Governor Cuomo to lift shutdown

Time Out New York: Eight NYC theaters and comedy clubs are suing Governor Cuomo to lift shutdown

By Collier Sutter:

Bowling alleys, restaurants, gyms, rehearsal studios and other recreational spaces (including TV studios like the one used for Saturday Night Live) have reopened in New York. So if the show can go on for live tapings of Saturday Night Live, why are NYC's small theater venues and comedy clubs still shuttered?

A coalition of six off-Broadway theaters and two comedy clubs in New York City have sued Governor Andrew Cuomo and NYC Mayor Bill de Blasio Friday over just that argument. Their suit states that New York's continued closure of small venue theaters "looks more arbitrary than ever" as other businesses and gatherings have been allowed to reopen, and infringes upon "the right to work, right to contract and right to engage in commerce."

The small performance venues that have filed the lawsuit are Theater Center, the Players Theater, Actors Temple Theater, SoHo Playhouse, the Gene Frankel Theater, the Triad, Broadway Comedy Club and New York Comedy Club. Small theaters are those that have less than 199 seats, which the theaters argue is a low enough capacity to open doors safely with health restrictions in place.

The lawsuit was put together by Catherine Russell, an actor who is also the general manager of the Theater Center.

"Small theaters are much more capable of doing this safely, and if people walk into our theaters and feel safe and protected, they'll be more likely to see 'Hamilton' or 'Six' next summer," Russell told the New York Times. "Also, people need to go back to work. We were closed with restaurants and bars, but they've been open for a while, and it's actually safer to be in a theater because you keep your mask on."

"We get sued virtually every day for virtually every action taken during this pandemic, and frankly I've lost track of all the frivolous suits filed against us," senior adviser to Governor Cuomo, Richard Azzopardi, told the New York Times about the theater lawsuit. "We are moving heaven and earth to contain this virus and we know some people are unhappy, but New York continues to have one of the lowest infection rates in the nation, and better to be unhappy than sick or worse."

The shutdown of all Broadway theaters, has been extended multiple times, and will continue well beyond the beginning of 2021 as The Broadway League announced Broadway will now stay dark through June 2021.

Similarly, in the nightlife industry, music venues and comedy clubs are among the most affected by the continued shutdown orders across the country.

Last month, New York comedy venues including Comedy Cellar, QED Astoria, Gotham Comedy Club, New York Comedy Club and more formed the New York Comedy Club Coalition pleading to Cuomo to allow NYC clubs to reopen with reduced capacity, again, similar to restaurants, bowling alleys and museums.

Cuomo did not seem in any hurry to reopen either comedy clubs or music venues in a recent interview with Long Island New Radio in September.

"How essential is a comedy club when you're talking about the infection rate?" The governor said. "Not to offend people in the comedy club, Lord knows we need to laugh, but those are the calibrations we're making."

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Subject : To stop the mad violence, NYC needs a mayor who'll do . . . SOMETHING

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Editorial Board:

An 80-year-old military veteran with Alzheimer's became the latest victim of the violence gripping our city — wounded by a stray bullet while crossing the street as he shopped with his wife at TJ Maxx.

And our walking "Saturday Night Live" skit of a mayor's response? He ignored it, preferring to yuk it up about vaccines in a Nets Jersey.

In Queens, meanwhile, a woman was shot dead in a drive-by shooting while she attended a vigil for a previous murder victim.

The administration's answer? Nothing new. No change in NYPD strategy, no call for a crackdown on gang violence, no move to reassure commuters that it's safe to come back to work and tourists that it's safe to visit.

Which is what makes the mayoral primary election, a little more than a month away (with early voting starting June 12), all the more important. Following Bill de Blasio's deadly negligence, we need a mayor that will do something to stop the bloodshed on our streets.

As our earlier endorsement outlined, Eric Adams is that man. A former police officer, he understands that this is a crisis that needs to be dealt with, not defunded.

We cannot accept a climate where the elderly and children are victimized by flying bullets, where young men kill each other in gang retributions. Let's get a mayor who actually cares.

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New York Daily News:

Former President Donald Trump reportedly tried to enlist the Department of Justice and Federal Communications Commission in early 2019 to investigate "Saturday Night Live" and other late-night comedy shows that satirized him.

The Daily Beast reported one unidentified source involved in the discussion said that when Trump was told the DOJ doesn't handle such matters, he allegedly asked: "Can something else be done about it?"

"I'll look into it," the source reportedly replied, telling the news outlet, however, that authorities never "looked into it."

Another unnamed source told the news outlet that the president's inquires about how he might be able to stop "SNL" and other late-night hosts weren't taken seriously.

"It was more annoying than alarming, to be honest with you," that source said.

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Subject : TU: Perreca's owner troubled by unsanctioned Giuliani campaign stop at bakery

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By Pete DeMola:

SCHENECTADY — The owner of an iconic Schenectady business is angry after a gubernatorial hopeful swung by to press palms in a visit the proprietor claims was organized under false pretenses.

A staffer at Perreca's Bakery fielded a call on Wednesday morning from someone inquiring about a "friend" wanting to visit the famed business in the city's Little Italy neighborhood.

But it turned out to be an operative for Andrew Giuliani, who is seeking the Republican nomination for governor in next year's race.

Giuliani, the son of former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, showed up later that afternoon with a reporter in tow.

"The only reason I found out about it is that the hostess said some kid named Andrew running for governor stopped by and is talking with customers and had the press with him," said co-owner Maria Papa. "Obviously this employee didn't know this guy from Adam, and my head proceeded to explode."

The century-old Perreca's Bakery and adjoining MORE Perreca's restaurant have long eschewed politics, said Papa, who called the campaign's failure to identify the visit as a political event "duplicitous."

The campaign stop was first reported by the Daily Gazette, which covered the event and reported Giuliani mingled with patrons at both locations — even baking bread.

The candidate also stumped in Washington County with city of Albany GOP mayoral candidate Alicia Purdy and Alexandra Velella, a candidate for the Colonie Town Board, the newspaper reported.

The Giuliani campaign didn't respond to an email seeking comment on Thursday.

Giuliani, 35, worked as an aide to former President Donald Trump.

While the GOP primary won't take place for a year, the competition to face off against Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo, a Democrat, is already shaping up to be spirited.

Giuliani is squaring off against Rep. Lee Zeldin, the first GOP candidate to enter the fray. The Long Island politician has already racked up endorsements from Republican and Conservative party leaders around the state and has drawn millions in fundraising, establishing himself as an early front-runner for the nomination.

Former Westchester county executive and 2014 Republican gubernatorial candidate Rob Astorino and Lewis County Sheriff Mike Carpinelli have also declared their candidacies.

Schenectady County Republican Committee Chairman Chris Koetzle said he has personally endorsed Zeldin, but the committee has not yet made a formal endorsement.

“We’re trying to focus on what’s going on locally,” said Koetzle, who is seeking re-election as Glenville supervisor in November. “We’ll be getting together this summer to discuss it.”

The younger Giuliani first captured the public’s attention at his father’s 1994 mayoral inauguration for fidgeting at the podium throughout the televised ceremony, behavior later memorialized by comedian Chris Farley on “Saturday Night Live.”

Papa previously lived and worked in New York City, where she worked as a publishing executive and publicist.

She recalls the inauguration, but didn’t attend.

“I was a publicist at the time,” Papa said, “but not at that event.”

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By KATE LISA:

QUEENS — A ribbon-cutting this week celebrated the opening of the brand-new, state-of-the-art Terminal B Arrivals and Departures Hall at LaGuardia Airport. Crews were able to accelerate construction to complete hall months ahead of schedule because air travel ridership is down 95 percent.

New York and New Jersey airports saw a 97 percent decrease earlier this spring, and ridership is now down 95 percent, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Executive Director Rick Cotton said.

The hall completion is the biggest milestone to date in the airport's ongoing \$8 billion transformation project, which includes the demolition and replacement of every terminal and concourse of the Queens airport except for the historically landmarked Marine Air Terminal.

"LaGuardia Airport is going to be the first new airport in the United States of America in 25 years," Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo said Wednesday. "You'd fly into our airports here in the United States, which were built in the '50s or the '60s, and it was just so apparent how other nations were outpacing us. Who is going to change that? New York. And that's what LaGuardia Airport is all about."

The spacious, 850,000-square-foot, four-story Terminal B Arrivals and Departures Hall features local concessions, large, modern restrooms and a New York-inspired shopping district. The new Terminal B will open to the public Saturday and serve American Airlines, United Airlines, Southwest Airlines and Air Canada.

"From the worst airport in the country to the best," Cotton said during Wednesday's briefing. "From the laughingstock on 'Saturday Night Live' skits to a world-class airport worthy of New York."

New York must take advantage of reduced traffic and decreased ridership on public transportation to focus on large-scale development projects, Gov. Cuomo said, as the state continues a gradual four-phase reopening across its 10 regions. The governor has suggested significant infrastructure-improvement projects, such as renovating the crumbling cross-Hudson tunnels, expanding the 2nd Avenue Subway system or constructing a LaGuardia Airport airtrain to create thousands of jobs and energize the sluggish state and national economy.

Gov. Cuomo called on upstate airports Wednesday to seize the moment and make similar improvements.

"If there's less activity, we can build more aggressively because there's less disruption," Gov. Cuomo said. "Build things you know can help drive economic growth. You have an opportunity."

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By Emily Glazer and Chip Cutter:

After the U.S. Capitol riot, Twitter Inc. banned President Trump's social-media account. Publisher Simon & Schuster canceled publication of a book by Sen. Josh Hawley (R., Mo.), who led a challenge to the Electoral College's presidential-race results, and Airbnb Inc. said it would block people involved in the violence from booking rooms. Stripe Inc. stopped processing direct payments from Mr. Trump's campaign website.

Companies from Marriott International Inc. to Walmart Inc. paused donations to dozens of Republican lawmakers who voted against certifying the Electoral College votes, with some others demanding refunds.

"Words alone are not enough. We are committed to action," wrote Dow Inc. CEO Jim Fitterling in a memo telling employees that the chemical maker was halting political giving to any Republicans who objected to certifying President-elect Joe Biden's win for an election cycle—two years for House members and up to six for senators.

It was a far cry from the days when companies strove to appear apolitical, embodying—if not always living up to—the late economist Milton Friedman's view that "the business of business is business."

"We're seeing a convergence of social issues that used to be outside the domain of what business executives would comment on," said Judy Samuelson, founder and executive director of the Business and Society Program at the Aspen Institute, a think tank, and author of "The Six New Rules of Business," which addresses such shifts. "The rule of thumb was if there's not a direct connection back to our business model or something that we hold dear, it's basically we stay away from politics."

Some corporate reaction undoubtedly reflected genuine dismay. The day after the riot, Snap-on Inc. CEO Nicholas T. Pinchuk flew to a plant in Murphy, N.C., where he walked the floor to check in with employees, many of whom have been Trump supporters. Some workers were jarred by the Washington turmoil, he said, while others were disappointed in Mr. Trump; some were both.

"I don't know how many head shakes and eyerolls I got," Mr. Pinchuk said. "You got the feeling that the president lost them in the last four to six weeks."

But broader shifts that have drawn companies into politics are in play, too. In recent decades, the center of corporate America has moved from Midwestern manufacturers to coastal technology-oriented companies, where workforces and leaders often have a more socially liberal, even activist bent.

Silicon Valley CEOs like Salesforce.com Inc.'s Marc Benioff, Tesla Inc.'s Elon Musk and Adobe Inc.'s Shantanu Narayen have publicly taken stances on issues such as gay rights, climate change and immigration matters. Many business leaders across industries have also condemned racism in the U.S. and pledged to do better in their own organizations following racial-justice protests this summer.

In a more politicized, divided era, employees—along with shareholders, customers and media outlets—have social media at their fingertips to air grievances or exert pressure. Leaders are constantly balancing expectations that they speak up on a range of issues with the risks of doing so.

"There is a business risk to speaking out, and it's difficult sometimes to know just how fickle some stakeholders might be," said Rebecca L. Ray, an executive vice president of human capital at the Conference Board, a private nonpartisan research group. "You could be celebrated for something one week and pilloried the next, so it is a land mine for folks."

Andrew Liveris, an International Business Machines Corp. director and former CEO of Dow Chemical Co.—he stepped down in 2018 after its combination with DuPont Co.—said the Capitol riot accelerated CEOs’ speaking out on a range of issues but that they needed to think about the right long-term messages.

“When you get to lofty positions like being CEO and having the responsibility to lead, whatever the role is, you’ve got to basically know I’m going to get tested here, or maybe some of my constituents won’t like what I have to say,” said Mr. Liveris, an Australian citizen who has donated to Republicans and Democrats. “We’re going to find it a little messy, everybody is not going to agree.”

The White House declined to comment on recent statements from CEOs and companies cutting ties with Mr. Trump. Spokesmen for the National Republican Senatorial Committee and the National Republican Congressional Committee declined to comment on companies pausing corporate PAC donations to certain Republican lawmakers. In a video after the House voted to impeach Mr. Trump on Wednesday, the president said his movement has no room for mob violence and asked followers to ease tensions ahead of the inauguration. Representatives for Mr. Hawley didn’t respond to requests to comment; he wrote on Twitter that the publisher’s decision was “a direct assault on the First Amendment.” Most companies named in this article pointed to past statements saying recent events led to their decisions, didn’t respond to inquiries or declined to comment publicly

Unclear Consequences

The full consequences of such moves remain unclear. Hallmark Cards Inc. faced immediate blowback on social media after it sought to claw back political donations made to Mr. Hawley through its PAC—angering some on the right for a move seen as anti-Republican, and some on the left for donating to Republicans in the first place.

Skeptics about the swell of activism include Michael Leven, a former president of Las Vegas Sands Corp. “They’re all knee-jerk reactions, and some of them are moral and ethical, and some of them are for positioning purposes and economic purposes,” he said. Companies’ public breaks with Republican lawmakers and Mr. Trump risk little when another party is poised to take control, he added.

Though some CEOs have acted against those they see as contributing to the riot that left five people dead, just a small number have called for Mr. Trump’s ouster. Many others are staying quiet, opting to sit tight at least until Mr. Biden takes office next week.

Action on political giving might have muted effects, as businesses overall have limited their political donations in recent years. An increasing share of Democrat and Republican fundraising comes from online donors and outside groups funded in large part by a small group of billionaire donors.

“The interest of business is to stabilize the political arena, not to further disrupt it,” said Kathryn Wylde, head of the Partnership for New York City, a nonprofit representing more than 100 of the city’s business leaders and largest employers that has put out two letters urging Congress for a peaceful transition of power.

At Blackstone Group Inc., CEO Stephen A. Schwarzman, a loyal Trump ally in business and a major Republican fundraiser, waited about two weeks after election results to publicly acknowledge that Mr. Trump lost. His name was absent from a Jan. 4 letter signed by roughly 200 CEOs urging Congress to certify the Electoral College results.

Mr. Schwarzman, who sits on the Partnership for New York City executive committee, signed neither the January letter nor a late-November missive because he believed his association with Mr. Trump had come to dog him, according to people familiar with the decisions. Blackstone President Jonathan Gray, a Democrat, signed both letters.

A Blackstone spokesman said: “Steve has also made very clear, individual public statements about both Joe Biden’s victory in the November election and the insurrection on January 6.” Mr. Schwarzman issued a statement after the riot, saying: “The insurrection that followed the president’s remarks today is appalling and an affront to the democratic values we hold dear as Americans.”

Hours after the Partnership letter's release, other corporate plans took shape, with leaders concluding that letters weren't enough as lawmakers said they were objecting to the Electoral College results.

On Tuesday, Jan. 5, about three dozen CEOs joined an hour-long video call to discuss ways to ensure a peaceful transition of power, said attendees. In the meeting, some who donated to Republican campaigns said they were considering withholding political contributions to elected officials who planned to oppose certifying the results on Jan. 6. Some executives said in the meeting that they would also reconsider hiring and investments in states where officials were questioning election results.

"We have to create some level of cost," argued Thomas Glocer, a former CEO of Thomson Reuters Corp., and a director at Merck & Co. and Morgan Stanley, who attended the meeting. Mr. Glocer, a registered Democrat, said he has voted for candidates in both parties, adding: "Just coming out with another public letter isn't going to do much. Money is the key way."

The session ended with executives watching a "Saturday Night Live" parody of the conservative news channel Newsmax TV, which had promoted some of Mr. Trump's false election claims. The sketch imagined Newsmax-branded sports programming, with commentators claiming the New York Jets won games despite finishing with lower scores than opponents.

Smashed Glass

Just after 2 p.m. the next day, a mob of Mr. Trump's supporters smashed glass and pushed their way past police to storm the Capitol as senators were debating an objection to Mr. Biden's Electoral College win.

Airbnb CEO Brian Chesky was in his upstate New York hometown when his father, watching CNN, called him over, said people familiar with his action. Mr. Chesky contacted his head of policy, putting in motion a plan that ultimately banned individuals believed to have participated in criminal activity at the Capitol. Airbnb later said it would also cancel Washington-area bookings during Inauguration Week and prevent new ones, citing concerns about additional violence.

The National Association of Manufacturers issued a statement condemning the mayhem and calling on Vice President Mike Pence to consider invoking the 25th Amendment to remove Mr. Trump. "This is sedition and should be treated as such," the group's president, Jay Timmons, said in the statement, which sent a shock through its roughly 14,000 company members.

NAM board member Nicole Wolter, CEO of HM Manufacturing Inc. in Wauconda, Ill., said she read the statement in surprise. "I was like, 'Yikes.' The second time I read it, I understood where he's coming from," she said. "This needed to be condemned."

Lisa Winton, a NAM board member and CEO of Winton Machine Co. in Suwanee, Ga., said she emailed Mr. Timmons supporting the statement. She said she didn't have an opinion on the call to remove Mr. Trump. Ms. Winton said she and her workers in Georgia are exhausted by politics after the long 2020 race and the political-ad blitz leading up to the state's Jan. 5 Senate runoffs.

"No matter who's in office, we need their attention," she said of lawmakers, citing small-business loans, job training and solving the Covid-19 crisis as top issues. "We need them to focus on what's important."

Canadian e-commerce company Shopify Inc. took stores run by Mr. Trump's business and campaign offline. PGA of America said it was terminating an agreement to hold the 2022 PGA Championship at Trump National Golf Club Bedminster in New Jersey, citing the risk to its brand of being affiliated with Mr. Trump; the Trump Organization has said the PGA decision was a "breach of a binding contract."

Crowell & Moring LLP Chairman Phil Inglis said the law firm asked about 200 top law firms to sign a statement in support of removing Mr. Trump. Eighteen other law-firm leaders and dozens of individual lawyers signed on. Several of the largest firms declined, with some saying they

saw the statement as too political, said people familiar with their decisions.

Crowell & Moring sent the statement to Vice President Pence on Jan. 8. “We don’t view this as a political act at all,” Mr. Inglima said. “We view this as a defense of the Constitution.”

By Sunday, companies including Citigroup Inc., JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Boston Scientific Corp. , said they were pausing their political-action committee donations for Republicans and Democrats. Some of the suspensions won’t have much impact because the 2022 election cycle won’t start for at least six months.

Some resisted the tide. CEOs who say they didn’t plan to change their funding include Paul Sarvadi of Insperty Inc., a publicly traded HR company in Texas, who has donated to Republicans. “I’m not thinking about that at this point,” he said. “I think it pays for companies to be more deliberate, less reactive.”

Suspended Donations

By Monday, Jan. 11, more than 40 large companies had said they were reviewing or suspending corporate PAC donations.

By then, many businesses were looking ahead to this weekend, when more demonstrations are planned across the country, according to law enforcement. On a Zoom call, about 40 CEOs met to discuss the political uncertainty, according to attendees. Executives talked about the threat of violence in Washington and elsewhere, with CEOs sharing plans to tighten security and step up monitoring of company facilities, said Jeffrey Sonnenfeld, a Yale School of Management professor who convened the meeting.

IBM on Friday released a slate of “good government reforms,” that include updating the presidential-transition process and reiterating its calls for police reform, besides policies, such as financial disclosure laws, that may directly impact its business. “What companies should be thinking about is policy reforms, not PAC checks,” IBM wrote.

Many business leaders said they were hopeful the new White House would address issues such as federal action on the economy and combating Covid-19. “Clients across all industries want us to have some return to normalcy,” said Blair Effron, a Democratic fundraiser who co-leads investment bank Centerview Partners LLC.

Home Depot Inc. co-founder Ken Langone, now retired, had previously aligned himself with Mr. Trump. He told CNBC on Wednesday he felt betrayed by the president, vowing to help make Mr. Biden as successful as possible.

“My loyalty is to my presidency. My loyalty is to the public officials that run to serve us,” he said in an interview with The Wall Street Journal. “I find a lot of things I don’t like about Joe Biden, but that’s besides the point. It’s in my selfish interest for him to be very successful.”

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From : "Bernadette Hogan"
To : "Richard Azzopardi" , "Jonathan Sterne (esd.ny.gov)" , "Peter Ajemian"
Subject : FROM NYPOST: StandUp NY lawsuit
Attachment : StandUpNYComplaint.sdny (1).pdf;

Hi guys -

Do you have a comment on this lawsuit?

StandUpNY is suing Governor Cuomo for the continued shutdown of comedy venues -- while opening up other comparable businesses, such as movie theaters.

The suit is below.

Thanks,

Bernadette

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STAND UP 236, LLC. d/b/a STAND UP NY,

Plaintiff,

- against -

COMPLAINT

Civ No.:

Andrew M. Cuomo, in his official capacity
as Governor of New York,

Defendant.

Plaintiff STAND UP 236, LLC. d/b/a STAND UP NY (“Stand Up NY”), for its
Complaint against Defendant Andrew M. Cuomo, in his official capacity as Governor of New
York, alleges as follows:

INTRODUCTION

1. Plaintiff, one of the nation’s leading comedy venue, brings this action to challenge the arbitrary and unconstitutional decision by Governor Cuomo to close down all comedy venues statewide while allowing comparable businesses, including movie theaters, Saturday Night Live, Jimmy Fallon Show, Jazz Dinner Theaters, weddings in catering halls and restaurants and bars with “live music,” to remain open. The comedy venue shutdown has resulted in the loss of

thousands of jobs for hard-working New Yorkers across the State, and threatens to jeopardize Plaintiff's market share and the long-term economic viability of Plaintiff's business, all without cause.

2. Plaintiff, Stand Up NY, opened its doors in 1986 and has since become one of New York City's premiere comedy venues. Celebrated for its rich history, elegant interior and outstanding performers, Stand Up NY has created an exclusive comedy experience as it sets the standard for other comedy venues. From Jerry Seinfeld to Chris Rock, Pete Davidson and Amy Schumer, its stage continues to be a breeding ground for the brightest stars of today and tomorrow.

3. Plaintiff has been ready to open and become a leader in COVID-19 safety since the early days of the pandemic. It is ready to implement daily temperature checks and to require all guests and employees to wear masks. As of today, Plaintiff is ready to open and safely operate with a modified venue layout, frequent cleanings of all surfaces throughout the day by dedicated staff, installation of multiple hand sanitizer stations, and other measures. It has repeatedly offered to comply with any reasonable public health guidelines that New York might prescribe.

4. Yet Defendant has ordered comedy venues to remain closed while permitting movie theaters, casinos, Saturday Night Live, bowling alleys, billiards halls, gyms, jazz clubs, museums, catering halls for weddings, restaurants and bars with incidental music and other entertainment and recreation venues that pose similar or greater risks of COVID-19 transmission to reopen.

5. The comedy venue shutdown is causing unnecessary financial hardship for Plaintiff and its employees every day. Due to the shutdown, it has been forced to furlough all but one of these employees.

6. Plaintiff seeks declaratory and injunctive relief under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 to remedy Defendant's violations of the Free Speech Clause of the First Amendment and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. Plaintiff also seeks declaratory and injunctive relief to remedy Defendant's violations of Article I, Section 8, of the New York State Constitution and Article I, Section 11, of the New York State Constitution.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

7. This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1367. 7. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391.

PARTIES

8. Plaintiff Stand Up NY, is one of nation's leading comedy venues with its principal place of business in the borough of Manhattan, New York. Because of Defendant's executive orders, the Stand Up NY has been shut down since March 16, 2020 through the date of the filing of this Civil Action.

9. Defendant Andrew M. Cuomo is the Governor of New York. He acted under color of state law at all relevant times. His official place of business is the State Capitol Building in Albany, New York. He is sued in his official capacity.

PLAINTIFF'S COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES

10. Plaintiff's location is a comedy venue that allow patrons to sit and watch live comedy, while having the opportunity to share food and beverages with friends and family.

11. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Plaintiff has been prepared to put the safety of its employees and guests first. By imposing stringent health protocols and making material

modifications to its floor plans and guidelines. Similar comedy venues are open and safely operating in most jurisdictions throughout the country. These jurisdictions include the neighboring states of Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. They also include Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.

12. Plaintiff will implement daily temperature checks of employees and to require all guests and employees to wear masks.

13. Plaintiff will require masks for all guests and employees, and continue to screen all employees for symptoms at the start of every shift. Plaintiff's large venue space will naturally allow for greater social distancing, but to keep its employees and guests safe, Plaintiff has rearranged venue layouts, posted new safety signs, and shut down tables to ensure adequate distancing. Hand sanitizer is strategically placed throughout the venue to promote healthy practices, and all surfaces will be cleaned frequently throughout the day by dedicated staff. Plaintiff has installed air purifiers and merv-13 filters. Plaintiff will work cooperatively with the department of health to ensure that best practices are instituted and followed by its employees and patrons.

NEW YORK'S DISCRIMINATORY SHUTDOWN ORDERS

14. On March 7, 2020, Defendant promulgated Executive Order 202 declaring a state disaster emergency based on the outbreak of COVID-19. On March 16, 2020, Plaintiff was

ordered by Defendant's executive order 202.3 to shutdown its *small comedy venue* effective at 8pm on March 16, 2020, until further notice.

15. As a result of Executive Order 202.3 (Attached as Exhibit A.), Plaintiff was forced to close. Devastatingly, Stand Up NY remains closed to this day—nearly a year later.

16. In contrast, on June 26, 2020, approximately three months after his initial executive order, Defendant issued Executive Order 202.45, which permitted certain “[l]ow-risk indoor arts and entertainment,” including museums, aquariums, and art galleries, to reopen “in eligible regions” if “operated in compliance with the guidance promulgated by the Department of Health.”

17. Shortly thereafter, on July 6, 2020, Defendant issued Executive Order 202.48, which provided that “the directives contained in Executive Order 202.3 that closed . . . movie theaters, concerts, performances, churches, restaurants and bars,” shall “remain in effect only until such time as a future Executive Order opening them is issued.”

18. Almost two months after that, on August 20, 2020, Defendant issued Executive Order 202.57, which permitted “bowling alleys to open as of August 17, 2020 [sic] subject to adherence to Department of Health issued guidance.” Order 202.57 also permitted any “gym, fitness center or class, to operate subject to adherence to Department of Health issued guidance . . . no earlier than August 24, 2020.”

19. On September 4, 2020, Defendant issued Executive Order 202.60. It permitted “any facility authorized to conduct video lottery gaming or casino gaming . . . to open beginning on or after September 9, 2020, subject to adherence to Department of Health guidance.”

20. On September 9, 2020, Defendant issued Executive Order 202.61. It permitted Restaurants and Bars in New York City to resume “indoor dining” on September 30, 2020.

21. And next, on October 20, 2020, Defendant issued Executive Order 202.70, which permitted “movie theaters” in certain areas “to open effective October 23, 2020 at 25% capacity with up to 50 people maximum per screen, subject to adherence to Department of Health guidance.”

22. On October 3, 2020, Saturday Night Live opened its 46th season with a live audience. In order to follow New York State guidelines, SNL treated a typical studio audience like its employees by paying them \$150 each and “casting” them to be audience members. As a result, SNL can have weekly live audiences in its shows as long as they pay the audience.

23. On January 29, 2021, Defendant announced that event venues in New York State will be able to host wedding receptions at 50% capacity, to a maximum of 150 people, as of March 15, 2021.

24. On February 10, 2021, Defendant announced that large New York venues like Madison Square Garden and Barclay’s Center can reopen beginning February 23, 2021.

25. On February 22, 2021, Defendant announced that all movie theaters may reopen in New York City on March 5, 2021.

26. On February 22, 2021, Defendant also announced that Billiards Halls can open on March 5, 2021.

27. Defendant further announced that establishments that provide food and beverage and recreational activities including darts, racket games and axe throwing may open on March 5, 2021.

28. Restaurants and Bars in New York can have “live music” as long as the music is “incidental” to the dining experience and not the draw itself.

<https://sla.ny.gov/phase3-guidelines-for-on-premises-licenses>

29. Defendant has never publicly explained how comedy venues are meaningfully different from SNL, movie theaters, axe throwing venues, casinos, video lottery gaming facilities, bowling alleys, billiards halls, film houses, museums, aquariums, art galleries, gyms, and fitness centers in the context of COVID-19.

30. Movie theaters, SNL, restaurants and bars, and wedding guests engage in similar activities to comedy venue guests. Guests often visit with groups of family or friends and they typically spend extended periods of time indoors. They are seated together in the venue and eat and drink together. Yet these venues are permitted to operate under safety protocols that are similar to what Plaintiff has proposed. For example, guests and employees are required to maintain appropriate distance and wear masks. Surfaces and equipment must be frequently cleaned, hand sanitizer must be made available throughout the venue, and hand hygiene must be encouraged. Employees must be screened daily for symptoms, and facilities must cooperate with the health department in tracing positive cases. Plaintiff has also proposed temperature checks at the door.

31. The live audience at Saturday Night Live would be required to wear face masks throughout the building and they would get their temperature checked at arrival; anyone with a temperature check of 100.4 degrees or higher would be asked to leave. SNL is permitted to operate under safety protocols that are similar to what Plaintiff has proposed.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/10/06/arts/television/snl-live-audience-paycheck.html>

32. Likewise, bowling alley patrons' activities do not meaningfully differ from the activities of comedy venue patrons. Like bowling alley patrons, comedy venue patrons often spend extended periods of time indoors. They often visit with groups of family or friends, and

they stay in their designated area. Yet bowling alleys are permitted to operate under safety protocols that are similar to what Plaintiff has proposed. For example, guests and employees are required to maintain appropriate distance and wear masks. Surfaces and equipment must be frequently cleaned, hand sanitizer must be made available throughout the facility, and hand hygiene must be encouraged. Employees must be screened daily for symptoms, and facilities must cooperate with the health department in tracing positive cases. Plaintiff has proposed temperature checks as well.

See Sports and Recreation Guidelines, available at <https://on.ny.gov/3rlrbGL>

See Interim Guidance for Sports and Recreation During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, available at <https://on.ny.gov/36yLFUb>.

33. And casino and video lottery gaming guests likewise engage in similar activities to comedy venue guests. They, too, typically spend extended periods of time indoors. They often attend with groups of family or friends. They also remain in a designated area for a long period of time and eat and drink. Yet casinos and video lottery gaming facilities are permitted to operate under safety protocols that are similar to what Plaintiff has proposed. For example, guests and employees are required to maintain appropriate distance and wear masks. Surfaces and equipment must be frequently cleaned, hand sanitizer must be made available throughout the facility, and hand hygiene must be encouraged. Employees must be screened daily for symptoms, and facilities must cooperate with the health department in tracing positive cases. Plaintiff has also proposed temperature checks of all patrons.

See Gaming Facility Guidelines for Employers and Employees, available at <https://on.ny.gov/3pESVpc>;

Interim Guidance for Gaming Facilities During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, available at <https://on.ny.gov/3oJZMMX>.

34. Similarly, movie theater guests engage in activities equally likely to present concerns about the transmission of COVID-19. Movie theater patrons spend extended periods of time indoors for entertainment purposes, with equivalent opportunities to purchase food and beverages. Movie theater patrons often attend with groups of family or friends. Yet movie theaters are permitted to operate under safety protocols that are similar to what Plaintiff has proposed. For example, guests and employees are required to maintain appropriate distance and wear masks. Surfaces and equipment must be frequently cleaned, hand sanitizer must be made available throughout the facility, and hand hygiene must be encouraged. Employees must be screened daily for symptoms, and facilities must cooperate with the health department in tracing positive cases. Plaintiff has also proposed temperature checks of all patrons.

See Movie Theater Guidelines for Employers and Employees, available at <https://on.ny.gov/2NVJ0gV>;

Interim Guidance for Movie Theaters During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, available at <https://on.ny.gov/2YBuahO>.

35. Restaurants and Bars guests engage in activities equally likely to present concerns about the transmission of covid-19. Restaurant and Bar patrons spend extended period of time indoors in groups listening to live music or jazz with the opportunity to purchase food and beverages. Restaurant and bar patrons often attend with groups of family or friends. Yet restaurants and bars are permitted to operate under safety protocols that are similar to what Plaintiff has proposed including temperature checks and contact tracing at the door.

36. Thus, over the last seven months, Defendant has allowed each of these similarly situated businesses to reopen with appropriate safety protocols in place, while comedy venues inexplicably remain closed, even though Plaintiff stands ready, willing, and able to implement identical safety protocols to ensure the health and safety of its employees and patrons. Such disparate treatment for similarly situated businesses has no countenance under the laws and constitutions of the United States and the State of New York.

37. The closure persists despite the State’s own data suggesting that similar businesses are not significant causes of COVID-19 transmission. According to data released by the State in December 2020, 73.84% of COVID-19 cases were traced to household or other social gatherings. *3707 Brewerton Road, LLC v. Cuomo*, No. 007139/2020, slip op. at 16 (N.Y. Sup. Ct. Jan. 15, 2020). Arts and entertainment accounted for just 0.08% of cases and gyms for just 0.06% of cases. (See New York Contact Tracing Data attached as Exhibit B.)

COUNT I

Violation of the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution (Freedom of Speech) 42 U.S.C. § 1983

38. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the factual allegations in ¶¶ 1–37.

39. “Judicial deference in an emergency or crisis does not mean wholesale judicial abdication, especially when important questions of religious discrimination, racial discrimination, *free speech* or the like are raised.” *Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn v. Andrew M. Cuomo*, 592 U.S. ____ (2020). (Kavanaugh, J., concurring).

40. “The arts have long been recognized to embody expressive speech and are thus protected from governmental overreach by the First Amendment.” See, e.g., *Ward v. Rock*

Against Racism, 491 U.S. 781, 790 (1989); *Schad v. Borough of Mount Ephraim*, 452 U.S. 61, 65 (1985).

41. The public performance of artistic works represents an Exercise of First Amendment rights.

42. Yet Defendant, through his executive order, has singled out Plaintiff's speech on the basis of its content. Movie theaters, jazz dinner theaters, churches, SNL, billiards halls, event venues for weddings, casinos, restaurants and bars with live music, bowling alleys, sporting event venues, film houses, museums, aquariums, gyms, and fitness centers are permitted to reopen in New York. But comedy venues are not permitted to reopen.

43. Defendant's orders are overinclusive with respect to the State's interest in reducing the transmission of COVID-19. The precautions that Plaintiff has proposed— and that museums, SNL, movie theaters, churches, restaurants and bars, jazz theaters, wedding venues and film houses are required to take in New York—are adequate to reduce the risk of transmission.

44. Defendant's orders are also underinclusive with respect to the State's interest in reducing the transmission of COVID-19. The activities that patrons engage in at these other businesses are similar to the activities that guests engage in at Plaintiff's comedy venues. Compared to Plaintiff's comedy venue, the risk of exposure to COVID-19 is thus similar, if not greater, at businesses that Defendant has permitted to reopen.

45. Defendant has never publicly justified his discrimination against Plaintiff based on the subject, function or purpose of the speech central to Plaintiff's business.

46. As applied to Plaintiff, the issuance and enforcement of Defendant's orders violate the Free Speech Clause of the First Amendment made applicable to the states by the Fourteenth Amendment.

47. At all relevant times, Defendant's actions were taken under color of state law.

48. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law for the deprivation of its constitutional rights.

49. Plaintiff will be irreparably harmed in the absence of declaratory and injunctive relief.

COUNT II

Violation of Article I, Section 8, of the New York Constitution (Liberty of Speech)

50. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the factual allegations in ¶¶ 1–37.

51. The performance of comedy that is the heart of Plaintiff's unique business model constitutes speech within the meaning of Article I, Section 8, of the New York Constitution.

52. Defendant's aforementioned orders single out Plaintiff's speech on the basis of its content.

53. Defendant's orders are over-inclusive with respect to the State's interest in reducing the transmission of COVID-19 because they prohibit Plaintiff's speech when safety protocols would accomplish the same interest.

54. Defendant's orders are also underinclusive with respect to the State's interest in reducing the transmission of COVID-19 because they allow speech by other businesses that pose a similar or greater risk of COVID-19 transmission.

55. Defendant has never publicly justified his discrimination against Plaintiff based on the subject, function or purpose of the speech central to Plaintiff's business.

56. As applied to Plaintiff, the issuance and enforcement of Defendant's orders violate the right to freely speak protected by Article I, Section 8, of the New York Constitution.

57. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law for the deprivation of its constitutional rights.

58. Plaintiff will be irreparably harmed in the absence of declaratory and injunctive relief.

COUNT III
Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution
(Equal Protection of the Laws)
42 U.S.C. § 1983

59. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the factual allegations in ¶¶ 1–37.

60. Defendant's orders intentionally treat comedy venues differently from similarly situated businesses. Movie theaters, jazz dinner theaters, churches, SNL, billiards halls, event venues for weddings, casinos, restaurants and bars with live music, bowling alleys, sporting event venues, film houses, museums, aquariums, gyms, and fitness centers are all permitted to reopen in New York under Defendant's orders. The activities at these businesses are similar to the activities at Plaintiff's comedy venues, and they pose similar or greater risks of COVID-19 transmission.

61. Defendant has never explained his reasons for treating comedy venues differently from movie theaters, jazz dinner theaters, churches, SNL, billiards halls, event venues for weddings, casinos, restaurants and bars with live music, bowling alleys, sporting event venues,

film houses, museums, aquariums, gyms, and fitness centers. There is no rational basis for Defendant's actions.

62. Defendant's actions in promulgating and enforcing the closure of Plaintiff's venues deprive Plaintiff of the equal protection of the laws guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment.

63. At all relevant times, Defendant's actions were taken under color of state law.

64. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law for the deprivation of its constitutional rights.

65. Plaintiff will be irreparably harmed in the absence of declaratory and injunctive relief.

COUNT IV
Article I, Section 11, of the New York Constitution
(Equal Protection of the Laws)

66. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the factual allegations in ¶¶ 1–37.

67. Defendant's aforementioned orders intentionally treat comedy venues differently from businesses that conduct similar activities and pose similar or greater risks of COVID-19 transmission.

68. Defendant has never explained his reasons for treating arcades differently from businesses that pose similar COVID-related risks, and there is no rational basis for Defendant's actions.

69. Defendant's actions in promulgating and enforcing the executive orders requiring the closure of Plaintiff's comedy venues thus deprive Plaintiff of the equal protection of the laws guaranteed by Article I, Section 11, of the New York Constitution.

70. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law for the deprivation of its constitutional rights.

71. Plaintiff will be irreparably harmed in the absence of declaratory and injunctive relief.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Plaintiff respectfully prays that this Court grant the following relief:

1. A preliminary injunction, followed by a permanent injunction, restraining Defendant from issuing or enforcing any orders closing Plaintiff's comedy venues while any similar business, including a movie theaters, jazz dinner theaters, churches, SNL, billiards halls, event venues for weddings, casinos, restaurants and bars with live music, bowling alleys, sporting event venues, film houses, museums, aquariums, gyms, and fitness centers is permitted to operate, and further restraining Defendant from imposing any health and safety requirements on Plaintiff's comedy venues that are more restrictive than the least restrictive requirements imposed on any similar business, including movie theaters, jazz dinner theaters, churches, SNL, billiards halls, event venues for weddings, casinos, restaurants and bars with live music, bowling alleys, sporting event venues, film houses, museums, aquariums, gyms, and fitness centers; and
2. A declaratory judgment that (1) Defendant's closure of Plaintiff's comedy venue violates the freedom of speech protected by the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, as applied to Plaintiff; (2) Defendant's closure of

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Good Afternoon,

Might you have a list of locations for these Popsup or know who does?

We saw some flags for this area on the map at today's press briefing but didn't know if they were actual locations or just display information.

Thank you.

Blessings,
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Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the launch of NY PopsUp - an unprecedented and expansive festival featuring hundreds of pop-up performances, many of which are free of charge and all open to the public — that will intersect with the daily lives of New Yorkers. This series of events, intended to revitalize the spirit and emotional well-being of New York citizens with the energy of live performance while jumpstarting New York's struggling live entertainment sector, is a private/public partnership

overseen by producers Scott Rudin and Jane Rosenthal, in coordination with the New York State Council on the Arts and Empire State Development.

The Festival will serve as a "pilot program," creating the state's first large-scale model for how to bring live performance back safely after this prolonged COVID-related shutdown. The programming for NY PopsUp will be curated by the interdisciplinary artist Zack Winokur, in partnership with a council of artistic advisors who represent the diversity of New York's dynamic performing arts scene. NY PopsUp will launch on Saturday, February 20 and run through Labor Day. The Festival will reach its climax with the 20th Anniversary of the Tribeca Film Festival and The Festival at Little Island at Pier 55, bringing the total number of performances to more than 1,000. NY PopsUp is being coordinated in lock step with state public health officials and will strictly adhere to Department of Health COVID-19 protocols.

"Cities have taken a real blow during COVID, and the economy will not come back fast enough on its own - we must bring it back," **Governor Cuomo said.** "Creative synergies are vital for cities to survive, and our arts and cultural industries have been shut down all across the country, taking a terrible toll on workers and the economy. We want to be aggressive with reopening the State and getting our economy back on track, and NY PopsUp will be an important bridge to the broader reopening of our world-class performance venues and institutions. New York has been a leader throughout this entire pandemic, and we will lead once again with bringing back the arts."

The events produced by NY PopsUp, in addition to being free of charge, will be staged across every type of neighborhood and district in all five boroughs of New York City, throughout Long Island and Upstate New York, and in all regions of the state. As the current realities of COVID-19 make mass gatherings and large, destination-style events impossible, NY PopsUp will meet New York City and State residents where they are, infusing their daily lives with the surprise and joy of live performance. The hundreds of free, pop-up events that constitute NY PopsUp will make stages out of New York's existing landscapes, including iconic transit stations, parks, subway platforms, museums, skate parks, street corners, fire escapes, parking lots, storefronts, and upstate venues, transforming everyday commutes, local communities, and locations never used for performances into canvases of awe and exhilaration. Instead of there being masses of audience members at a handful of events, this Festival is a mass of events, each for a safe and secure 'handful' of audience members.

As COVID restrictions begin to loosen, the model that NY PopsUp builds for holding safe live events will pave the way for the reopening of multidisciplinary flexible venues ("flex venues") throughout New York State to open and participate in the Festival. These will be the very first indoor performances since the pandemic began and will mark a major moment in New York's recovery efforts. Not only will these indoor events be a symbol to the entire world that New York is back, they will also be a key step in the long process of getting tens-of-thousands of arts professionals around New York State back to work; and a bridge to getting Broadway and all of the New York cultural world open. These Flex Venues are established performance spaces without fixed seating and are thus able to be adapted for social distancing. Examples of these venues would include The SHED, The Apollo, Harlem Stage, La MaMa, and The Glimmerglass Festival's Alice Busch Opera Theater. All indoor events will strictly follow Department of Health public health and safety guidance.

"Having artists call on other artists as a means to build this festival's giant creative community will spur opportunities for wild, bold, and intimate collaborations that would never otherwise have been possible. As a result, the work presented will represent a near limitless range, colliding disparate styles, disciplines, and points-of-view to infiltrate the daily lives of New Yorkers in genuinely surprising and unprecedented ways," **Zack Winokur said.** "Ultimately, this Festival is about using art as a means of reestablishing human connection. With NY PopsUp, there is no mediating force between artist and artist, or artist and audience. It's humans in direct contact with each other, and the context of this particular moment will make that connection all the more profound."

The council of artistic advisors, who are all collaborating and co-curating NY PopsUp, is comprised of a unique group of New York's premier artistic visionaries, all hailing from different disciplinary backgrounds and each a leader in their own field. These advisors are charged with inviting other artists to join the NY PopsUp community. The artists they engage will, in turn, engage their own networks, ultimately populating the festival with the broadest, most diverse coalition of performers ever united around a single mission. In short, NY PopsUp is being built by artists asking artists to participate.

The council includes renowned choreographer and MacArthur Fellow, Kyle Abraham; three-time Grammy Award nominated jazz musician, Jon Batiste; choreographer and Hooper Award-winning tap dancer Ayodele Casel; Grammy Award nominated singer, actor, and international opera star, Anthony Roth Costanzo; the playwright of *Slave Play*, the most Tony Award nominated play in history, Jeremy O. Harris; Tony Award-winning set designer Mimi Lien; the legendary nine-time Grammy Award-winning musician, Wynton Marsalis; two-time National Book Critics Circle Award-winning poet, essayist, and playwright, Claudia Rankine; Grammy Award-winning jazz vocalist, Cécile McLorin Salvant; leading member of the Punch Brothers and four-time Grammy Award winner, Chris Thile; acclaimed "Saturday Night Live" writer, comedian, and actor, Julio Torres; and acclaimed director and musician, Whitney White.

The public will encounter a range of artists representing all areas of performance - from theater to dance, from poetry to comedy, from pop music to opera, and so much more. Among the confirmed artists are Hugh Jackman, Renée Fleming, Amy Schumer, Alec Baldwin, Chris Rock, Matthew Broderick, Sarah Jessica Parker, Isabel Leonard, Nico Muhly, Joyce DiDonato, John Early and Kate Berlant, Patti Smith, Mandy Patinkin, Raja Feather Kelly, J'Nai Bridges, Kenan Thompson, Gavin Creel, Garth Fagan, Larry Owens, Q-Tip, Billy Porter, Conrad Tao, Bobbi Jene Smith and Or Schraiber, Tina Landau, Rhiannon Giddens, Aparna Nancherla, Anthony Rodriguez, Jonathan Groff, Savion Glover, Dormeshia Sumbry-Edwards, Chris Celiz, Christine Goerke, Kelli O'Hara, Dev Hynes, Phoebe Robinson, Sara Mearns, George Saunders, Caleb Teicher, Danielle Brooks, Jeremy Denk, Idina

Menzel, Sondra Radvanovsky, Gaby Moreno, Davonne Tines, Jerrod Carmichael, Taylor Mac, Sutton Foster, Jessie Mueller, and Courtney ToPanga Washington, among many others. The events themselves will ignite imaginative collisions of different artforms.

Mr. Rudin and Ms. Rosenthal said, in a joint statement, "As two lifelong New Yorkers, it has been utterly devastating to see our creative community brought to an absolute standstill for a year. It's inconceivable. We both spend our lives generating opportunities for artists, so we were both thrilled to be asked by Governor Cuomo to try to ignite a spark to bring art and performance back to life for the State. The passionate enthusiasm of every person we asked to join us in this incentive is going to make this a labor of both love and invention. We're honored to be spearheading this campaign. Frankly, our most profound hope is that by the time NY PopsUp culminates on Labor Day, New York will be fully on the way to being reopened and revitalized and that this initiative, having served its purpose, will no longer be necessary. It's the spark, not the fire --- the fire is the complete return of all the arts, in their full glory, standing as they always have for the rich, emotional life of the city and state in which we both live."

During the run of the festival, NY PopsUp will grow in its scale, volume of performances, and geographical footprint, with events throughout New York State, from the Bronx to Staten Island, from Buffalo to Suffolk County, from the Hudson Valley to the Capitol.

NY PopsUp will reach its apex over the summer, as we celebrate both the 20th Anniversary of the Tribeca Film Festival (June 9 through 20) and the opening of one of New York's most highly anticipated projects: Little Island (June).

The Tribeca Film Festival was founded by Rosenthal and Robert DeNiro in the aftermath of 9/11 to revitalize Lower Manhattan. Tribeca has come to symbolize the resilience of New Yorkers, the importance of our artistic communities, and their impact on the economic activity of our city. This year's 20th event will be the first in-person film festival in the entirety of North America since the pandemic began to host its filmmakers and their premieres in front of a live audience. With over 300 ticketed and non-ticketed events, the film festival will have screenings, panel discussions, concerts, and more, in parks, on piers, on buildings, and on barges. Tribeca will reach all five boroughs in celebration of the spirit of New York with a closing night celebration of Juneteenth.

The idea for Little Island, a soon-to-open, first-of-its-kind public park on the Hudson River that merges nature and art, was dreamt up as a solution to repair and reinvigorate New York's West Side after the destruction wrought by Hurricane Sandy. A Diller - von Furstenberg Family Foundation project, this is yet another example of the unique power of the arts to revitalize New York in the aftermath of crisis. Little Island, which will begin hosting performances in June, will serve as a permanent, year-round home for easily accessible, multidisciplinary programming, and it will continue bringing artists and audiences together long after NY PopsUp hosts its final performance. Little Island will host its own festival, The Festival at Little Island, in conjunction with the final weeks of NY PopsUp. The Festival at Little Island, which kicks off August 11, 2021 and runs through September 5, will host an average of 16 events per day, for a total of 325 performances by approximately 500 artists.

More details about NY PopsUp will be announced soon. Please note that, given the impromptu nature and surprise element of the pop-up format, not all performances will be announced in advance. Please follow @NYPopsUp on Twitter and Instagram for the latest.

The first performances will include, among others still to be announced, the following:

Beginning Saturday, February 20 (Opening Day), members of the artists council will lead a performance at the Javits Center as a special tribute to our healthcare workers. The performance will feature Jon Batiste, Anthony Roth Costanzo, Cecile McLorin Salvant, Ayodele Casel, and additional special guests joining forces for a one-of-a-kind live performance.

Throughout the day, the performers will travel around New York City, meeting audiences at various locations throughout all five boroughs in courtyards, workplaces, parks, and street corners, at the footsteps of locations such as, Flushing Post Office, Elmhurst Hospital, and St. Barnabas Hospital. Saturday will conclude with one of Jon Batiste's signature Love Riots beginning at Walt Whitman Park and ending at Golconda Playground in Brooklyn.

On Sunday, February 21, legendary choreographer Garth Fagan's company will lead a special performance at the MAGIC Spell Studios at the Rochester Institute of Technology as a tribute for the staff who have made it possible for RIT to stay open and safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a statement, Mr. Fagan said, "I remember with great pride and pleasure receiving a NYS Governor's Arts Award from then Governor Mario Cuomo and his wife Matilda in 1986. It is fitting that during our 50th anniversary season, we work with their son, Governor Andrew Cuomo and the State of New York to revive the magic of live performance in Rochester, NY, simultaneously honoring our unheralded RIT essential workers. We look forward to NY PopsUp creating more opportunities for artists in New York State in the months to come!"

ALSO:

Patti Smith performing at the Brooklyn Museum in remembrance of the passing of Robert Mapplethorpe.

Partnership with "Works & Process" at the Guggenheim, that will take brilliant new performances beyond the famed Rotunda to locations around the boroughs. These collaborations include George Gershwin's anthem to New York City, Rhapsody in Blue,

performed by New York's own pianist and composer, Conrad Tao, with new choreography by Caleb Teicher; The Missing Element, a beatbox and street dance collaboration, featuring Chris Celiz and Anthony Rodriguez's "Invertebrate"; and Masterz at Work Dance Family performing a brand-new dance by choreographer Courtney ToPanga Washington.

A series of performances in storefront windows, amplified out onto the street, from artists Gavin Creel, J'Nai Bridges, Davine Tines, Bobbi Jene Smith, Or Schraiber, and more.

A new live radio show hosted by Chris Thile, broadcast from stoops all over New York State, from Brooklyn and the East Village to the steps of Albany's Empire State Plaza across from the Capitol building.

A series of dynamic and participatory performances created by Ayodele Casel taking place in the lobbies of free museums throughout the City of New York, including the Brooklyn Museum and Queens Museum.

NY PopsUp, the Tribeca Film Festival, and The Festival at Little Island will together bring a total of more than 1,000 performances to New York State between February 20 and Labor Day, signaling an event unmatched in scale and unrivaled in scope.

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I'm reaching out to see if you would be able to give us a time on the POP Up you guys are having at the Javits Center. We are interested in sending one of our crews to shoot it. Thanks in advance!!!

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An Expansive Statewide Festival of Pop-Up Events Delivered Right Into the Daily Life of New Yorkers, Transforming Existing New York Landscapes into Stages for World-Class Performance

More Than 300 Pop-Up Events Planned Throughout the Five Boroughs and Across New York State in 100 Days

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Begins February 20th

Multi-Disciplinary Events to Grow in Scale, Volume and Geographical Footprint Through Labor Day

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Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the launch of NY PopsUp - an unprecedented and expansive festival featuring hundreds of pop-up performances, many of which are free of charge and all open to the public that will intersect with the daily lives of New Yorkers. This series of events, intended to revitalize the spirit and emotional well-being of New York citizens with the energy of live performance while jumpstarting New York's struggling live entertainment sector, is a private/public partnership overseen by producers Scott Rudin and Jane Rosenthal, in coordination with the New York State Council on the Arts and Empire State Development.

The Festival will serve as a "pilot program," creating the state's first large-scale model for how to bring live performance back safely after this prolonged COVID-related shutdown. The programming for NY PopsUp will be curated by the interdisciplinary artist Zack Winokur, in partnership with a council of artistic advisors who represent the diversity of New York's dynamic performing arts scene. NY PopsUp will launch on Saturday, February 20 and run through Labor Day. The Festival will reach its climax with the 20th Anniversary of the Tribeca Film Festival and The Festival at Little Island at Pier 55, bringing the total number of performances to more than 1,000. NY PopsUp is being coordinated in lock step with state public health officials and will

strictly adhere to Department of Health COVID-19 protocols.

"Cities have taken a real blow during COVID, and the economy will not come back fast enough on its own - we must bring it back," **Governor Cuomo said.** "Creative synergies are vital for cities to survive, and our arts and cultural industries have been shut down all across the country, taking a terrible toll on workers and the economy. We want to be aggressive with reopening the State and getting our economy back on track, and NY PopsUp will be an important bridge to the broader reopening of our world-class performance venues and institutions. New York has been a leader throughout this entire pandemic, and we will lead once again with bringing back the arts."

The events produced by NY PopsUp, in addition to being free of charge, will be staged across every type of neighborhood and district in all five boroughs of New York City, throughout Long Island and Upstate New York, and in all regions of the state. As the current realities of COVID-19 make mass gatherings and large, destination-style events impossible, NY PopsUp will meet New York City and State residents where they are, infusing their daily lives with the surprise and joy of live performance. The hundreds of free, pop-up events that constitute NY PopsUp will make stages out of New York's existing landscapes, including iconic transit stations, parks, subway platforms, museums, skate parks, street corners, fire escapes, parking lots, storefronts, and upstate venues, transforming everyday commutes, local communities, and locations never used for performances into canvases of awe and exhilaration. Instead of there being masses of audience members at a handful of events, this Festival is a mass of events, each for a safe and secure 'handful' of audience members.

As COVID restrictions begin to loosen, the model that NY PopsUp builds for holding safe live events will pave the way for the reopening of multidisciplinary flexible venues ("flex venues") throughout New York State to open and participate in the Festival. These will be the very first indoor performances since the pandemic began and will mark a major moment in New York's recovery efforts. Not only will these indoor events be a symbol to the entire world that New York is back, they will also be a key step in the long process of getting tens-of-thousands of arts professionals around New York State back to work; and a bridge to getting Broadway and all of the New York cultural world open. These Flex Venues are established performance spaces without fixed seating and are thus able to be adapted for social distancing. Examples of these venues would include The SHED, The Apollo, Harlem Stage, La MaMa, and The Glimmerglass Festival's Alice Busch Opera Theater. All indoor events will strictly follow Department of Health public health and safety guidance.

"Having artists call on other artists as a means to build this festival's giant creative community will spur opportunities for wild, bold, and intimate collaborations that would never otherwise have been possible. As a result, the work presented will represent a near limitless range, colliding disparate styles, disciplines, and points-of-view to infiltrate the daily lives of New Yorkers in genuinely surprising and unprecedented ways," **Zack Winokur said.** "Ultimately, this Festival is about using art as a means of reestablishing human connection. With NY PopsUp, there is no mediating force between artist and artist, or artist and audience. It's humans in direct contact with each other, and the context of this particular moment will make that connection all the more profound."

The council of artistic advisors, who are all collaborating and co-curating NY PopsUp, is comprised of a unique group of New York's premier artistic visionaries, all hailing from different disciplinary backgrounds and each a leader in their own field. These advisors are charged with inviting other artists to join the NY PopsUp community. The artists they engage will, in turn, engage their own networks, ultimately populating the festival with the broadest, most diverse coalition of performers ever united around a single mission. In short, NY PopsUp is being built by artists asking artists to participate.

The council includes renowned choreographer and MacArthur Fellow, Kyle Abraham; three-time Grammy Award nominated jazz musician, Jon Batiste; choreographer and Hoofer Award-winning tap dancer Ayodele Casel; Grammy Award nominated singer, actor, and international opera star, Anthony Roth Costanzo; the playwright of *Slave Play*, the most Tony Award nominated play in history, Jeremy O. Harris; Tony Award-winning set designer Mimi Lien; the legendary nine-time Grammy Award-winning musician, Wynton Marsalis; two-time National Book Critics Circle Award-winning poet, essayist, and playwright, Claudia Rankine; Grammy Award-winning jazz vocalist, Cécile McLorin Salvant; leading member of the Punch Brothers and four-time Grammy Award winner, Chris Thile; acclaimed "Saturday Night Live" writer, comedian, and actor, Julio Torres; and acclaimed director and musician, Whitney White.

The public will encounter a range of artists representing all areas of performance - from theater to dance, from poetry to comedy, from pop music to opera, and so much more. Among the confirmed artists are Hugh Jackman, Renée Fleming, Amy Schumer, Alec Baldwin, Chris Rock, Matthew Broderick, Sarah Jessica Parker, Isabel Leonard, Nico Muhly, Joyce DiDonato, John Early and Kate Berlant, Patti Smith, Mandy Patinkin, Raja Feather Kelly, J'Nai Bridges, Kenan Thompson, Gavin Creel, Garth Fagan, Larry Owens, Q-Tip, Billy Porter, Conrad Tao, Bobbi Jene Smith and Or Schraiber, Tina Landau, Rhiannon Giddens, Aparna Nancherla, Anthony Rodriguez, Jonathan Groff, Savion Glover, Dormeshia Sumbry-Edwards, Chris Celiz, Christine Goerke, Kelli O'Hara, Dev Hynes, Phoebe Robinson, Sara Mearns, George Saunders, Caleb Teicher, Danielle Brooks, Jeremy Denk, Idina Menzel, Sondra Radvanovsky, Gaby Moreno, Davéne Tines, Jerrod Carmichael, Taylor Mac, Sutton Foster, Jessie Mueller, and Courtney ToPanga Washington, among many others. The events themselves will ignite imaginative collisions of different artforms.

Mr. Rudin and Ms. Rosenthal said, in a joint statement, "As two lifelong New Yorkers, it has been utterly devastating to see our creative community brought to an absolute standstill for a year. It's inconceivable. We both spend our lives generating opportunities for artists, so we were both thrilled to be asked by Governor Cuomo to try to ignite a spark to bring art and performance back to life for the State. The passionate enthusiasm of every person we asked to join us in this incentive is going to make this a labor of both love and invention. We're honored to be spearheading this campaign. Frankly, our most profound

hope is that by the time NY PopsUp culminates on Labor Day, New York will be fully on the way to being reopened and revitalized and that this initiative, having served its purpose, will no longer be necessary. It's the spark, not the fire --- the fire is the complete return of all the arts, in their full glory, standing as they always have for the rich, emotional life of the city and state in which we both live."

During the run of the festival, NY PopsUp will grow in its scale, volume of performances, and geographical footprint, with events throughout New York State, from the Bronx to Staten Island, from Buffalo to Suffolk County, from the Hudson Valley to the Capitol.

NY PopsUp will reach its apex over the summer, as we celebrate both the 20th Anniversary of the Tribeca Film Festival (June 9 through 20) and the opening of one of New York's most highly anticipated projects: Little Island (June).

The Tribeca Film Festival was founded by Rosenthal and Robert DeNiro in the aftermath of 9/11 to revitalize Lower Manhattan. Tribeca has come to symbolize the resilience of New Yorkers, the importance of our artistic communities, and their impact on the economic activity of our city. This year's 20th event will be the first in-person film festival in the entirety of North America since the pandemic began to host its filmmakers and their premieres in front of a live audience. With over 300 ticketed and non-ticketed events, the film festival will have screenings, panel discussions, concerts, and more, in parks, on piers, on buildings, and on barges. Tribeca will reach all five boroughs in celebration of the spirit of New York with a closing night celebration of Juneteenth.

The idea for Little Island, a soon-to-open, first-of-its-kind public park on the Hudson River that merges nature and art, was dreamt up as a solution to repair and reinvigorate New York's West Side after the destruction wrought by Hurricane Sandy. A Diller - von Furstenberg Family Foundation project, this is yet another example of the unique power of the arts to revitalize New York in the aftermath of crisis. Little Island, which will begin hosting performances in June, will serve as a permanent, year-round home for easily accessible, multidisciplinary programming, and it will continue bringing artists and audiences together long after NY PopsUp hosts its final performance. Little Island will host its own festival, The Festival at Little Island, in conjunction with the final weeks of NY PopsUp. The Festival at Little Island, which kicks off August 11, 2021 and runs through September 5, will host an average of 16 events per day, for a total of 325 performances by approximately 500 artists.

More details about NY PopsUp will be announced soon. Please note that, given the impromptu nature and surprise element of the pop-up format, not all performances will be announced in advance. Please follow @NYPopsUp on Twitter and Instagram for the latest.

The first performances will include, among others still to be announced, the following:

Beginning Saturday, February 20 (Opening Day), members of the artists council will lead a performance at the Javits Center as a special tribute to our healthcare workers. The performance will feature Jon Batiste, Anthony Roth Costanzo, Cecile McLorin Salvant, Ayodele Casel, and additional special guests joining forces for a one-of-a-kind live performance.

Throughout the day, the performers will travel around New York City, meeting audiences at various locations throughout all five boroughs in courtyards, workplaces, parks, and street corners, at the footsteps of locations such as, Flushing Post Office, Elmhurst Hospital, and St. Barnabas Hospital. Saturday will conclude with one of Jon Batiste's signature Love Riots beginning at Walt Whitman Park and ending at Golconda Playground in Brooklyn.

On Sunday, February 21, legendary choreographer Garth Fagan's company will lead a special performance at the MAGIC Spell Studios at the Rochester Institute of Technology as a tribute for the staff who have made it possible for RIT to stay open and safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a statement, Mr. Fagan said, "I remember with great pride and pleasure receiving a NYS Governor's Arts Award from then Governor Mario Cuomo and his wife Matilda in 1986. It is fitting that during our 50th anniversary season, we work with their son, Governor Andrew Cuomo and the State of New York to revive the magic of live performance in Rochester, NY, simultaneously honoring our unheralded RIT essential workers. We look forward to NY PopsUp creating more opportunities for artists in New York State in the months to come!"

ALSO:

Patti Smith performing at the Brooklyn Museum in remembrance of the passing of Robert Mapplethorpe.

Partnership with "Works & Process" at the Guggenheim, that will take brilliant new performances beyond the famed Rotunda to locations around the boroughs. These collaborations include George Gershwin's anthem to New York City, Rhapsody in Blue, performed by New York's own pianist and composer, Conrad Tao, with new choreography by Caleb Teicher; The Missing Element, a beatbox and street dance collaboration, featuring Chris Celiz and Anthony Rodriguez's "Invertebrate"; and Masterz at Work Dance Family performing a brand-new dance by choreographer Courtney ToPanga Washington.

A series of performances in storefront windows, amplified out onto the street, from artists Gavin Creel, J'Nai Bridges, Dav◆ne Tines, Bobbi Jene Smith, Or Schraiber, and more.

A new live radio show hosted by Chris Thile, broadcast from stoops all over New York State, from Brooklyn and the East Village to the steps of Albany's Empire State Plaza across from the Capitol building.

A series of dynamic and participatory performances created by Ayodele Casel taking place in the lobbies of free museums throughout the City of New York, including the Brooklyn Museum and Queens Museum.

NY PopsUp, the Tribeca Film Festival, and The Festival at Little Island will together bring a total of more than 1,000 performances to New York State between February 20 and Labor Day, signaling an event unmatched in scale and unrivaled in scope.

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By Jackie Salo

Saturday Night Live took a swipe at New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo's looks and reopening plans but didn't mention his nursing home death scandal.

Weekend Update host Michael Che compared Cuomo to The Simpsons' surly bar owner Moe Szyslak, while explaining that New York expanded its COVID-19 vaccine eligibility to include people with underlying conditions.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who is a real-life model for Moe Szyslak, announced that more New Yorkers will be eligible for the COVID vaccine beginning next week, Che said.

New Yorkers will have to provide documentation of their condition and answer medical questions like, 'Whats-a-matter, you?' he continued.

Che's co-host, Colin Jost, then chimed in to reference Cuomo's plan to reopen sports stadiums to fans.

Gov. Cuomo also announced that he would allow sporting venues to open starting Feb. 23rd but limit them to 10 percent capacity better known as Jets level, Jost said.

Melissa DeRosa, Cuomo aide in nursing home cover-up, is related to top fed prosecutor
However, it didn't go unnoticed that the segment ignored the damning admission that his office covered up thousands of COVID-19 nursing home deaths.

Nice that @nbcSNL had 2 bits on #Cuomo on #WeekendUpdate, but didn't mention that Cuomo was exposed for sending seniors to die of #COVID in #nursinghomes, wrote one Twitter user. Wow. What an *easy,* lay-up joke for #SNL, yet..

Another added, Typical snl bias. No mention Cuomo killed thousands. Could have done a number on him but didn't. They really are cowards.

The Post revealed that Cuomo's top aide, Melissa DeRosa, admitted to lawmakers Thursday that her boss concealed data about the coronavirus death toll among nursing-home residents to avoid having to share it with the federal government.

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Hi Chatodd! Hope you are well and all settled in at your new job. Saw you at the presser today. I wanted to reach out about the attached press release related to pop art events starting this week. In the release, it says performers will be at Elmhurst Hospital this weekend. Could you please put us in touch with the person handling this event that will come to the hospital? We have started receiving media inquiries and do not have the information as to when and where exactly this will occur.

If you can point us to the appropriate person or provide the additional information that would be helpful.

Thanks!
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Albany, NY

Governor Cuomo Updates New Yorkers on State's Progress During COVID-19 Pandemic

6,623 Patient Hospitalizations Statewide

1,270 Patients in the ICU; 875 Intubated

Statewide Positivity Rate is 3.53%

103 COVID-19 Deaths in New York State Yesterday

*First New South African Variant Case Identified in New York City;
Patient is Connecticut Resident*

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today updated New Yorkers on the state's progress during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. As part of that update, the Governor notified New Yorkers that a Connecticut resident who is a patient in a New York City hospital has tested positive for the South African variant. There is no evidence of any spread in New York State to date.

"New Yorkers haven't only gotten past the post-holiday surge—they've continued to drive down hospitalization and infection rates by acting smart and responsibly, and they should be commended for it," **Governor Cuomo said.** "Thanks to this hard work, we are now in a place where we have been able to begin opening the valve and start getting the economy going again, as long as we do it safely. If we're able to keep the momentum headed in a positive direction by practicing safe behaviors at an individual level, as well as continuing to vaccinate New Yorkers as quickly and fairly as possible, we'll be

able to reach the light at the end of the tunnel faster than previously thought and finally get some normalcy back into our lives."

Today's data is summarized briefly below:

- **Test Results Reported** - 180,504
- **Total Positive** - 6,365
- **Percent Positive** - 3.53%
- **7-Day Average Percent Positive** - 3.74%
- **Patient Hospitalization** - 6,623 (+30)
- **Net Change Patient Hospitalization Past Week** - -1,093
- **Patients Newly Admitted** - 600
- **Hospital Counties** - 53
- **Number ICU** - 1,270 (-15)
- **Number ICU with Intubation** - 875 (-6)
- **Total Discharges** - 138,542 (+492)
- **Deaths** - 103
- **Total Deaths** - 37,221

It is important to note that data, including test results and hospital rates, reported early in the week are often not completely reflective of the current situation due to lower discharges and testing volume over the weekend. Data trends over a period of time, such as using 7-day averages, are a preferred metric

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Governor Andrew M. Cuomo

"Apologize?" After Days, Governor Cuomo Finally Addresses Nursing Home Scandal

BY [MORGAN MCKAY](#) ALBANY/CAPITAL REGION

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Governor Andrew Cuomo went on the defensive on Monday, finally addressing the scandal that broke last week when [the governor's top aide admitted that the state delayed in releasing the number of COVID-19 related nursing home deaths while it handled an investigation from the Department of Justice.](#)

[Cuomo repeated many of the claims he has made in the past,](#) but when it came time to apologize for withholding this data?

"Apologize?" he questioned. "Look, I have said repeatedly: We made a mistake in creating the void. When we didn't provide information, it allowed press, people, cynics, politicians to fill the void."

And yet, Cuomo was pressed repeatedly to release this data, all the while he insisted that it didn't matter if [nursing home resident deaths were counted as hospital deaths since in the end they died.](#)

However, these numbers do matter, since on March 25, the governor issued a memo that allowed nursing homes to accept COVID-19 positive patients.

[An Associated Press report](#) showed that facilities accepted over 9,000 COVID positive residents into their homes during that time.

Cuomo also repeated a claim he has made before, but has yet to be proven by outside health experts, [that COVID-19 was already present in these facilities, brought in by staff.](#)

"COVID did not get into the nursing homes by people coming from hospitals," Cuomo claimed. "COVID got into nursing homes by staff walking into the nursing home when we didn't even know we had COVID."

Numerous lawmakers on both sides of the aisle have been calling for a full investigation into the Cuomo administration's handling of nursing homes and for his emergency powers to be rescinded.

The governor said these sort of decisions should not be politicized and that legislative leaders in both houses agreed to the delay, [although lawmakers deny this claim.](#)

“There is nothing to investigate,” Cuomo insisted. “We did tell the houses and I’m sure there was a breakdown in communication now between the staff and the house and the actual legislators.”

But it’s not just lawmakers calling for an investigation.

The Green Party and the Working Families Party said the legislature needs to hold the Cuomo administration accountable.

“The governor’s administration has failed in both their duty to be transparent and truthful in their dealings, but also in their ability to allow families to properly grieve and to ensure that future policy choices like this will not be repeated,” said Sochie Nnaemeka, state director of the New York Working Families Party.

“I think the legislature, if they did nothing on this, that would be a serious breach of public trust,” said Peter LaVenja, co-chair of the Green Party of New York.

The governor did toss out possible legislation that would make sure more money from for-profit nursing homes goes toward direct care such as staffing and PPE rather than profits. However, he has yet to release specifics.

How Cuomo's and the Legislature's marijuana legalization plans differ

A point-by-point guide to the competing proposals.



State Sen. Liz Krueger (pictured) and Assembly Majority Leader Crystal Peoples-Stokes have introduced the latest version of their Marijuana Legalization and Taxation Act.

By REBECCA C. LEWIS

FEBRUARY 15, 2021

For the third year in a row, Gov. Andrew Cuomo and state legislators have dueling proposals to legalize recreational marijuana. State Sen. Liz Krueger and Assembly Majority Leader Crystal Peoples-Stokes have already introduced the latest version of their Marijuana Legalization and Taxation Act. Cuomo has once again made his pitch, dubbed the Cannabis Revenue and Taxation Act, as part of his executive budget, which has not yet been formally introduced to the Legislature. The two approaches have similarities, including the general oversight structure, but still differ in a few areas, including taxes. Here's the breakdown:

	Peoples-Stokes and Krueger’s proposal	Cuomo’s proposal
Oversight structure	Marijuana programs are overseen by the Office of Cannabis Management, which includes a Cannabis Control Board, an advisory board and an executive director, nominated by the governor and confirmed by the Legislature.	Marijuana programs are overseen by the Office of Cannabis Management, which includes a Cannabis Control Board and an executive director, appointed by the governor.
Tax structure	Imposes an 18% excise tax, which can go as high as 22% with additional optional local taxes municipalities may impose.	Imposes a 10.25% sales tax, in addition to any local sales tax that may apply, as well as an excise tax based on the potency and type, ranging from .7 cents per milligram to 4 cents per milligram.
Home cultivation	Anyone can grow, cultivate and process up to six marijuana plants at one time in their private residence.	No one can grow, cultivate or process any amount of marijuana in their private residence.
Tax revenue	The bulk of tax revenue would be split three ways: 50% to a community grants reinvestment fund, 25% to a drug treatment and public education fund and 25% to the state lottery fund to go towards the state Department of Education.	Tax revenue would in part go into a cannabis social equity fund on a schedule of \$10 million in fiscal year 2023, \$20 million in fiscal year 2024, \$30 million in fiscal year 2025, \$40 million in fiscal year 2026 and \$50 million every year after. Use of the rest of the funds would largely be left to the discretion of the state.
Licenses available	Legislation provides for cultivator, processor, distributor, retail, cooperative, microbusiness, nursery, on-site consumption and delivery licenses. No person or company can hold a retail license if they hold a cultivator, processor or distributor license. The exception is a microbusiness license, which allows small-enough operations to retail what they grow.	Legislation provides for cultivator, processor, distributor, retail and cooperative licenses. Microbusiness licenses – which permit businesses to cultivate, process, distribute and retail their own cannabis if they are small enough – are mentioned as an option, but not explicitly required. No person or company with a retail license can hold a cultivator, processor or distributor license.
Social equity plan	Includes provisions for the creation of a social equity plan that would prioritize licensing of and provide assistance to minority- and women-owned businesses, disadvantaged farmers and people from communities harmed by marijuana enforcement in the past, including those	Includes provisions for the creation of a social equity plan that would prioritize licensing of and provide assistance to minority- and women-owned businesses, disadvantaged farmers and people from communities harmed by marijuana

	Peoples-Stokes and Krueger’s proposal	Cuomo’s proposal
	with past convictions. Mandates the creation of an incubator program and sets a goal that 50% of licenses will go to social equity applicants.	enforcement in the past, including those with past convictions.
Social equity oversight	Has a chief equity officer tasked with helping to create and ensure continued compliance with the social equity plan, as well as establishing a public education plan for communities that have experienced negative consequences from past pot enforcement. They would be required to produce yearly compliance reports and would chair a committee that administers community grant funds.	Has a deputy director for social and economic equity tasked with overseeing the social and economic equity plan, but with no specific statutory duties.
Past convictions	Includes a provision for the automatic expungement, vacature or sealing of low-level pot convictions that would not be crimes under the new law.	Permits those convicted of and currently serving time for low-level pot offenses that would no longer be crimes under the new law to seek a retrial or resentence.
Future enforcement	Makes sale of marijuana to someone under the age of 21 a Class A misdemeanor, and the sale of more than three ounces of marijuana to someone under the age of 18 a Class E felony.	Makes the sale of any amount of marijuana to someone under the age of 21 a class D felony.
Legal possession	A person over 21 can legally carry up to three ounces of marijuana, or 24 grams of concentrated cannabis (like in edibles).	A person over 21 can legally carry up to one ounce of marijuana, or five grams of concentrated cannabis (like in edibles).



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The 2021 Construction Power 50

The people who are building – and rebuilding – New York.

For decades, the construction industry has been shaping Manhattan’s iconic skyline, developing New York’s ever-evolving infrastructure system and expanding and updating the elaborate network of highways, bridges, subways, commuter rail lines and airports that make New York a global city. But the industry has accomplished much more than that. While they have been hampered for close to a year by the coronavirus pandemic, New York’s master builders are an essential cog in the state’s economic engine, creating good-paying jobs and offering a pathway into the middle class. Now, with COVID-19 hammering the local economy, construction activity is poised to play a critical role in the recovery, especially if an influx of federal dollars arrives to fund a backlog of capital projects. City & State’s first Construction Power 50 List identifies the leading contractors, public officials, construction managers, consultants and advocates who are building – and rebuilding – New York.

1. Rick Cotton

Executive Director, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey



Rick Cotton (Port Authority)

While the Port Authority's revenues have dwindled, its scaled-back 2021 capital construction budget proposal still totals \$2.4 billion. Its able leader, Rick Cotton, has fully recovered after contracting COVID-19 – and is positioning his agency to rebound as well. In addition to spearheading improvements at LaGuardia Airport and JFK, Cotton has plans for a new Port Authority Bus Terminal and would play some role with a long-delayed project to build a new commuter rail tunnel under the Hudson River.

2. Janno Lieber

President of MTA Construction and Development, Chief Development Officer, Metropolitan Transportation Authority



Janno Lieber (MTA/Trent Reeves)

Janno Lieber is helping navigate the Metropolitan Transportation Authority through its worst crisis in generations. While banking on additional federal aid and the eventual rollout of congestion pricing in Manhattan to reduce its gaping budget shortfall, the MTA's construction chief has kept parts of its ambitious \$51 billion, five-year capital plan moving along. In December, Lieber touted the new Moynihan Train Hall for improving service for Long Island Rail Road riders and said further upgrades to Penn Station are underway.

3. Gary LaBarbera

President, Building and Construction Trades Council of Greater New York



Building and Construction Trades Council of Greater New York

Gary LaBarbera is one of New York’s most powerful labor leaders, having spent over a decade leading an organization with 15 unions representing some 100,000 unionized construction workers. He also has run the Albany-based New York State Building and Construction Trades Council since its business agent, James Cahill, was hit with bribery charges. LaBarbera has championed the industry throughout the coronavirus pandemic. He has secured a long-sought prevailing wage law and kept public projects moving but warned of a dropoff in 2022.

4. Richard Kennedy

President and CEO, Skanska USA

Pick any major New York infrastructure project, and Skanska is probably involved. The leading construction and project development firm has helped build the Moynihan Train Hall, a revamped LaGuardia Airport, the Second Avenue Subway, the No. 7 line extension, the East Side Access project, the Kosciuszko Bridge and the World Trade Center Oculus – and that’s not even getting to its many projects elsewhere across the country. Skanska’s U.S. leader, Richard Kennedy, has been with the company since 2004.

5. Jay Badame

President, Construction Management, AECOM

AECOM’s Jay Badame oversaw projects like the opulent Hudson Yards, Manhattan West and One Vanderbilt. The global company is the one of the country’s largest general contractors and the largest construction firm in New York City. The firm

worked on the Second Avenue Subway, the East Side Access project and the World Trade Center redevelopment – and built two temporary hospitals in response to the coronavirus pandemic. Among Badame’s colleagues are Ali Chaudhry, the governor’s former deputy secretary for transportation; former MTA chief Tom Prendergast; and former Port Authority veteran Denise Berger.

6. Lorraine Grillo

President, New York City School Construction Authority; Commissioner, New York City Department of Design and Construction



Lorraine Grillo (NYC School Construction Authority)

In 2018, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio decided Lorraine Grillo was so effective running the School Construction Authority that she should lead the Department of Design and Construction, too. After more than a quarter century at the SCA and over a decade as its leader, Grillo has managed billions of dollars in school construction while earning plaudits for boosting MWBE contracting. At the DDC, she manages capital construction projects for city government while pursuing upcoming projects through the design-build procurement process.

7. Pat Di Filippo

Executive Vice President, Turner



Pat DiFilippo (David Beyda)

Pat Di Filippo oversees Turner Construction Company's lucrative business in New York, including Madison Square Garden's overhaul, Cornell Tech's Tata Innovation Center, and the recently topped out The Spiral at 66 Hudson Blvd. Di Filippo, a Turner veteran since 1984, manages its partial stake in the heavy construction firm E.E. Cruz. Turner, which is headquartered in Manhattan, has offices in Albany, Buffalo and Syracuse, as well as dozens of offices around the country and overseas.

8. James Whelan

President, REBNY

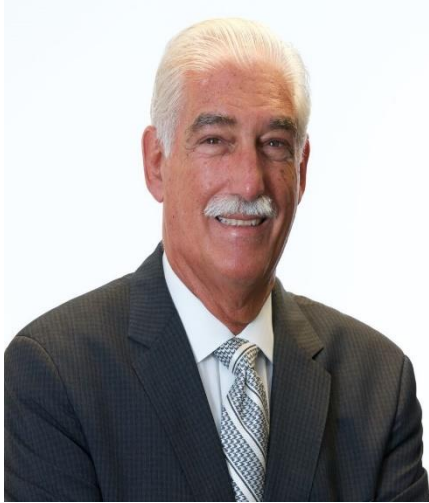


REBNY President James Whelan (Real Estate Board of New York)

As the chief of New York's leading real estate association, James Whelan has adopted a collaborative approach since taking the reins in 2019. Since COVID-19 hit New York, he has advised the governor and the mayor on reopening and partnered with the Building and Construction Trades Council of Greater New York and the Building Trades Employers Association on a framework to keep projects moving while protecting workers. Whelan has also called for federal aid to states and localities.

9. Louis Coletti

President and CEO, Building Trades Employers Association



Louis J. Coletti (Submitted)

Last year, Louis Coletti's Building Trades Employers Association worked with the Cuomo administration and labor and developer organizations on protocols to ensure worker safety while continuing to build major projects in New York. As the leader of BTEA, Coletti represents over 1,200 construction firms, including construction managers, contractors and subcontractors. The industry veteran has led BTEA for more than two decades, with previous stints heading the New York Building Congress and as a top executive at Leher McGovern Bovis.

10. Elizabeth Velez

President, Velez Organization



Elizabeth Velez (Greg Morris)

For small women- or minority-owned construction firms trying to break through in New York, the Velez Organization offers proof that it can be done. The construction company, which was founded by Andrew Velez in the 1970s, is now a powerhouse run by his daughter, Elizabeth Velez, who chairs the New York Building Congress and was named last year to the governor's COVID-19 reopening task force. Her firm has partnered on major higher education and hospital projects.

11. Carlo Scissura

President and CEO, New York Building Congress



Carlo Scissura (New York Building Congress)

Carlo Scissura’s New York Building Congress is a prominent industry organization representing contractors, developers, engineers and architects. A member of the governor’s coronavirus recovery task force, Scissura recently called on the White House to invest in infrastructure to boost the economy. A past leader of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce and key staffer in the

Brooklyn borough president’s office, he frequently interviews power players on his “Espresso with Carlo” webinars and, until recently, was the ceremonial chair of the Brooklyn Democratic Party.

12. Michael Elmendorf Jr.

President and CEO, Associated General Contractors of New York State



Michael Elmendorf (JP Elario)

Representing major building and civil contractors like Consigli as the head of one of the state’s foremost construction networks, Michael Elmendorf is a leading industry voice, especially upstate and in Albany. The former New York head of the National Federation of Independent Business and Pataki administration alum also spearheads Rebuild NY Now, a coalition of business, labor, local government and environmental organizations seeking funding for transportation and environmental projects.

13. Robert Wessels

Executive Director, The General Contractors Association of New York

Robert Wessels took the reins of the New York City-based General Contractors Association of New York in 2019, succeeding its longtime leader, Denise Richardson. The association, which represents such heavyweights as Skanska, Tutor Perini and Kiewit, joined calls last summer for more federal transit funding to weather the coronavirus pandemic. Wessels, who has worked with GCA in various capacities over the years, has more than three decades of experience in the industry.

14. James “Jack” Frost

President and Chief Operating Officer, Tutor Perini

Since taking on a top executive role at Tutor Perini in 2015, Jack Frost has been nipping at his competitors' heels. The Los Angeles-based company is one of the biggest construction firms in the broader New York market, serving as prime contractor on multiple elements of the East Side Access project and design-build contractor on Newark Liberty International Airport's new terminal. Frost, who developed his leadership skills in the Air Force, also ran Tutor Perini's civil group.

15. Michael Garner

Chief Diversity Officer, Metropolitan Transportation Authority



Michael Garner has been the Metropolitan Transportation Authority’s chief diversity officer for over a decade, delivering millions of dollars in contracts to businesses owned by women and minorities each year. Garner, who learned valuable strategies for maximizing MWBE contracting in his previous role at the New York City School Construction Authority, created the MTA’s Small Business Mentoring Program and often touts the benefits of guiding and training smaller businesses to be able compete for public

dollars.

16. Steven Sommer

Executive General Manager and President of New York Construction, Lendlease Construction LMB



Steve Sommer (David Joshua Ford)

Perennially a top construction company operating in New York, Lendlease is known for such projects as Time Warner Center, the National September 11 Memorial and Museum, CitiField, Columbia University’s Manhattanville development, the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center expansion, and the supertall luxury condo towers 432 Park Avenue and Central Park Tower at 217 W. 57th St. In November, the Australian company elevated company veteran Steven Sommer to lead its operations in New York.

17. Melanie La Rocca & Dan Symon

Commissioner, New York City Department of Buildings, Director, New York City Mayor’s Office of Contract Services



Melanie La Rocca (submitted)



Dan Symon (Mayoral Photography Office)

Undercutting the stereotype that New York City government is completely bogged down by red tape, Buildings Commissioner Melanie La Rocca and Mayor’s Office of Contract Services Director Dan Symon have prioritized streamlining the bureaucracy that historically had hampered the private sector. In recent years, Symon has been developing the city’s Procurement and Sourcing Solutions Portal, or PASSPort, to centralize contracting online. La Rocca’s Buildings Department has also spent years moving its processes online, which has proved invaluable during the coronavirus pandemic.

18. Michael Neary & Eric McGovern

President, Structure Tone; President and CEO, Pavarini McGovern, STO Building Group



Michael Neary (John Baer)



Eric McGovern (Structure Tone)

STO Building Group is made up of a number of construction firms, including two major industry players in New York, Structure Tone and Pavarini McGovern. Michael Neary, a top executive with Structure Tone for more than three and a half decades, oversees its work in interiors and renovations in New York and in Europe. For over two decades, Eric McGovern has led Pavarini McGovern, which is a partner on a variety of commercial, residential and academic buildings in New York City.

19. Maurice Regan

CEO, J.T. Magen & Company

J.T. Magen & Company is known for its interior construction for white-shoe law firms, financial companies and luxury brands in New York – as well as the headquarters for the National Football League and HBO and a renovation of the Metropolitan Club. Maurice Regan founded the New York-based firm in 1992,

building it into a powerhouse in New York and nationwide. A key colleague is Robert Scheinman, a principal at the firm who's also a major player in New York.

20. Rich Cavallaro

Executive Vice President, Gilbane Building Company



Rich Cavallaro (Gilbane Building Company)

Last year, Rich Cavallaro left one top construction firm for another. After spending more than a decade as president of Skanska USA Civil, Cavallaro took a plum role at Gilbane Building Company, which is behind Brooklyn's 1 Willoughby Square, the state Capitol's roof renovation (completed in 2012), and a variety of health care, academic and cultural edifices. Cavallaro oversees the Rhode Island-based Gilbane's New York projects, with the assistance of Grant Gagnier, Gilbane's vice president for New York City.

21. Charlie Avolio

President and General Manager, New York, Suffolk Construction



Charlie Avolio (Suffolk Construction)

Suffolk Construction is one of the top industry players in Boston, where it's headquartered, but it has also been steadily expanding its presence in New York, where Charlie Avolio has been leading the charge. Avolio, who previously worked at Turner, joined Suffolk Construction in 2016 as the company opened a new office in New

York City and launched its bid to gain a share of the local market. He works closely with Will Whitesell, New York's chief operating officer.

22. James C. McKenna

President and CEO, Hunter Roberts Construction Group

A civil engineer by training, James C. McKenna founded Hunter Roberts Construction Group in 2005 and built it into what is now a top 10 construction firm in the New York area. The company, which also has offices in Philadelphia and New Jersey, is the construction manager on Barry Diller's conversion of Pier 55 into "Little Island" park jutting out into the Hudson River. The company has also been a partner on an array of health care, higher education and residential projects.

23. Ashok Patel

CEO, OHL North America, President, Judlau Contracting



Ashok Patel (OHL North America)

Ashok Patel is a top executive at OHL, a global construction outfit based in Spain that launched its U.S. subsidiary with an office in Manhattan in 2010 while also acquiring a stake in Judlau Contracting later that year. A veteran of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Patel took a leadership role at OHL in 2015 while continuing to run Judlau Contracting. One of Judlau's biggest projects in recent years has been its work on the Second Avenue Subway.

24. Peter Serpico

Principal and CEO, Omnibuild



Peter Serpico (Ralph D'Angelo)

Since its founding in 2007, Omnibuild has quickly become a top contractor in New York's competitive construction industry. A turning point came in 2015 with the acquisition of Cava Construction, which brought that company's leader, Peter Serpico, into the fold as CEO. In 2017, Inc. magazine identified Omnibuild as one of the country's fastest-growing private companies. It has a specialty in building hotels, while also constructing other high-rise commercial and residential buildings.

25. Robert Bonanza

Business Manager, Mason Tenders' District Council of Greater New York

As the leader of the influential Mason Tenders' District Council of Greater New York, Laborers' International Union of North America, Robert Bonanza represents thousands of unionized laborers in New York's construction industry. Bonanza's labor group also partners with the New York State Laborers' PAC on LiUNA-NY, which played an active role in the 2020 elections and has already endorsed several candidates for the New York City Council this year.

26. Stephanie Burns

President, Women Builders Council

Stephanie Burns is the president of the Women Builders Council, an association devoted to promoting women in the construction industry and positioning them for leadership roles. An expert on contracting for minority- and women-owned

businesses, Burns also oversees workforce development and engagement at Turner Construction and helps carry out its longstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion – which was exemplified when it became one of the first construction firms to speak out against systemic racism following the police killing of George Floyd.

27. Joseph Chiarelli

President of New York City Metro Operations, Consigli



Joseph Chiarelli (Consigli)

The roots of Consigli Construction Co. Inc. go back to the early 1900s on the outskirts of Boston, but today it's a top construction firm in the New York market. While the current generation of the Consigli family still runs the firm where it got started in Milford, Massachusetts, they rely on Joseph Chiarelli to handle their work in New York City. Chiarelli came on board in 2019 when Consigli acquired the construction management company T.G. Nickel & Associates, where he had been a top executive.

28. Chris Larsen & Paul Atkins

CEO; Principal, Halmar International



Chris Larsen (Diana Rodriguez)

Paul Atkins (Diana Rodriguez)



Halmar International has long been a go-to contractor on bridge and highway projects across New York, although it also specializes in transit, subways, airports and other civil construction projects. Longtime leader Chris Larsen has embraced public-private partnerships, joining design-build bids in New York in recent years. The Rockland-based firm is also led by principal Paul Atkins, a veteran of the construction industry with experience in highway operations and construction project management.

29. José Luis Méndez Sánchez

President, Dragados USA

José Luis Méndez Sánchez heads up the U.S. operations of Dragados, an international construction consortium that is part of the Spanish conglomerate ACS. Dragados USA, which is headquartered in New York City, has expanded its footprint in part

through acquisitions, purchasing the heavy infrastructure firms Schiavone Construction in 2007 and John P. Picone in 2009. Dragados is part of the design-build team on the Long Island Rail Road's third track project.

30. Brad Meltzer & Christopher Mills

Chair and CEO; President, Plaza Construction

Earlier this month, Brad Meltzer succeeded longtime leader Richard Wood as the new chair and CEO of Plaza Construction, a top-10 construction company in the New York area. A company veteran, Meltzer years ago spearheaded the Chinese-owned company's first major foray outside of New York by opening a new office in Miami – and his ascension marks a turning point, as he'll stay in Florida while newly elevated President Christopher Mills will continue to work out of the New York headquarters.

31. Marc Herbst

Executive Director, Long Island Contractors' Association



Marc Herbst (Bob Giglione Photography)

As a former state Assembly member, Marc Herbst knows how things get done in Albany – and for the past decade and a half, he has been advocating for more than 165 heavy construction contractors in Nassau and Suffolk counties. Herbst, who is also a Lutheran pastor in Manhasset and was recently named president of the New York Roadway and Infrastructure Coalition, notched a victory last year when the governor vetoed anti-sand mining legislation.

32. Joseph K. Posillico

President and CEO, Posillico



Joseph K. Posillico (Posillico)

Since joining his family's 75-year-old engineering contracting firm as project manager in 1987, Joseph K. Posillico worked his way up until he became CEO of Posillico in 2006. The Farmingdale-based firm recently completed an emergency ventilation project for the MTA. Posillico, who previously led construction projects for Exxon in New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts, serves on the boards of the Long Island Contractors Association and the Associated General Contractors of New York State.

33. Joseph Geiger

Executive Secretary-Treasurer, New York City and Vicinity District Council of Carpenters

The New York City and Vicinity District Council of Carpenters has had a rough road in recent years, from the appointment of an independent monitor in 2015 to root out corruption to the downfall of its leader, Steve McInnis, in 2018 due to alleged sexual misconduct. The current leader, Joseph Geiger, has sought to move the union forward while effectively representing more than 20,000 skilled workers, including carpenters, millwrights and floor coverers.

34. Cheryl McKissack Daniel

President and CEO, McKissack



Cheryl McKissack Daniel (McKissack & McKissack)

Cheryl McKissack Daniel runs her family's venerable construction firm – the country's oldest minority- and women-owned business of its kind – but she has also made a name for herself alongside that family legacy. The seasoned civil engineer has had a hand in major projects including overhauls at JFK and LaGuardia, Atlantic Yards and the Studio

Museum in Harlem. Gov. Andrew Cuomo recently named her to his New York Forward Advisory Board to help reopen the state's economy post-pandemic.

35. Greg Hill

Senior Vice President, Kiewit Corporation

The Kiewit Corporation, which is headquartered in Omaha, Nebraska, has long been a top contractor in the New York area. Greg Hill oversees the Fortune 500 company's New Jersey-based construction team, which offers an array of infrastructure contracting services, including bridges, rail and roads. In New York, Kiewit has handled the rehabilitation of the Queensboro Bridge, the replacement of the Willis Avenue Bridge and structural retrofits for the Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge.

36. Peter K. Tully

President, Tully Construction

Peter K. Tully runs his family's well-known construction company, which dates back to the 1920s and is now one of the largest private construction firms in the country. The Flushing-based Tully Group has expanded with a number of affiliates, including Willets Point Asphalt Corp. in Queens and Evergreen Recycling of Corona for

recycling materials from large-scale construction projects. Tully has served on the boards of the New York Building Congress and Building Trades Employers Association.

37. William H. Goodrich

CEO and Managing Partner, LeChase



William Goodrich (Park Avenue Photo/Gene Avallone)

In recent years, the Rochester-based construction firm was tapped to build a big chunk of the Legoland theme park in Goshen, as well as a few other large construction projects in the Albany area. But after 81 of its projects were put on hold due to COVID-19, William Goodrich told Rochester Business Journal that LeChase has applied lessons learned during past recessions in an effort to come out stronger on the other side of the crisis.

38. Nelson Ferreira

President and CEO, Ferreira Construction

A quarter century ago Nelson Ferreira launched Ferreira Construction, and he has transformed his civil, utility and marine construction company into a major contractor. The company is based in New Jersey, where it's particularly active, but it has also done utility construction for Con Edison in New York and significant transportation work for the Port Authority, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the Thruway Authority and the New York City Department of Transportation.

39. Jeff DiStefano

Chair and CEO, Harrison & Burrowes Bridge Constructors



Jeff DiStefano (Vanessa Etherington)

When Jeff DiStefano and his brother, Wally, started Harrison & Burrowes Bridge Constructors in 1980 – buying a crane and a flat rack with their own money – they ran the business from Wally’s basement. The company, which now designs, builds and repairs bridges throughout New York and the

Northeast region, has grown to 150 employees and an annual revenue of about \$50 million. Jeff DiStefano is also treasurer of the Associated General Contractors of America, a national industry association.

40. Joseph D’Amato

Business Manager, Laborers’ Local 731

Local 731 Building, Concrete, Excavating & Common Laborers Union – more commonly referred to as Laborers’ Local 731 – has long been a force for construction workers in New York. The veteran labor leader Joseph D’Amato’s Queens-based union represents some 5,000 members, negotiating terms on worksites and advocating for worker safety. An immigrant from Italy, D’Amato started out as a construction worker helping to build JFK Airport in the 1950s.

41. Matthew Walsh

Co-Chair, The Walsh Group

The Chicago-based Walsh Group has several subsidiaries, including Walsh Construction, which is a partner on the high-profile Terminal B project at LaGuardia Airport and earlier this year announced the completion of a new patient pavilion at

Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie in partnership with Consigli. Matthew Walsh has driven the family-owned company's expansion into heavy civil construction, helping position it as one of the country's top builders of water treatment plants, bridges, highways, transit and airports.

42. Fred Hiffa

Managing Director, Park Strategies



Fred Hiffa (Joseph Sabastian)

As a former top official in the state Legislature and at the state Department of Transportation, where he oversaw capital budgets exceeding a billion dollars, Fred Hiffa is an invaluable resource to construction companies seeking to navigate the state's contracting process and compete for major projects. An expert on highways, aviation, rail, transit, and energy and environmental infrastructure, Hiffa is also a consultant for Rebuild NY Now, a coalition pushing for greater infrastructure investment.

43. Bill McCarthy

Partner, Bolton-St. Johns

Bill McCarthy has helped position Bolton-St. Johns as a perennial top lobbying firm in state government. The former state legislative staffer has been with Bolton for nearly two decades, providing strategic advice, counsel and various services to a wide range of clients. In recent years, McCarthy has worked for such clients as the American Council of Engineering Companies of New York, the New York State Pipe Trades Association, the Durst Organization and the Williams Companies.

44. Ehab Shehata

President and CEO, Bravo Group

Ehab Shehata's Bravo Group is a partnership of three firms – Velocity Architecture & Engineering Group, Chu & Gassman Consulting Engineers, and Bradford Construction – that is capitalizing on ambitious city and state government goals to boost contracting to firms owned by women or people of color. Founded in 2016 by former AECOM executive Shehata, the group brought on former Port Authority and fellow AECOM expat Chris Ward in 2019 to bolster its business development efforts.

45. Jacques DeGraff

Chair, MBE Leadership Summit

Over the course of his career, the Rev. Jacques DeGraff has been a champion for economic and social justice for people of color. Currently the chair of the MBE Leadership Summit, he has been outspoken in support of legislation and other efforts to award more government contracts to businesses owned by women or minorities. DeGraff previously chaired the diversity council at the School Construction Authority, which has been a pioneer in MWBE contracting.

46. Kyle Larkin

President, Granite

Kyle Larkin was named president of Granite Construction in September after serving in a number of roles with the company since 1996. Headquartered in California, the company specializes in all kinds of transportation infrastructure, water treatment and transmission, mining and electrical and utility projects. In New York in recent years, it did significant work on the new Gov. Mario M. Cuomo Bridge and the recently rebuilt Kosciuszko Bridge.

47. Michael S. Zetlin

Senior Partner, Zetlin & De Chiara



Michael Zetlin wears many hats: attorney, civil engineer, lecturer – he is an adjunct professor at Columbia University – and co-editor of the authoritative manual *New York Construction Law*. The prolific litigator, who co-founded Zetlin & De Chiara in 1992, handles construction claims across a number of sectors and is general counsel to the New York Building Congress and the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

48. Kenneth Thomas & Jason Cintron

Co-Managing Directors, Minority & Women Contractors & Developers Association



Ken Thomas



Jason Cintron

Kenneth Thomas and Jason Cintron, both Bronx natives, co-founded the Minority & Women Contractors & Developers Association in 2019 to advocate for and empower construction businesses owned by women and people of color by offering networking and professional development

opportunities. Cintron brings his extensive experience as a staffer in the New York City Council to the role. Thomas has a dedicated following on LinkedIn and shares his skillset with students as a faculty member in construction administration at Columbia's School of Professional Studies.

49. Sanjeev Dhawan

President and CEO, Unicorn Construction

Since founding Unicorn Construction in 1997, Sanjeev Dhawan has overseen more than 100 public works projects in New York City – including construction work on bridges, railways, tunnels and other infrastructure for clients such as the city's School Construction Authority, the Department of Transportation, Con Edison and the Port Authority. Dhawan has overseen three major bridge reconstructions in the city, totaling more than \$600 million.

50. Richard S. Weeks

President and CEO, Weeks Marine

Marine construction may be less flashy than building high-rise luxury condo towers, but it's essential work – and Weeks Marine is one of the leaders in the industry. The New Jersey-based company, which specializes in construction, dredging and other marine services, has done major work in New York, including harbor maintenance, reinforcing waterfront piers and buildings, and dredging for the Gov. Mario M. Cuomo Bridge. Richard S. Weeks leads the family-run company, which celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2019.

Troopers gird for more pot smokers behind the wheel

By JOE MAHONEY CNHI State Reporter

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ALBANY — As lawmakers consider the legalization of marijuana, State Police are already mapping plans to provide training to all troopers in identifying signs of drug impairment as part of traffic law enforcement.

State Police brass are addressing one of the greatest challenges in dealing with what is expected to be more drivers behind the wheel who have smoked pot: the fact there is no Breathalyzer-type device to quickly detect the presence of marijuana during a road stop.

Acting State Police Supt. Kevin Bruen said plans now call for saliva samples to be taken from drivers suspected of being high on cannabis and sending them to the State Police laboratory in Albany for analysis.

"There is a test at the lab that is ready to go," Bruen said at a legislative budget hearing. "I have spoken with my toxicology people and they feel they can handle the test and the increase, if there is some increase, in the number of tests."

THC TEST

The lab testing is designed to detect or rule out the presence of THC — the psychoactive ingredient that produces euphoric sensations from using marijuana — though it will not measure the level of THC in the person whose saliva is being tested, Bruen said.

Questioned by Sen. Tom O'Mara, R-Big Flats, Bruen acknowledged that the observations and training of troopers will play a key role in fashioning the charges of driving while impaired by drugs.

O'Mara registered his concerns that the testing protocol could prove "problematic."

"I think that would be unfair evidence in many cases, for somebody who is not under the influence but may have smoked marijuana 10 days before," the senator, a veteran lawyer, said.

TROOPER OBSERVATIONS

Bruen explained that in combination with the testing, "the trooper's observation of impairment is going to be critical" in moving forward with arrests.

While lawmakers are contemplating allowing the possession, use and commercial sale of marijuana, the prohibitions against driving while stoned on weed would remain in effect.

All troopers are now slated to get two full days of instruction in a national program known as Advanced Roadside Impairment Driving Enforcement (A.R.I.D.E.). The training is aimed at equipping officers with skills to recognize signs of impairment related to drugs, alcohol, or a combination of the two, to reduce highway dangers as well as crashes.

Bruen said the approach troopers take to situations involving drugged drivers mirrors what they do when they encounter those under the influence of alcohol.

'IT'S WHAT WE DO'

In an interview with CNHI, Thomas Mungeer, president of the New York State Troopers Police Benevolent Association, said the A.R.I.D.E. training is taking place at the various troop headquarters that dot the state.

"It's not like we're going to have to reinvent the wheel," said Mungeer, whose union represents the troopers the public encounters on the roadsides. "It's what we do anyway."

If lawmakers decide to end New York's marijuana prohibition, and Gov. Andrew Cuomo signs the legislation, New York troopers will still be barred from using cannabis, Bruen said in response to O'Mara's queries.

Recreational marijuana remains illegal under federal law, though with Democrats now in control of the White House and both houses of Congress, that could change this year.

Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer, D-NY, and Sens. Ron Wyden, D-OR, and Corey Booker signaled two weeks ago they plan to advance "comprehensive cannabis reform legislation" in the current session.

EXCLUSIVE: BUTTIGIEG TALKS INFRASTRUCTURE: Pete Buttigieg's first Oval Office meeting probably didn't go as he had imagined it might: wheeled in on a TV, appearing virtually from quarantine after a member of his security detail had tested positive for Covid-19.

"The logistics were peculiar," Buttigieg told POLITICO about last week's meeting, in a recent interview. "The first time in my life that I've been invited across the threshold in the Oval Office and it's on a TV cart, but that's about as 2021 as it gets. And they made it work without a hitch."

Buttigieg was more interested in talking about the substance of the meeting — and like President Joe Biden, he seems set on making infrastructure a bipartisan process, despite the continued rancor in D.C., and Democrats' decision not to rely on Republican support for Covid relief. "You often hear me say that we have issue after issue where there's bipartisan consensus among the American people, but it's not reflected on Capitol Hill," Buttigieg said. "One really encouraging exception to that is the work that

that [the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee] did with their unanimous surface transportation bill about a year and a half ago.”

It was interesting that Buttigieg brought up that legislation, which was led by Republicans, who controlled the Senate last year, but had bipartisan support from committee Democrats. It was criticized by some in the House, who said it wasn’t ambitious or big enough. And the committee’s own Democratic leaders have said they’re not going to just revisit that now that they control the Senate. “The line items may change, the programming may change, and the numbers may change, but I think that the principle of finding a way to get there is something that we can absolutely build on,” Buttigieg said. MT asked whether he meant the numbers would be going up. “I wouldn’t expect them to go down,” he replied.

More thoughts from Buttigieg: [In our story for subscribers published Friday](#). Here's a crib sheet: He strongly signaled he’s on board with deficit funding for an infrastructure bill, citing current rock bottom interest rates. “It would be strange not to have that be part of our thinking and our strategy and I think it ought to be,” he said. And he sounded a skeptical note about implementing a vehicle miles traveled fee to replace the federal gas tax. “It’s not the only approach and I’m not yet convinced that it’s necessarily the best approach, but it could be,” Buttigieg said, adding that he hopes “we don’t back into a decision about the user-pays principle because we can’t figure out the mechanics of it.”

MTA to reduce overnight closure of subway system

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The Metropolitan Transportation Authority is reducing the number of hours during which New York City’s subway system is closed, a move that comes as the state reopens parts of the economy from pandemic-induced lockdowns.

Details: Starting next week, the MTA will close the subway only between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m. for disinfection and cleaning. The MTA previously closed the system and its stations for four hours, between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m.

“The MTA is obviously vital to the reopening and the stimulation of the economy,” Gov. Andrew Cuomo said at a press conference, where he was joined by top MTA officials.

Key context: The MTA has been criticized for not restarting overnight subway service. Local officials and transportation advocates have said the closures make it difficult for essential workers to travel to their shifts. Some, including City Council member and comptroller candidate Brad Lander, have argued the cleaning regime amounts to “hygiene theater” as the most likely way to get Covid-19 is from aerosol transmission.

The MTA said it will continue to clean the subway system during the reduced closure, stating that federal guidance still recommends significant disinfecting during the Covid-19 pandemic.

What’s next: Subway riders can see the return of some overnight subway service starting Feb. 22.

Transportation advocates said they will continue to push for 24-hour subway service to return.

“The governor’s partial reopening is an important step forward,” Danny Pearlstein, policy and communications director for the Riders Alliance, said in a text message. “Riders will continue to press for full reopening in light of the MTA’s clear ability to clean trains and the pressing need for more eyes on the system to keep New Yorkers safe.”

MTA officials are also pushing Mayor Bill de Blasio and the New York Police Department to add 1,000 more officers to the subway system after a spate of stabbings on the A train over the weekend.

“If we’re going to get the economy back we have to address this problem,” Cuomo said of crime in the subway system.

‘I love Syracuse’: Alec Baldwin says he’s thought about moving to CNY

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Alec Baldwin talks about Syracuse and Central New York in an Instagram video posted Feb. 7, 2021

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Emmy-winning actor Alec Baldwin is a big fan of Central New York, and has thought about moving there.

“I love Syracuse,” Baldwin said in a new 15-minute [Instagram video](#). “People laugh at me. If I hadn’t gotten remarried and had five children with my wife (Hilaria), I know in my heart I would’ve moved to Syracuse.”

The former “30 Rock” star said he likely would’ve kept a home in New York City for his acting career, but would’ve spent more time in CNY. His mother, Carol M. Baldwin, lives in Camillus and other family members live nearby, including his sister Beth and his brother, fellow actor [Daniel Baldwin](#).

“I love it there. Everything that people might find boring, I love,” Alec Baldwin continued.

Baldwin fondly recalled family shopping trips at The Shoppes at Johnny Appleseed near Cazenovia, lunches at Doug’s Fish Fry, sitting by the fireplace at the Sherwood Inn in Skaneateles, and meals at the Gem Diner, Nestico’s, Lemongrass, Pastabilities. He also shouted out the Mirbeau Inn & Spa in Skaneateles, Pratt’s Falls in Pompey and the Brewster Inn in “Caz.”

“And there’s just beautiful farms... and it’s so gorgeous and so peaceful,” Baldwin said.



In this December 2003 file photo, actor Alec Baldwin skates with his daughter Ireland at the Clinton Square ice rink in downtown Syracuse while visiting family for the Christmas holiday.

Baldwin also talked about how, after his father passed away in the late 1980’s, his sister Elizabeth Baldwin-Keuchler and their mother relocated to Syracuse. Carol M. Baldwin, well known for her breast cancer research fund and her famous sons (including actors Stephen and Billy Baldwin), was originally from Syracuse and met her late husband at

Syracuse University.

But Alec Baldwin was especially excited to tell his 2 million followers that [Bruce Block reopened one of Armory Square’s original retail stores, the Antique Underground.](#)

“You could spend the whole day looking for the perfect pocketknife, coasters, a watch... my god, you had to get a hand grenade to get me out of there. I loved it,” he said. “Go to Antique Underground and just walk around and buy yourself some vintage Pyrex. I’m not kidding. Whatever you want: Old copies of National Geographic... vinyl albums, blankets, pillows, coasters, silverware, demi-tasse cups. Who cares? If I walked out of there and had one thing, if I got one lousy antique butter knife, it didn’t matter. I had some of the best times I’ve ever spent.”

Baldwin, 62, previously gushed over Syracuse in his 2017 memoir, “Nevertheless,” and joked that his family calls it “Siber-a-cuse.” The actor, who has five children with his wife Hilaria Baldwin and an adult daughter, model Ireland Baldwin, with his previous wife Kim Basinger, is known for roles in “Beetlejuice,” “The Hunt for Red October,” “The Departed,” “Glengarry Glen Ross,” “Saturday Night Live,” “The Boss Baby,” and two “Mission: Impossible” movies.

The new Antique Underground reopened in October at 124 E. Jefferson St. in downtown Syracuse after closing nearly 20 years earlier. Baldwin invited his fans to join him for an upcoming Instagram Live discussion at [instagram.com/alecbaldwininsta/](https://www.instagram.com/alecbaldwininsta/) about their favorite brick-and-mortar stores in their hometowns.

“Bruce Block is back,” Baldwin added with a thumbs up.

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Cuomo's Handling of Pandemic Still Gets Strong Approval, Particularly for Communicating and Providing Accurate Info; Mixed on Managing Vaccine Rollout & Reopening Plans; Negative for Making COVID Nursing Home Deaths Data Public

New Yorkers Overwhelmingly Support Biden's \$1.9T COVID Relief Plan

16% of Voters Vaccinated; 59% Plan to Get Vaccine; 22% Do Not

Loudonville, NY. Voters approve the job Governor Andrew Cuomo is doing to address the coronavirus pandemic 61-34 percent, down slightly from 63-32 percent last month. On specific aspects of his handling of the pandemic, Cuomo gets positive grades for communicating with New Yorkers (67-33 percent) and providing accurate information (61-36 percent). He gets mixed grades for managing the vaccine rollout (48-49 percent) and implementing the right plans for reopening New York. However, voters give Cuomo a negative grade, 39-55 percent, on making public all data about COVID deaths of nursing home patients, according to a new Siena College Poll of New York State voters released today.

New Yorkers strongly support President Biden's \$1.9 trillion COVID relief plan, 75-18 percent, as well as strongly supporting many of its specific proposals. So far, 16 percent of voters say they've been vaccinated, 59 percent plan to get vaccinated, and 22 percent of New Yorkers say they do not plan to get vaccinated.

This Siena College poll was concluded Thursday, February 11, prior to the most recent round of news coverage on Governor Cuomo and nursing homes, and the final verdict in the impeachment trial of former President Trump.

"Voters – especially Democrats – continue to give Cuomo strong marks for his overall handling of the pandemic. He gets a positive rating from 83 percent of Democrats and 52 percent of independents. However, 72 percent of Republicans give him a negative grade," said Siena College pollster Steven Greenberg. "Similarly, he gets overwhelmingly positive grades from Democrats, positive grades from independents and strongly negative grades from Republicans for communicating with New Yorkers and providing accurate information during the pandemic.

"While Democrats are positive about Cuomo's handling of the vaccine rollout and his plans to reopen New York, Republicans are overwhelming negative, and independents are negative as well," Greenberg said.

“When it comes to making public the data about the deaths of nursing home patients – the issue on which voters most harshly grade Cuomo – he only gets approval from 54 percent of Democrats, while 81 percent of Republicans and 63 percent of independents give him negative grades. New York City voters are closely divided but downstate suburbanites and upstaters give Cuomo negative grades,” Greenberg said.

Rating Governor Cuomo’s Handling of the Pandemic					
		Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Oth
Do you approve or disapprove of the job Andrew Cuomo is doing to address the COVID-19 pandemic?	Approve	61%	83%	25%	52%
	Disapprove	34%	12%	72%	42%
Specific Issues Related to Gov’s Handling of Pandemic					
Communicating with the people of New York	Ex/Good	67%	86%	33%	60%
	Fair/Poor	33%	13%	66%	39%
Providing accurate information during the course of the pandemic	Ex/Good	61%	81%	27%	54%
	Fair/Poor	36%	17%	68%	45%
Managing ongoing vaccine rollout, recognizing the Gov. does not control the number of vaccines NY receives	Ex/Good	48%	68%	18%	38%
	Fair/Poor	49%	28%	79%	57%
Implementing the right plans for reopening New York	Ex/Good	48%	66%	19%	38%
	Fair/Poor	50%	31%	79%	59%
Making public all data about COVID-related deaths of nursing home patients	Ex/Good	39%	54%	17%	30%
	Fair/Poor	55%	37%	81%	63%
Siena College Poll – February 16, 2021					

Cuomo has a 56-39 percent favorability rating, little changed from 57-39 percent in January. His job performance rating is 51-47 percent, down from 56-42 percent in January. Currently, 46 percent of voters say they are prepared to re-elect Cuomo if he runs for re-election in 2022 and 45 percent say they would ‘prefer someone else,’ down a little from 48-42 percent in November.

“While Cuomo remains popular and gets strong ratings across the board from Democrats, independents are closely divided on their feelings toward Cuomo. Republicans, who had shown Cuomo some love early in the pandemic last spring, are now overwhelmingly negative in their views on Cuomo,” Greenberg said.

“Voters – at least Democrats – still believe the Legislature should continue to give Cuomo extraordinary executive powers to manage the pandemic, 53-37 percent, identical to last month’s finding,” Greenberg said.

“Democrats support Cuomo keeping executive powers 73-18 percent, while independents oppose it 47-40 percent and Republicans want those powers taken away 70-22 percent.”

Overwhelming Support for Biden’s \$1.9T COVID Relief Plan – and All of its Major Components

“Three-quarters of New Yorkers, including 91 percent of Democrats, 71 percent of independents and 45 percent of Republicans – support Biden’s \$1.9 trillion COVID relief plan, even though they ‘may or may not agree with all of the components.’ Other than Republicans and conservatives – both are virtually break-even – at least two-thirds of every other demographic group support the plan,” Greenberg said.

“Interestingly, while Republicans are break-even on the overall package, they support – and in several cases, strongly support – each of six components of the plan,” Greenberg said. “At least 82 percent of Democrats and at least 62 percent of independents support each of those components.”

Support/Opposition for President Biden’s COVID Relief Proposals					
		Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Oth
Overall, do you support or oppose Congress passing Biden’s \$1.9 trillion COVID relief plan?	Support	75%	91%	45%	71%
	Oppose	18%	4%	47%	21%
Components of Biden’s COVID Relief Plan					
\$160 billion to support vaccine distribution, increased testing, and additional PPE	Support	85%	92%	77%	81%
	Oppose	10%	4%	18%	14%
\$1,400 checks for most Americans, adding to the \$600 approved in December	Support	83%	92%	65%	82%
	Oppose	14%	5%	29%	16%
\$170 billion in aid to schools and colleges across the country	Support	77%	92%	57%	69%
	Oppose	16%	4%	36%	23%
14-weeks of paid leave for caregivers dealing with closed schools or care centers	Support	74%	87%	54%	64%
	Oppose	19%	6%	39%	27%
\$350 billion in aid to state and local governments	Support	73%	88%	54%	62%
	Oppose	19%	5%	37%	29%
An additional \$400 per week in enhanced unemployment insurance	Support	71%	82%	52%	67%
	Oppose	23%	13%	43%	28%
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One in Seven Voters Has Already Been Vaccinated; 22% Not Planning on Getting Vaccinated

“While between 12 and 19 percent of voters from every region and party have been vaccinated, with Democrats and upstaters leading the way, there are distinct racial and income disparities in this early vaccination period,” Greenberg said. “Although 20 percent of white voters have been vaccinated, only 10 percent of Black voters and five percent of Latino voters have been. Only nine percent earning less than \$50,000 have been vaccinated, compared to 14 percent who earn between \$50,000 and \$100,000, and 25 percent of those earning over \$100,000.

“When it comes to whether or not they plan to get vaccinated, there are wide differences by party and race. While only 17 percent of Democrats and 21 percent of independents do not plan to get vaccinated, 35 percent of Republicans say they will pass on the vaccine,” Greenberg said. “Eighteen percent of white voters say no to the vaccine. However, 34 percent of Latino and 37 percent of Black voters say they don’t plan on getting vaccinated.”

Plurality of New Yorkers Now Believe the Worst of the Pandemic is Behind Us

In a significant shift from last month, voters say, by a 46-36 percent margin, *the worst of the pandemic is over*, rather than the worst is still to come. Last month, voters said 55-31 percent that *the worst was still to come*.

“While Republicans are most optimistic, 57-24 percent, that the worst is behind us, independents agree 42-32 percent and Democrats are virtually evenly divided. A plurality of voters from every region – between 45 and 47 percent – are optimistic,” Greenberg said. “White voters say the worst is behind us, 49-31 percent, however, a majority of Black voters and a plurality of Latino voters say the worst is still to come.”

Odds & Ends

- In his first month in office, Biden is enjoying a honeymoon with New York voters. He has a 65-29 percent favorability rating, up from 62-32 percent in January. He is viewed favorably by 90 percent of Democrats and 53 percent of independents, while 68 percent of Republicans view him unfavorably.
- Biden's first job performance rating as President is 55-38 percent, thanks to a 79 percent positive rating from Democrats. Seventy-two percent of Republicans and 46 percent of independents, a plurality, give him a negative job performance rating.
- By a 61-33 percent margin, voters wanted to see the United States Senate convict former President Trump in his second impeachment trial. Eighty-seven percent of Democrats supported conviction and 72 percent of Republicans favored acquittal. Independents supported conviction 49-43 percent.
- Sixty percent of New Yorkers think that Biden will have a positive impact on New York, compared to 17 percent who think he'll have a negative impact and 18 percent who say his Administration will have no real impact on New York.
- Trump has a negative 26-67 percent favorability rating. While 88 percent of Democrats and 60 percent of independents view Trump unfavorably, 62 percent of Republicans continue to view him favorably.
- Support for legalizing the recreational use of marijuana in New York is at its highest level ever in a Siena College poll, 63-29 percent, up from 56-33 percent last month. It is supported by more than two-thirds of Democrats and independents, and by a small 48-43 percent margin, Republicans oppose it.
- By a 50-33 percent margin, up a little from 48-35 percent in January, voters support online sports betting. It's supported by 52 percent of Democrats, 53 percent of Republicans and a plurality, 46 percent, of independents. It has plurality support, 47-36 percent, in New York City and stronger majority support outside the City.
- In a major turnaround, voters say the country is headed in the right direction 49-42 percent. In January, voters said the country was on the wrong track, 59-31 percent. Last month, Democrats said the country was on the wrong track 49-40 percent. Today Democrats like the direction of the country 69-23 percent. Republicans continue to be very negative on the direction of the country, 71-22 percent.
- Voters say the state is headed in the right direction, 48-41 percent, down slightly from 50-40 percent last month. Seventy percent of Democrats are optimistic about the direction of the state, compared to 69 percent of Republicans and 53 percent of independents who say the state is headed on the wrong track.

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This Siena College Poll was conducted February 7-11, 2021 among 804 New York State registered voters with 504 voters contacted through a dual frame (landline and cell phone) mode and 300 responses drawn from a proprietary online panel (Lucid) of New Yorkers. Telephone calls were conducted in English and respondent sampling was initiated by asking for the youngest person in the household. Telephone sampling was conducted via a stratified dual frame probability sample of landline (ASDE) and cell phone (Dynata) telephone numbers within New York State weighted to reflect known population patterns. Data from both collection modes (phone and web) was merged and statistically adjusted by age, party by region, race/ethnicity, education, and gender to ensure representativeness. It has an overall margin of error of ± 4.3 percentage points including the design effects resulting from weighting. The Siena College Research Institute, directed by Donald Levy, Ph.D., conducts political, economic, social, and cultural research primarily in NYS. SCRI, an independent, non-partisan research institute, subscribes to the American Association of Public Opinion Research Code of Professional Ethics and Practices. For more information, call Steve Greenberg at (518) 469-9858. For survey crosstabs: www.Siena.edu/SCRI/SNY.



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Q. 1 Is New York State on the right track, or is it headed in the wrong direction?

DATE	RIGHT TRACK	WRONG DIRECTION	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2021	48	41	11
January 2021	50	40	10
November 2020	50	37	13
October 2020*	46	34	20
June 2020	52	38	10
May 2020	56	34	10
April 2020	65	28	7
March 2020	56	27	17
February 2020	41	46	13
January 2020	49	41	10
HIGHEST EVER	65 (4/20)	76 (10/31/10)	30 (1/07)
LOWEST EVER	14 (10/10)	26 (1/07)	7 (4/20, 2/17, 5/13)

Q. 2 How would you describe the fiscal condition of New York State right now? Would you describe it as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

DATE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2021	4	16	33	42	5
November 2020	5	19	33	37	5
April 2020	6	18	36	36	4
February 2020	2	26	35	31	6
HIGHEST EVER	6 (4/20)	29 (7/14)	49 (8/12)	67 (3/22/10)	7 (1/19)
LOWEST EVER	0 (many)	6 (3/22/10, etc.)	25 (3/22/10)	21 (12/16)	0 (4/11, etc.)

Q. 3 Is the United States on the right track, or is it headed in the wrong direction?

DATE	RIGHT TRACK	WRONG DIRECTION	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2021	49	42	9
January 2021	31	59	10
November 2020	38	48	14
October 2020*	24	62	14
June 2020	28	64	8
May 2020	35	56	9
April 2020	34	60	6
March 2020	42	47	11
February 2020	38	55	7
HIGHEST EVER	62 (5/09)	74 (10/13, 8/11)	17 (9/08)
LOWEST EVER	19 (10/13, 10/08)	24 (12/09)	5 (1/13)

Q. 4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Donald Trump?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2021	26	67	6
January 2021	30	66	5
November 2020	33	64	4
October 2020*	29	66	5
June 2020	33	62	5
May 2020	32	63	5
April 2020	31	66	2
March 2020	35	59	5
February 2020	36	61	3
January 2020	31	64	5
HIGHEST EVER	41 (12/16)	72 (8/16)	10 (10/13)
LOWEST EVER	24 (8/16)	53 (12/16)	2 (4/20, 9/15)

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Q. 5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Joe Biden?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2021	65	29	5
January 2021	62	32	6
November 2020	63	31	6
October 2020*	62	33	6
June 2020	53	39	8
May 2020	51	40	9
April 2020	60	36	4
March 2020	51	40	9
February 2020	45	47	7
HIGHEST EVER	65 (2/21)	47 (2/20)	28 (9/08)
LOWEST EVER	45 (2/20)	26 (9/08)	4 (4/20)

Q. 6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Andrew Cuomo?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2021	56	39	5
January 2021	57	39	4
November 2020	56	39	5
October 2020*	59	33	7
June 2020	65	31	4
May 2020	66	30	5
April 2020	77	21	2
March 2020	71	23	6
February 2020	44	50	6
January 2020	49	45	6
HIGHEST EVER	77 (4/20, 2/11)	50 (2/20, 8/19, 2/19)	24 (1/06, 2/06, 9/07)
LOWEST EVER	43 (8/19, 2/19)	14 (8/09)	2 (4/20)

Q. 7 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about the New York State Assembly?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2021	45	31	24
January 2021	48	28	24
November 2020	47	28	25
June 2020	45	30	25
April 2020	57	29	14
February 2020	46	36	18
January 2020	40	35	25
HIGHEST EVER	57 (4/20)	61 (7/10)	25 (6/20, 1/20)
LOWEST EVER	25 (7/10)	28 (1/21, 11/20)	10 (5/15)

Q. 8 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about the New York State Senate?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2021	47	33	20
January 2021	51	30	19
November 2020	50	31	18
June 2020	45	34	21
April 2020	58	31	11
February 2020	46	39	14
January 2020	43	38	19
HIGHEST EVER	58 (4/20)	74 (7/09)	21 (6/20)
LOWEST EVER	20 (7/09)	30 (1/21)	6 (7/09)

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Q. 9 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Chuck Schumer?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2021	49	39	12
January 2021	45	39	16
November 2020	45	39	16
April 2020	55	39	6
March 2020	52	38	9
February 2020	54	38	9
January 2020	54	36	11
HIGHEST EVER	70 (7/05)	46 (2/19)	17 (2/05)
LOWEST EVER	45 (1/21, 11/20)	20 (2/05, 11/06)	4 (10/31/10)

Q. 10 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Letitia James?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2021	36	17	47
January 2021	35	17	48
November 2020	33	17	49
January 2020	36	15	49
HIGHEST EVER	39 (1/19)	18 (8/19, 4/19, 1/19)	70 (6/18)
LOWEST EVER	20 (6/18)	10 (10/18, 6/18)	43 (1/19)

Q. 12 Do you think the Biden Administration will have a positive impact on New York State, a negative impact on New York, or no real impact on New York? ^

DATE	POSITIVE IMPACT	NEGATIVE IMPACT	NO REAL IMPACT	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2021	60	17	18	5
January 2021	54	23	16	7
HIGHEST EVER	60 (2/21)	23 (1/21)	18 (2/21)	7 (1/21)
LOWEST EVER	54 (1/21)	17 (2/21)	16 (1/21)	5 (2/21)

Q. 13 Do you think that having Chuck Schumer, serving as Majority Leader of the United States Senate, will have a positive impact on New York State, , a negative impact on New York, or no real impact on New York? ^

DATE	POSITIVE IMPACT	NEGATIVE IMPACT	NO REAL IMPACT	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2021	50	21	18	12
January 2021	49	22	18	11
HIGHEST EVER	50 (2/21)	22 (1/21)	18 (2/21, 1/21)	12 (2/21)
LOWEST EVER	49 (1/21)	21 (2/21)	18 (2/21, 1/21)	11 (1/21)

Q. 22 How would you rate the job that Andrew Cuomo is doing as Governor? Would you rate it excellent, good, fair, or poor?

DATE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2021	18	33	20	27	2
January 2021	24	32	15	27	2
November 2020	23	31	18	27	1
October 2020*	30	31	18	20	1
June 2020	27	35	17	20	1
May 2020	29	34	18	18	1
April 2020	37	34	18	10	1
March 2020	27	36	22	13	1
February 2020	8	28	32	31	1
January 2020	10	31	29	27	3
HIGHEST EVER	37 (4/20)	47 (4/12, etc.)	40 (6/16, 7/15, 12/14)	32 (8/19)	28 (1/11)
LOWEST EVER	5 (9/16)	27 (2/19)	15 (1/21)	4 (2/11, 1/11)	0 (2/16, 5/15, 10/14)

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Q. 23 If Andrew Cuomo runs for re-election as governor in 2022, as things stand now, would you vote to re-elect Cuomo or would you prefer someone else?

DATE	RE-ELECT CUOMO	PREFER SOMEONE ELSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2021	46	45	10
January 2021	48	42	10
November 2020	51	42	7
HIGHEST EVER	51 (11/20)	45 (2/21)	10 (2/21, 1/21)
LOWEST EVER	46 (2/21)	42 (1/21, 11/20)	7 (11/20)

Q. 24 Do you approve or disapprove of the job Andrew Cuomo is doing to address the coronavirus, or COVID-19, pandemic? ^

DATE	APPROVE	DISAPPROVE	MIXED/DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2021	61	34	5
January 2021	63	32	6
November 2020	63	30	7
October 2020*	73	24	3
June 2020	76	21	4
May 2020	76	21	3
April 2020	84	15	1
March 2020	87	11	2
HIGHEST EVER	87 (3/20)	34 (2/21)	7 (11/20)
LOWEST EVER	61 (2/21)	11 (3/20)	1 (4/20)

Q. 25 How would you rate the job that Andrew Cuomo is doing handling the pandemic: Communicating with the people of New York? Would you rate it excellent, good, fair, or poor?

DATE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2021	37	30	14	19	1
June 2020	54	27	12	7	0
May 2020	56	25	11	7	1
HIGHEST EVER	56 (5/20)	30 (2/21)	14 (2/21)	19 (2/21)	1 (2/21, 5/20)
LOWEST EVER	37 (2/21)	25 (5/20)	11 (5/20)	7 (6/20, 5/20)	0 (6/20)

Q. 28 How would you rate the job that Andrew Cuomo is doing handling the pandemic: Implementing the right plans for reopening New York? Would you rate it excellent, good, fair, or poor?

DATE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2021	17	31	20	30	3
June 2020	32	38	19	10	2
May 2020	30	34	19	15	2
HIGHEST EVER	32 (6/20)	38 (6/20)	20 (2/21)	30 (2/21)	3 (2/21)
LOWEST EVER	17 (2/21)	31 (2/21)	19 (6/20, 5/20)	10 (6/20)	2 (6/20, 5/20)

Q. 30 Last spring, in response to the pandemic, the State Legislature gave Governor Cuomo extraordinary executive powers to be able to manage the state during this critical time. Do you think the Legislature should or should not allow the Governor to continue managing the state using these executive powers?

DATE	SHOULD	SHOULD NOT	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2021	53	37	10
January 2021	53	37	10
November 2020	57	35	8 (11/20)
HIGHEST EVER	57 (11/20)	37 (2/21, 1/21)	10 (2/21, 1/21)
LOWEST EVER	53 (2/21, 1/21)	35 (11/20)	8 (11/20)

Q. 31 Do you think that the worst of the coronavirus pandemic is over, or do you think the worst of the coronavirus pandemic is still to come?

DATE	WORST OVER	WORST TO COME	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2021	46	36	18
January 2021	31	55	14
HIGHEST EVER	46 (2/21)	55 (1/21)	18 (2/21)
LOWEST EVER	31 (1/21)	36 (2/21)	14 (1/21)

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Q. 32/33 Have you gotten vaccinated for COVID-19? Do you plan to get vaccinated for COVID-19, or not? *(Asked among only those who have not been vaccinated.)*

DATE	VACCINATED	PLAN TO GET VACCINATED	NOT PLANNING TO GET VACCINATED	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2021	16	59	22	3
January 2021	7	64	25	4
HIGHEST EVER	16 (2/21)	64 (1/21)	25 (1/21)	4 (1/21)
LOWEST EVER	7 (1/21)	59 (2/21)	22 (2/21)	3 (2/21)

Q. 34 Do you support or oppose legalizing the recreational use of marijuana?

DATE	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2021	63	29	9
January 2021	56	33	11
November 2020	60	32	7
February 2020	55	40	5
January 2020	58	38	4
HIGHEST EVER	63 (2/21)	44 (4/18)	11 (1/21)
LOWEST EVER	52 (9/19, 4/19, 2/19, 4/18)	29 (2/21)	3 (1/19)

Q. 35 The state allows sports betting at commercial casinos. Do you support or oppose broadening the sports betting law to allow for online sports betting? ^

DATE	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2021	50	33	17
January 2021	48	35	17
November 2020	50	32	18
HIGHEST EVER	50 (2/21, 11/20)	44 (2/19)	18 (11/20)
LOWEST EVER	44 (2/19)	32 (11/20)	12 (2/19)

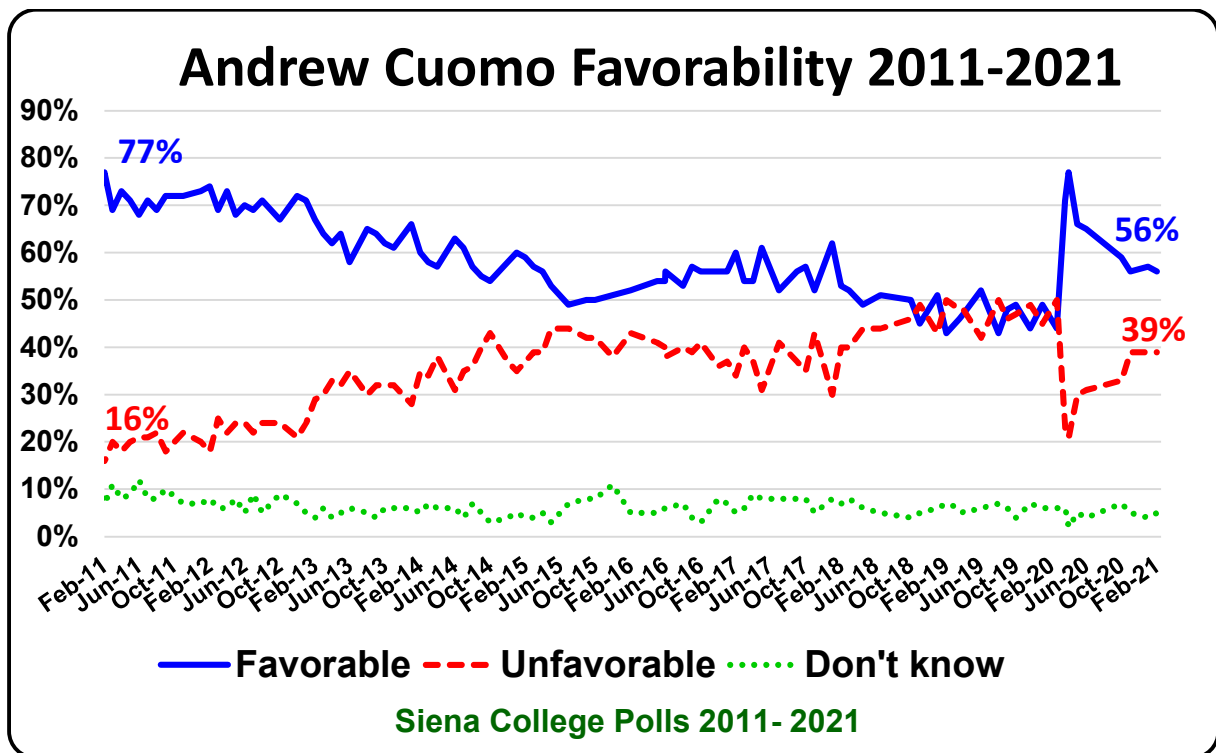
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Trends reflect questions asked at least twice since the first Siena College Poll in February 2005.

Results listed here include all times questions have been asked since January 2020.

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May 11, 2021.

As New Yorkers continue to get vaccinated each day, we are focused on rebuilding our state's economy and look forward to a new economic future for New York. Today we announced the launch of "Reimagine, Rebuild, Renew," a multimedia campaign designed to support the state's reopening and to drive economic recovery. This campaign will promote our commitment to growing the economy, improving our infrastructure and helping small businesses as we build back from this pandemic. I hope you'll join us in ushering in a reimagined New York.

1. COVID hospitalizations rose slightly to 2,026. Of the 99,656 tests reported yesterday, 1,516, or 1.52 percent, were positive. The 7-day average percent positivity was 1.34 percent. There were 491 patients in ICU yesterday, down two from the previous day. Of them, 290 are intubated. Sadly, we lost 32 New Yorkers to the virus.

2. As of 11am this morning, 60.4 percent of adult New Yorkers have completed at least one vaccine dose. Over the past 24 hours, 111,833 total doses have been administered. To date, New York administered 16,938,242 total doses with 49.4 percent of adult New Yorkers completing their vaccine series. See additional data on the State's [Vaccine Tracker](#).

3. The FDA expanded the emergency use authorization of the Pfizer vaccine to include people ages 12-15. Tomorrow, the CDC's vaccine advisory committee, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), will meet publicly to review data and discuss whether to recommend the vaccine for this age group to the CDC director. Following the review, State Health Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker will meet with New York State's Clinical Advisory Task Force and make a final recommendation, which means we could have full authorization for vaccinations to begin for 12- to 15-year-olds here in New York as early as Thursday.

4. New York will participate in the federal partnership with Uber and Lyft to help vaccinate New Yorkers. Today, the White House announced a new partnership with ridesharing companies Uber and Lyft, which will offer free rides to and from vaccination sites from May 24 to July 4. More details will be forthcoming.

Tonight's "Deep Breath Moment": With baseball back, a Syracuse Mets fan was able [to attend](#) his 50th consecutive opening day game. Fairmont resident David Smolnycki has been attending opening day since he was sixteen. Although the 2020 season was canceled due to the pandemic, Smolnycki was able to reunite with his baseball family after 614 days, returning to MacArthur Stadium to resume his streak.

Ever Upward,

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo

AROUND THE AGENCIES

RED ALERT: The Biden administration is scrambling to respond to fuel shortages in the Southeast U.S., with DOT [taking on a major role in the effort](#), Sam reports. The agency is reviewing the availability of railroads and trucks to help haul fuel to where it's needed, and also helping the administration survey the fleet of ships that could be able to help bring petroleum products from the Gulf up the Eastern Seaboard, as Biden weighs waiving the Jones Act to get vessels involved. DHS has the ultimate authority on a Jones Act waiver, so a final call will come from Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas.

Elsewhere in the admin: EPA on Tuesday moved to make more gasoline available for sale in three Mid-Atlantic states and the District of Columbia, lifting requirements to burn cleaner-burning gas, [Pro's Alex Guillén reports](#).

Impact in the air: The fuel shortage (or “supply crunch,” as Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm referred to it) is also being felt by airlines, albeit in minor ways. American Airlines was forced to add two stops to long-haul routes out of Charlotte, N.C., but was overall experiencing “minimal operational impact.” United Airlines CEO Scott Kirby also said the impacts of the Colonial Pipeline outage were “relatively minor.” And in general aviation, there's enough jet fuel supply for now, but the industry is monitoring and acknowledges there's some uncertainty. Read more on the [impacts on aviation from our Stephanie Beasley](#).

ON THE HILL

ENDLESS DELAYS: For the second time in a month, the Senate Commerce Committee is scheduled to vote on the Endless Frontier Act today, including an amendment from Sen. [John Thune](#) (R-S.D.) to lift the exemption cap for driverless vehicles. Last time, the entire bill got pulled from the markup at the last minute. This time, it appears Thune — working without his partner in crime, Sen. [Gary Peters](#) (D-Mich.), who is not supporting the amendment — will withdraw the amendment during the markup. [Tanya's got the story](#).

The idea behind the amendment was to strip out all the controversial parts of the 2017 AV START act and legislate whatever could get bipartisan support, but Thune missed the mark so badly that even Peters abandoned him. Unlike the 2017 bill, this one includes trucks, raising the specter of 3 million truckers replaced by robots, and it doesn't even attempt to address concerns about forced arbitration and federal preemption of state and local laws raised by the trial lawyer lobby last time around.

For your radar: On the other end of the Capitol, the House Energy and Commerce Committee will discuss autonomous vehicles for the first time this Congress at a hearing next Tuesday.

ON THE HORIZON: Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Chair [Tom Carper](#) (D-Del.) is pushing to get his surface transportation legislation done before the end of May.

Timeline: The Biden administration has called for progress on infrastructure talks by Memorial Day, and Carper said that while "it's a bit challenging," his committee is going to try to meet that call.

How much? The legislation is likely to be over \$300 billion, he said (after joking that he was aiming for "\$700 gajillion"). The big question marks are still how the bill will be paid for (no progress to report on negotiations between Democrats and Republicans on that front) and whether the Senate committee will employ earmarks like its House counterparts.

Still talking: Carper met with President Joe Biden earlier this week, and the top Republican on the committee, Sen. [Shelley Moore Capito](#) (R-W.Va.), is set to do the same in the coming days.

"One of the secrets of democracy is communicate and compromise. And it's important that we're communicating," Carper said.

BRING YOUR READING GLASSES: Speaking of those earmarks: The final tally is in, and the House Transportation Committee has collected a massive list of 2,380 projects from members who would like to see them funded in the upcoming surface transportation bill, totaling \$14.9 billion in spending (not nearly all of which will ultimately be included in the legislation). Democrats submitted nearly three times as many projects as Republicans. [Read more from our Tanya Snyder.](#)

Running the numbers: By our count, \$1.85 billion of that total requested would go toward projects that widen, expand or extend highways and roads (although the caveat is that some of those are above the max amount for projects that lawmakers will be able to request, and so definitely won't be funded in the bill). We'll have more reporting to come about how the earmarking process will move forward.



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Governor Cuomo Announces Completed Construction of the Javits Center Expansion

Design-Build Project is On-Budget Despite COVID-Related Challenges

New State-of-the-Art Spaces Will Provide a Boost to Hospitality and Tourism Industries

Key Part of Governor Cuomo's Midtown West Redevelopment Plan

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the construction completion of the historic \$1.5 billion Jacob K. Javits Convention Center expansion, proving the effectiveness and efficiency of the design-building process in New York State. The massive project, which will add 1.2 million square feet of total event-related space on Manhattan's West Side, was completed on budget despite the challenges related to COVID-19. Expanding the Javits Center, which has operated as the busiest convention center in the United States, furthers Governor Cuomo's efforts to continue New York City's role as a leading tourism, hospitality and business destination, and the project serves as a key part of the Midtown West redevelopment plan, including the transformation of Pier 76 directly behind the six-block convention center.

"Re-investing in on our infrastructure is critical to restarting our economy after COVID-19, and the expansion of the Javits Center will play a pivotal role in attracting people back to New York and supporting local businesses," **Governor Cuomo said.** "From operating as a COVID-19 field hospital to the largest vaccination center in the United States, the Javits Center has demonstrated its importance to the recovery and resurgence of the Empire State, and this project reinforces their part in New York's economic future."

With state-of-the art equipment and cutting-edge technology, the expanded Javits Center on Manhattan's West Side will feature 50 percent more front-of-house and back-of-house areas, including new exhibit and meeting room spaces, a glass-enclosed rooftop pavilion and a truck marshaling facility that will accelerate event operations and reduce traffic congestion. Thanks to the innovative design-build process and proper planning and coordination, the \$1.5 billion project is on-budget - despite the loss of two months of work due to the statewide suspension of non-essential construction last year. The project's rooftop spaces, including a pavilion, an outdoor terrace, a greenhouse and a one-acre farm, will be completed in the coming weeks.

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Governor Andrew M. Cuomo

Empire State Development Acting Commissioner and President & CEO-designate Eric Gertler said, "The Javits Center has long been a vital showplace for pioneers, companies, and entrepreneurs across diverse industries who seek to highlight innovations to new audiences and key markets. The newly completed expansion and upgrades will ensure that Javits remains a world-class destination for conventions and premier events, offering an impressive welcome to visitors from around the globe."

President and CEO of New York Convention Center Operating Corporation Alan Steel, said, "After more than a year of unprecedented challenges, this expansion comes at a critical time for our city, our state and our industry and serves as a sign of hope and rebirth for New Yorkers. With new dynamic spaces and a focus on sustainability and efficiency, this project will reduce our impact on the community while improving our operations and allowing us to host a greater variety of events than ever before."

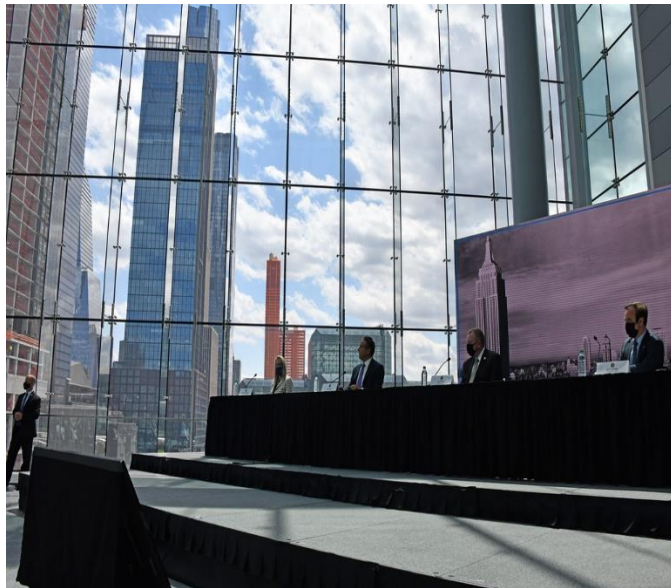
TVS Principal, Rob Svedberg, FAIA, said, "The Javits Center is an iconic landmark and an essential economic engine for New York City. With this expansion, the Javits Center will set a new industry benchmark for sustainability, technology, flexible event space and a first of its kind truck marshalling facility to greatly reduce traffic in the surrounding neighborhoods. The extraordinary views from the expansion out to the city have never been seen before and will create an entirely unique guest experience that no other city in the world can match."

President of Lendlease Construction LMB Inc. Steve Sommer said, "On behalf of the Lendlease Turner Joint Venture, we are proud to achieve substantial completion for our clients, the State of New York and the New York Convention Center Development Corporation, on the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center expansion."

The Lendlease Turner Joint Venture is honored to have built this iconic structure that will lead New York City into the next millennial."

Vice President and General Manager, Turner Construction Company

Chris Zegler said, "It has been an honor to partner with the great State of New York as well as Lendlease, all the design professionals, and trade partners on the expansion of this world-class facility. It has been an incredibly rewarding experience to help shape the future of the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center."



The expanded Javits Center, operated by New York Convention Center Operating Corporation, will feature more than 200,000 square feet of new meeting room and pre-function space, including a 54,000 square-foot special event space — the largest event space of its kind in the Northeast. All of the new exhibition and meeting spaces will be equipped with the latest technology in lighting fixtures, heating and cooling systems and wireless connectivity. The newly-expanded Javits Center will feature 500,000 contiguous square feet of

event space, which will help the facility attract international business conferences. More than 3,000 solar panels also will be constructed on the new and existing rooftops as part of a new program with the New York Power Authority.

Starting on May 19 as Governor Cuomo announced earlier this week, in conjunction with protocols established by the state Department of Health, the Javits Center will be allowed to host events at 30 percent capacity with safety restrictions in place, such as social distancing and designated entry and exit points for all participants.

Since January 13, the Javits Center has operated the state's largest vaccination center in conjunction with the state Department of Health and the New York National Guard, providing vaccines to more than 500,000 vaccines. Due to the massive size of the convention center, events will be allowed to operate in available spaces while the

vaccination center operations continues. The Javits Center also has constructed a state-of-the-art broadcast studio, which can host virtual and hybrid events.

The Javits Center expansion is part of Governor Cuomo's broader Midtown West redevelopment, announced as part of the 2021 State of the State agenda. New York State has previously led several successful macro-development projects in New York City, including Battery Park City, Roosevelt Island and the transformation of Times Square. In addition to the recently opened Moynihan Train Hall, other elements of Governor Cuomo's vision for Midtown West include the Empire Station Complex project, extending the High Line, replacing the Port Authority Bus Terminal and transforming Pier 76 from a tow pound to a waterfront park. The \$51 billion plan will create 196,000 jobs, new outdoor spaces, improved public transit and pedestrian connections, and bring commercial and affordable housing opportunities to the burgeoning Manhattan neighborhood.

In March, a Request for Proposals was issued for the commercial or mixed-use development of 418 11th Avenue, one of the last remaining vacant parcels on the West Side of Midtown Manhattan. The approximately 1.2-acre site, referred to as Site K, is owned by the New York Convention Center Development Corporation - an Empire State Development subsidiary - and is located directly east of the main entrance to the Javits Center.

Biden Infrastructure Talks to Focus on \$2.3 Trillion Plan's Size and Taxes

President seeks to overcome disagreements with GOP in first meeting with top four congressional leaders since taking office



President Biden's infrastructure plan addresses transportation, water and increased access to broadband internet services.

By Ken Thomas *and* Andrew Duehren
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WASHINGTON—President Biden on Wednesday will hold his first meeting with the top four congressional leaders since taking office [as he seeks to overcome deep disagreements](#) with Republicans over the size of his infrastructure plan and the proposed tax increases to pay for it.

Set to join Mr. Biden at the White House are Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R., Ky.) and House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R., Calif.). Mr. McConnell is a

former Senate colleague of Mr. Biden's and [negotiated with him when he was vice president](#).

Mr. Biden will be joined by the top two Democrats in Congress—Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York and House Speaker [Nancy Pelosi](#) of California—as the two sides explore the possibility of a bipartisan agreement.

Mr. Biden is attempting to push through Capitol Hill more than \$4 trillion in spending for two proposals. The \$2.3 trillion infrastructure plan focuses on transportation, water infrastructure and increased access to broadband internet services, while a \$1.8 trillion proposal would extend an expanded child tax credit, offer tuition-free community college and provide universal prekindergarten across the nation.

A group of Republican senators [prepared a \\$568 billion counteroffer](#) to Mr. Biden's infrastructure proposal, and Mr. McConnell has said that a package between \$600 billion and \$800 billion could ultimately be acceptable for Republicans.

That range leaves hundreds of billions of dollars between Republicans and Democrats on infrastructure spending, with some GOP lawmakers saying they would be unlikely to accept a package larger than \$800 billion.

“And I think that range is the right range,” said Sen. Roy Blunt (R., Mo.), a member of the GOP leadership. “I’m not sure that it couldn’t be a little bit smaller or it couldn’t be a little bit bigger. But I think that’s a big number.” He added that the time frame for the spending would also influence the overall amount.

Mr. Biden's \$2.3 trillion plan calls for funding over eight years, while the \$568 billion in the Republican plan would be doled out over five years.

White House press secretary Jen Psaki said Tuesday that while there is no shortage of areas where the two parties disagree, the president hoped “this can be a discussion about where we can find common agreement, where there’s an opportunity to work together moving forward.”

Some Democrats have dismissed the Republican offer as inadequate, pushing for the party to use its narrow control of the House and Senate to advance a package along party lines. Others have said Democrats should compromise with Republicans on an infrastructure plan before moving forward with a broader bill.

In the House, Mrs. Pelosi has aimed to vote on the infrastructure plan by July 4, but aides have said that time frame could slip. In the Senate, Mr. Schumer said Tuesday that negotiations with Republicans wouldn't last forever.

“We prefer to do things in a bipartisan way, and we're going to keep pursuing that in a variety of different ways,” he said. “But obviously we don't want to make the mistake of 2009 and '10 where the negotiations went on forever and then the Republicans didn't join and we didn't get much else done.”

Even if lawmakers can reach a compromise on how much to spend on infrastructure, finding an agreement on how to pay for the plan will prove even more challenging. Mr. Biden has proposed a series of tax increases on companies that he has said would cover the cost of the \$2.3 trillion plan over 15 years.

Republicans have rejected those proposed increases, pledging to oppose any legislation that pares back or changes elements of the 2017 tax law. Instead, GOP lawmakers have said Congress should rely on user fees to pay for infrastructure, though their approach didn't include a specific plan to cover its \$568 billion cost. The White House has rejected user-fee increases.

“A lot of it for our members will come down to how it's offset, how it's paid for,” said Sen. John Thune (R., S.D.), the No. 2 Senate Republican.

Democrats have raised questions of their own about Mr. Biden's tax proposals, including the proposed increase of the corporate rate to 28% from 21% and the boost in taxes on capital gains for high-income households.

The meeting will come during a blitz of congressional outreach by Mr. Biden as he seeks to build momentum for his agenda. During previous meetings with lawmakers in both parties, Mr. Biden has said he is open to altering elements of his plan.

Sen. Shelley Capito (R., W.Va.) and five Senate Republicans plan to meet with Mr. Biden on Thursday to discuss the infrastructure proposal. Mrs. Capito is the lead author of the \$568 billion GOP proposal, which excludes elements of Mr. Biden's plan such as funding for domestic manufacturing and elder care.

Mrs. Capito, the top Republican on the Environment and Public Works Committee, said Tuesday that her staff and the White House have been regularly discussing the figures in their infrastructure proposals, including how they compare with baseline funding levels.

Mr. Biden has also been meeting with centrist Democrats in the Senate. He held individual talks Monday afternoon with Sens. Joe Manchin (D., W.Va.) and Tom Carper (D., Del.) and sat down Tuesday with Sen. Kyrsten Sinema (D., Ariz.).

Messrs. Biden and McConnell share a long history. They served together in the Senate for more than two decades. When Mr. Biden was vice president during the Obama administration, he reached agreements with Mr. McConnell on taxes and raising the debt ceiling. Mr. McConnell was the lone Senate Republican to attend the 2015 funeral of Mr. Biden's son Beau.

Mr. McConnell has said he hopes to unite Republicans against Mr. Biden's agenda, which GOP leaders have characterized as a liberal wish list and argue is driving a labor shortage.

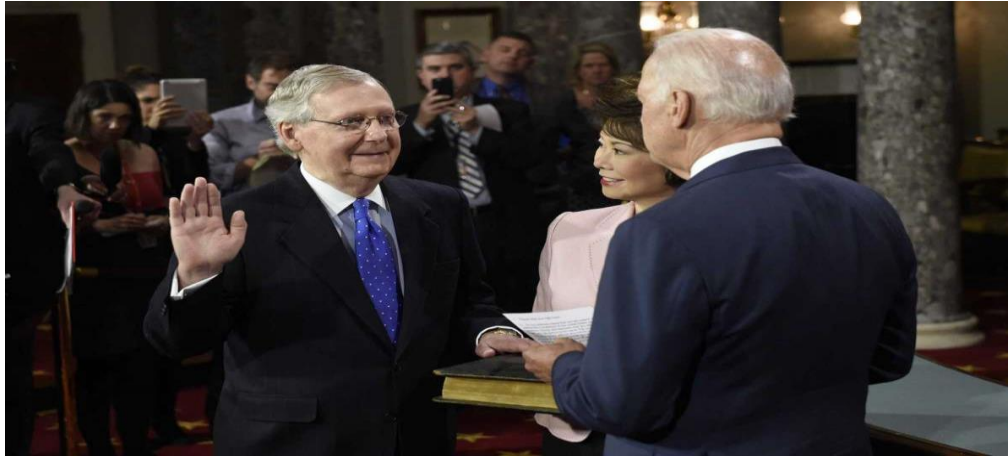
During the negotiations on the \$1.9 trillion Covid-19 relief bill that passed earlier this year, Mr. Biden considered a roughly \$600 billion offer from Senate Republicans before moving on and passing his larger plan along party lines.

Can Biden, McConnell cut an infrastructure deal?

‘Big four’ leaders meet Wednesday with president

12 May 2021

By Jonathan Lemire and Lisa Mascaro



In this Jan. 6, 2015, file photo, then-Vice President Joe Biden, right, administers the Senate oath to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky. during a ceremonial re-enactment

swearing-in ceremony in the Old Senate Chamber on Capitol Hill in Washington. McConnell's wife, Elaine Chao is at center. President Joe Biden's sit-down on May 12, 2021, with Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell and other congressional leaders comes as the White House accelerates its efforts to reach a bipartisan infrastructure agreement, or at least aims to show it's trying.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The two players in the most important relationship in Washington finally are ready for a face-to-face meeting.

President Joe Biden's sit-down on Wednesday with Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell and other congressional leaders comes as the White House accelerates its efforts to reach a bipartisan infrastructure agreement — or at least aims to show it's trying. But McConnell is plainly stating in advance that he's not interested in the plan as proposed.

The president's meeting with McConnell, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and House Republican leader Kevin McCarthy is the first formal gathering of the “big four” congressional leaders since the president took office — a late start after a tumultuous new year. But

the timing is crucial for White House's outreach on Biden's two-pronged \$4 trillion American jobs and families plans.

At the center are Biden and McConnell, two stalwarts of the Senate who have traded expressions of friendship but whose ability to find political common ground seems limited. In a Washington controlled by Democrats by the slimmest of margins, it's unclear if they actually need each other to accomplish their political goals.

Republicans have balked at the size of Biden's proposals — a sweeping plan that moves beyond roads and bridges to dramatically expand the social safety net — and at the president's plan to pay for it with tax increases on the wealthy and corporations.

But in recent days, Biden has deliberately and publicly opened the door further to compromise, explicitly saying that he was willing to negotiate the size of the overall package and the size of the tax hike. That echoes what White House staffers have been telling their Capitol Hill counterparts in the last week, according to administration officials.

But it takes two to compromise. McConnell will arrive at the White House on Wednesday "cleareyed" about what Biden wants, according to a Republican familiar with his thinking who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the internal deliberations, and about whether the president truly needs his help to pass the legislation.

Just days before the meeting, the Republican leader said his goal was simply, and essentially, to halt the Democratic president's agenda.

McConnell said "100% of my focus is stopping" the Biden administration, a comment that evoked his vow early in the Obama presidency to make the Democrat a one-term president.

"I like him personally," McConnell said of Biden later, softening his tone somewhat. "I want to do business with the president. But he needs to be a

moderate. He said he was going to be a moderate during the campaign. I haven't seen that yet.”

Biden has long showcased his relationships with Republicans and made his ability to work across the aisle central to his governing ethos. But a growing number of Democrats believe it is wasted energy to try to work with a party that, in their view, too often turns obstructionist.

Biden chuckled ruefully when told of McConnell's remarks.

“Look, he said that in our last administration, Barack, that he was going to stop everything — and I was able to get a lot done with him,” Biden said.

Biden's most notable deal-making success with McConnell came in the Obama-era fiscal showdowns during the rise of the tea party. As vice president, Biden was a trusted emissary to Capitol Hill for Obama, who had a chilly relationship with the Republican leader.

The feeling was mutual for McConnell, who during the 2012 fiscal cliff crisis cut out White House negotiators to deal directly with Biden.

“Is there anyone over there who knows how to make a deal?” the Republican wrote in his memoir, recalling a voicemail he left for the then-vice president.

Rohit Kumar, a former deputy chief of staff for McConnell, said that “a lot of trust had been established” but noted that deals would be harder in the current, more polarized climate.

“It's not that they can't find the political middle — it's that their parties' circles have gotten further apart,” Kumar said in a recent interview.

White House aides were not surprised by McConnell's declaration of defiance but believe that some common ground still is possible. Public polling suggests that the infrastructure plan, much like the \$1.9 trillion

COVID-19 relief law enacted in March, is popular with voters. But the COVID-19 bill did not receive a single GOP vote.

Steve Ricchetti, a senior White House adviser, said Wednesday's meeting is meant to “focus this conversation to where the priorities are and the space to find common ground.” From there, he said, it will become clearer in coming weeks “when there will be a real accelerated and pretty comprehensive dialogue on all of the elements.”

Biden and McConnell have so far had a relationship of necessity: What's unclear now is whether the president will need the senator's GOP votes. McConnell will carry a message that makes clear Republicans are unwilling to change the 2017 tax law, which they view as their signature domestic policy achievement, to pay for the investments, according to the Republican familiar with his thinking.

Biden and McConnell have had a few brief encounters, including at the president's joint address to Congress two weeks ago, and at least two phone calls, aides said.

Aides said Biden would urge the Republicans to find some areas of agreement. He plans to stress to them that democracy itself is on trial and that the nation needs to prove that it can take care of its own as it grapples with the pandemic's twin health and economic challenges.

“The way the president is thinking about it is that you could spend the entire meeting talking about areas of disagreement,” White House press secretary Jen Psaki said Tuesday. “Or you could spend it seeking opportunity for common ground, and he is going to choose the latter.”

The president has hosted a trio of key Democratic senators at the White House already this week, including moderates Joe Manchin of West Virginia and Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona, both of whom the White House needs to keep on board for the massive spending bill. And on Thursday, Biden will meet with six Republican senators, including Sen. Shelley Moore Capito of

West Virginia, the ranking GOP member on the Environment and Public Works Committee, to hear their plans for a smaller and more narrowly defined infrastructure bill.

Aides said to expect Biden to host more Republicans in the weeks ahead of a soft Memorial Day deadline the White House set for gauging how feasible a bipartisan bill may be. Missing no opportunity, Biden buttonholed Louisiana senators John Kennedy and Bill Cassidy on an airport tarmac during a visit to their home state last week

“I made the point -- not exactly in these words -- that everybody is for infrastructure, nobody is happy with crappy,” Kennedy recalled of the conversation. “There’s a way to do this deal — if the president will limit it to infrastructure and then let’s have a frank discussion about how to pay for it.”

Biden’s response? “He listened,” Kennedy said.

New York governments are getting \$24 billion in stimulus aid. Here's where it is headed

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ALBANY - Let the stimulus money flow.

About \$24 billion in federal aid from the American Rescue Plan will start heading to New York governments this week, the U.S Treasury announced Monday.

The windfall, part of \$350 billion nationally for state and local governments, will be a boon for the state government, cities and large towns, allowing them to close budget gaps and stave off funding cuts after the COVID-19 pandemic shuttered businesses and crippled the economy.

"This funding puts the power in the hands of the people and enables local governments to build back stronger, safer, and healthier," Rep. Antonio Delgado, D-Rhinebeck, Dutchess County, said in a statement.

The money can be used to support public health efforts, address fiscal shortfalls, fund infrastructure and boost pay of essential workers, lawmakers said.

The money was approved in March by the Democratic-led Congress and President Joe Biden after local governments spent more than a year urging federal leaders to approve aid for them to help balance their books.

"After fighting this pandemic on the frontlines, state and local governments in New York and across the country needed help, and they needed it quickly to keep frontline workers on the job and prevent brutal service cuts," Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer said on the Senate floor Monday.

About \$12.7 billion is going to state government to help close a \$15 billion gap over two years, and the money was included in the state budget for the fiscal year that started April 1.

The rest will go to cities and counties based on formulas that take into account the size of a community, its wealth and unemployment levels.

It includes \$4.3 billion for New York City; \$202 million for Rochester; \$87 million for Yonkers; \$61 million for Utica and \$46 million for Binghamton.

About \$3.9 billion is going to New York counties, including \$188 million for Westchester; \$144 million for Monroe County; \$75 million for Orange County; \$57 million for Dutchess County; and \$37 million for Broome County.

The Biden administration launched an online portal Monday that will allow local and state governments to access their share of funds from the Treasury Department.

Most will receive money in two tranches – one this year, the second in 12 months – but states that have seen their unemployment rates increase by 2% or more since February will receive funds in a single payment.

The law mandated the Treasury Department deliver the aid within 60 days of Biden's signature on March 11, which is Tuesday.

The money, part of the \$1.9 trillion COVID relief package that include stimulus checks to the middle class, must be spent by the end of 2024.

Local and state governments are prohibited from using funds to offset tax cuts that were enacted after March 3, limitations that have already prompted the Republican attorney general from Ohio to sue the Biden administration.

In addition, recipients cannot use funds to make a deposit to a pension fund or pad reserves.

Some issues that remain as strange legislative session winds down

BY SUSAN ARBETTER CITY OF ALBANY
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The New York State Legislature is expected to adjourn for the year on June 10.

There are several questions looming over the next month: What will lawmakers focus on? And will lawmakers be able to focus with the results of three investigations into Gov. Andrew Cuomo dropping at some point in the near future?

Jack O'Donnell told *Capital Tonight* that it appears the legislature is functioning well in spite of all the distractions.

O'Donnell, founder of O'Donnell & Associates in Buffalo, said that there are several large issues that seem to have gained some momentum recently.

"Data privacy is a big issue," he said. "After a lot of noise around its inclusion in the executive budget proposal in January, the governor's proposed New York Data Accountability and Transparency Act quietly fell out of the final budget agreement. Now, insiders in Albany are saying that Senator Kevin Thomas plans to introduce an amended version of the bill."

According to his weekly newsletter, other issues O'Donnell is watching include:

Adult Survivors Act: The bill, which is based on the Child Victims Act, would create a one-year legal look-back window during which people who were 18 years of age or older when they were abused could file civil lawsuits against their abusers. The look-back window would open six months after the bill is signed into law.

Criminal justice reforms: Advocates are pushing for an end to qualified immunity in New York state, as well as bills that provide transparency in police custody, *New York for All* (which would prohibit New York law enforcement agencies from sharing data with ICE) and bills increasing transparency in police interrogations.

New York Health Act: While seeing single-payer health care in the next year is unlikely, the Assembly moved it through the Health Committee and plans to pass it before the end of session as a show of force. More important, the larger policy discussion around the New York Health Act also opens smaller policy conversations that create interesting politics, like a Fee for Service Carve out of the Medicaid Drug Benefit and changes to administration of benefits through Managed Care Organizations.

Senate Passes Gianaris Legislation Protecting MTA Funds from Being Raided

ALBANY – New York State Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris on May 11 announced Senate passage of his legislation (S.1267) to protect MTA funds from being raided to bail out other state agencies.

“We need the MTA on the right track to propel New York’s recovery by making critical investments required for safe and reliable service,” said Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris. “MTA funds should not be used to bail out other state agencies when it is already grappling with a crisis of historic proportions.”

Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz, who sponsors the bill in the Assembly said, “Money allocated for mass transit must be spent on mass transit. Period. There can be no room for accounting tricks and obfuscation about where MTA money is being spent, and this legislation will put an end to this irresponsible practice once and for all. The MTA exists to help New Yorkers get around safely, affordably, and efficiently – it is not a slush fund for various government agencies that want to circumvent the standard budgeting process we go through every year.”

The legislation exempts the MTA from the requirement to reimburse the state’s general fund for services performed by other agencies. Like all state authorities, the sprawling transit agency operates with a separate balance sheet than the rest of state government. This reimbursement requirement has previously been used as a tool to bail out other state entities. Senator Gianaris first introduced his legislation after the State of New York used MTA funds to bail out the Olympic Regional Development Authority in Lake Placid.

Senator Gianaris has consistently fought to shore up the transit agency’s bottom line. Most recently, he successfully advocated against raids of the MTA’s dedicated revenues in this year’s state budget.

The bill now moves to the Assembly for consideration.

Danny Pearlstein, Policy and Communications Director of the Riders Alliance said, “More than ever, funds dedicated to transit must be spent on public transit. With the MTA’s finances in

freefall last year, now bolstered by federal aid, and ridership far below normal, there is no excuse for robbing MTA Peter to pay Agency Paul. Riders are very grateful to Deputy Leader Gianaris and Senator Ramos for defending our money from Albany's creative accounting.”

Rachael Fauss, Senior Research Analyst for Reinvent Albany said, “Just like protecting MTA dedicated funds from raids in the state budget, we appreciate the Senate taking steps to prevent MTA resources from being diverted from transit service by passing S1267. We urge the Assembly to pick up Senator Gianaris's legislation and pass the bill in their house.”

Who wants to run for governor as a Republican in 2022?

A prospective primary field is forming early.

By ZACH WILLIAMS

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U.S. Congressman Lee Zeldin | Gage Skidmore

Republicans are optimistic [about their chances](#) of electing a governor next year as three-term incumbent Gov. Andrew Cuomo continues fighting for his political life. A few of candidates have already officially announced they are running in what could

become a crowded primary field for the GOP nomination. No matter who ends up at the top of the ticket, their chances of beating the Democratic candidate appear remote.

Democrats grew their registration advantage by about 300,000 voters between the 2018 and 2020 election cycles. Cuomo has already amassed a formidable war chest in anticipation of winning the fourth term in office that eluded his father, former Gov. Mario Cuomo. And even if the present governor's political troubles lead him to give up on running next year, other well-known Democrats like Attorney General Letitia James could step up. Then there are the complications created by former President Donald Trump.

Leading GOP gubernatorial contender Rep. Lee Zeldin has been a prominent figure in rightwing media, which gives him an edge over relatively moderate opponents in a primary election where diehard Trumpists might dominate the electorate. A Trump endorsement might determine who wins and loses, though that would only make it easier for Democrats to label the GOP nominee as too extreme to lead the state.

Despite the challenges, Republicans remain hopeful that they can win their first statewide election since former Gov. George Pataki won a third term in office in 2002. He too overcame doubts when he first ran for governor against Mario Cuomo in 1994. To upset the Dems this time around, state party chair Nick Langworthy is hoping the party can settle on a candidate more than a year ahead of the 2022 election.

Here is a round-up of the Republicans who may be hoping that history repeats itself next year, updated on May 11.

Running

Rep. Lee Zeldin

The four-term Long Island member of Congress is the person to beat for the nomination now that he has [built up a war chest](#) and secured the support of [enough county leaders](#) to become the party's preferred candidate for governor. He brings to

the campaign trail close ties to the Trump family and experience as a military veteran. Coming from the crucial downstate swing suburbs doesn't hurt either, but he better get his story straight on who exactly won the 2020 presidential election, considering [his ongoing equivocation](#) about whether the election was stolen from former President Donald Trump.

Lewis County Sheriff Michael Carpinelli

Name recognition will not come easily for a longtime cop who has spent the past nine years keeping the peace in the fourth-least populated county in the state. Some GOP voters might like his opposition to public health restrictions, bail reform and drivers licenses for undocumented people, but a lot needs to go right for Carpinelli to have any chance of winning the nomination. His chances are much better at becoming the most famous Lewis County resident since [Franklin "Father of American forestry" Hough](#).

Former Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino

The fourth time might be the charm for Astorino, who has made a [2022 gubernatorial run official](#) after losing his last three bids for elected office. His longtime ties to the likes of [mega-donor Robert Mercer](#) ought to help his chances. The 2014 GOP gubernatorial nominee even has a [few moderate bonafides](#) that could make him competitive in a rematch against Cuomo. *But* Astorino better show some life on the campaign trail quickly or he might end up at another political dead end.

Possible contenders

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro

Marc Molinaro may still have ambitions for higher office. He would face an uphill battle in a GOP primary against right-wing stars like Stefanik and Zeldin, but Molinaro could argue that his relative political moderation and experience as a local government executive in the swing region of the Hudson Valley make him a better

candidate in the November election. Molinaro told City & State on May 11 that he will make a final decision on another run for governor “soon.”

Andrew Giuliani

The son of former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani has said [he will make a decision by May 15](#) about whether to run for governor. He would bring his experience as an [official in the Trump administration](#), which could make him a front-runner for the coveted Trump endorsement. As a child, he famously [upstaged his father’s inauguration speech](#) in 1994, which was then parodied by “Saturday Night Live.”

Rep. John Katko

His vote for impeachment and reputation for political moderation makes the Central New York Congress member an odd fit in a party still defined by the former president. His entrance into the race might please the party elders who are [reportedly recruiting him](#) for a run, but it would also mean giving up a congressional seat that could turn blue in 2022. His absence from a recent candidate forum in Albany, however, suggests he is leaning against a run.

Former Erie County Executive Joel Giambra

A lot of New York voters might like how Giambra campaigned for Hillary Clinton in 2016 alongside other moderate Republicans wary of electing Trump. But that is not going to go over well with Republican primary voters next year if Giambra ends up officially declaring his candidacy. His [ill-fated campaign](#) for the 2018 nomination seemingly confirmed that.

Not running

Rep. Elise Stefanik

The North Country legislator has [officially ruled out](#) a run for the Second Floor. That only makes sense considering how busy she is [maneuvering](#) for a leadership post in the Trumpian House minority. In another world, her serious MAGA cred, fundraising abilities and name recognition could have potentially shoved Zeldin aside – but she would have to give up her congressional seat in the process. At least she didn't [pose as a daughter](#) of the Adirondacks for nothing!

Rep. Tom Reed

The Southern Tier lawmaker promised constituents in 2010 that he would only serve six two-year terms in Congress. That time will be up at the end of 2022. “I will honor those commitments, and I will leave it to the public to make the decision as to where my future goes,” he told [The Buffalo News](#). His current position as co-chair of the bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus would have given some basis to argue that he could be competitive in a general election. And unlike [Stefanik](#) and [Zeldin](#), Reed would not have needed to explain a vote to overturn the Electoral College results hours after the Jan. 6 insurrection at the Capitol. But Reed said [he won't be running](#) for any office following an [accusation of sexual misconduct](#) from a former lobbyist.

Janice Dean

Few people have done more to raise public awareness about COVID-19 nursing home deaths than a Fox News senior meteorologist who [lost two in-laws](#) to the pandemic. Her connection to the network most hated by Democrats would complicate any run for statewide office, but at least critics of the Canadian-born TV personality would not have to worry about her leveraging a campaign for a future White House run. Still, she has demonstrated no interest in running, despite her [name getting thrown around](#).

Day Drinking, Italian Style



Lambrusco, the gently sparkling and often budget-friendly wine, is the drink of choice in Emilia-Romagna. And it tastes great in a briny spritz. A Lambrusco spritz, made with amaro, grapefruit juice and sparkling water, is just right on a hot summer day.

By Rebekah Pepler

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Warm weather is here and so is day drinking, to be done outdoors in the sun. Look to north-central Italy for inspiration. Lambrusco — gently sparkling, low alcohol and often

budget friendly — has long been Emilia-Romagna’s go-to for alfresco drinking. This season, make it yours as well.

While the popularity of mass-market Lambrusco in the 1970s and ’80s led to the [wine’s reputation for candy-sweetness](#), a quality bottle can quickly dispose of lingering skepticism. The best Lambruscos are thoughtfully made, pleasantly fruity, lightly bitter and come in a variety of styles from dry to sweet, red to rosé.

There’s reason for their range. “While a lot of people think of Lambrusco as red sparkling wine, they might not know that Lambrusco refers to both the family of grapes and the wine made with them,” said Cassie Davis, the general manager of [Voodoo Vin](#), a natural-wine shop in Los Angeles.

Of the roughly 60 varieties of Lambrusco grapes, all but one originate in the Emilia-Romagna region. Each produces a different style of Lambrusco and can be made into either single varietal or blended bottles.

The lightest of the bunch is the dry, floral, often pale pink Lambrusco di Sorbara. On the opposite end of the spectrum lies Lambrusco Grasparossa di Castelvetro, a darker, fruitier, more tannic style that Ms. Davis recommends reaching for when “you want something more expressive as a red wine.”

Then there are those that fall in between. Want something sweeter, with Sorbara’s aromatics and Grasparossa’s structure? Choose Lambrusco Salamino. (The name is a nod to its oblong bunches, which resemble salami.)

While it's refreshing on its own, effervescent Lambrusco is also ideal in the queen of day drinks: [the spritz](#). Poured into that bubbly-bitter-soda format, Lambrusco makes for an earthy spritz that leans toward the right side of crushable.

Spritz or straight, bear in mind that Lambruscos aren't meant to be aged, so buy and pop promptly. Once the bottle is open, Ms. Davis stresses that it must be kept cold and covered. Bubbles are more soluble at low temperatures; storing the bottle in an ice bucket or the refrigerator helps keep its fizz.

Finally, pour alongside a snack — or a meal. Lambrusco pairs seamlessly with the rich foods of Emilia-Romagna, such as Parmigiano-Reggiano, cured meats and gnocco fritto, meaning that a daytime bottle can easily linger past sunset. “A lot of wines that you might apéro with, you might not want with food,” Ms. Davis said. “The great thing about Lambrusco is that you can drink it all day, and then you can drink it all night.”

With even warmer days and nights ahead, these are words to live — and drink — by.

Tina Turner, Jay-Z, Foo Fighters among 2021 Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductees

Turner, Carole King and Foo Fighters founder Dave Grohl are all two-time inductees.



Dave Grohl of Foo Fighters performs during the Rock in Rio 2019 at Cidade do Rock on Sept. 28, 2019, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Alexandre Schneider / Getty Images file
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By [Elisha Fieldstadt](#)

Jay-Z, the Foo Fighters, The Go-Go's, Carole King, Todd Rundgren and Tina Turner are the newest inductees into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, the organization announced Wednesday morning.

The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame said its 2021 class includes the "most diverse list of Inductees in the history of the organization."

Dave Grohl, founder of the Foo Fighters, will become a two-time inductee. He was inducted with Nirvana in 2014.

King, who was previously inducted with Gerry Goffin in 1990, and Turner, who was previously inducted with Ike and Tina Turner in 1991, are also two-time inductees.

"This diverse class of talented inductees reflects the Hall's ongoing commitment to honor artists whose music created the sound of youth culture," said John Sykes, chairman of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Foundation.

To be eligible for induction, artists have to had released their first record 25 years earlier and "have created music whose originality, impact and influence has changed the course of rock & roll," according to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

Foo Fighters, The Go-Go's and Jay-Z were [on the ballot](#) for the first time this year.

The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame allows fans to vote on the nominees. The top five artists in that vote make up a "Fan's ballot" that gets tallied with the rest of the ballots.

The 36th annual ceremony will take place at 8 p.m. ET Oct. 30 at Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse in Cleveland, Ohio.

Other awards include the Ahmet Ertegun Award, which will go to Clarence Avant; the Musical Excellence Award, which will go to LL Cool J, Billy Preston and Randy Rhoads; and the Early Influence Award, which will go to Kraftwerk, Gil Scott Heron and Charley Patton.

Last year, [Depeche Mode, the Doobie Brothers, Whitney Houston, Nine Inch Nails, The Notorious B.I.G. and T.Rex were the inductees.](#)

There's the rub: Trainer Bob Baffert says antifungal meds given to Kentucky Derby winner Medina Spirit had steroid

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BALTIMORE — Kentucky Derby winner Medina Spirit was treated with an antifungal ointment containing the steroid betamethasone that may have caused the horse to [fail a postrace drug test](#), trainer Bob Baffert said Tuesday.

In a statement issued by his lawyer, Baffert said Medina Spirit was treated for dermatitis with the ointment once a day leading up to the May 1 race and that equine pharmacology experts have told him this could explain the test results. Baffert said the horse tested positive for 21 picograms of the substance, which is [typically given to horses therapeutically](#) to help their joints and is a violation even at a trace amount on race day in Kentucky.

Regardless of the reason, Medina Spirit would be disqualified from the Derby and Mandaloun named the winner if a second round of testing shows the presence of betamethasone. Preakness officials said Medina Spirit and Baffert's other horses running at Pimlico Race Course this weekend will be allowed to enter the race, subject to additional testing and monitoring.

“My investigation is continuing, and we do not know for sure if this ointment was the cause of the test results, or if the test results are even accurate, as they have yet to be confirmed by the split sample,” Baffert said. “I have been told that a finding of a small amount, such as 21 picograms, could be consistent with application of this type of ointment.”

Baffert said at a news conference Sunday at Churchill Downs that he did not know how the substance made its way into the colt's system.

Dr. Mary Scollay, executive director and chief operating officer of the Racing Medication & Testing Consortium, was surprised the situation went from no explanation to “documented, chronic exposure to the medication.”

“We know that the horse was exposed — deliberately exposed — on a daily basis to betamethasone,” Scollay said Tuesday via phone. “So, yes, it is not implausible that this is the source of the betamethasone in the horse.”

Medina Spirit drew the No. 3 post in a field of 10 horses for the Preakness, attempting to win the first two legs of the Triple Crown with a giant asterisk. He is the 5-2 morning line favorite, though actually Medina Spirit getting to the starting gate Saturday is pending additional tests that Maryland Racing chief veterinary officer Dr. Dionne Benson expects back Friday.

As is the case in Kentucky, no level of betamethasone is allowed in a horse's system going into a race in Maryland, so the presence of it could lead to Medina Spirit being scratched.

Medina Spirit and stablemate Concert Tour arrived at Pimlico Race Course on Monday and jogged on the track Tuesday morning, though [Baffert does not plan to be in Baltimore](#) for the race and put assistant Jimmy Barnes in charge.

“Medina Spirit earned his Kentucky Derby win, and my pharmacologists have told me that 21 picograms of betamethasone would have had no effect on the outcome of the race,” Baffert said. “Medina Spirit is a deserved champion, and I will continue to fight for him.”

Medina Spirit's failed drug test is the [fifth medication violation in the past 13 months](#) for Baffert, a two-time Triple Crown-winning trainer and the face of the sport. Winning the Preakness with either Medina Spirit or Concert Tour would give Baffert a record eighth victory in that race, breaking a tie with 19th-century trainer R.W. Walden.

Except for 2020, when the Triple Crown races were run out of order, Baffert is undefeated with the Derby winner in the Preakness.

NY Giants schedule 2021: Big Blue to open at home against Denver Broncos

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The Giants' opponents have been set for months. We'll find out all of the 'whens' Wednesday, and news of the first one broke late Tuesday night.

The Giants will play host to the Denver Broncos on Sunday, Sept. 12, an individual with knowledge of the situation told NorthJersey.com and USA TODAY Network on Tuesday night.

Kickoff is set for 4:25 p.m. at MetLife Stadium, and the game will be broadcast on FOX.

Twenty years ago, on the night before 9/11, the Giants were in Denver for "Monday Night Football."

Now, one day after the 20-year anniversary of 9/11, the Giants will host the Broncos. The game will represent a return for former Giants coach Pat Shurmur, who was entering his second season as the Broncos' offensive coordinator.

Shurmur was fired as Giants' coach following the 2019 season and he was replaced by Joe Judge.

The Giants have begun the last four seasons with at least two losses (twice with Shurmur as HC), and they've won just one season opener (2016) since 2011.

Another potential wrinkle to this matchup: the Broncos have been heavily rumored as a top destination for quarterback Aaron Rodgers, should the Packers decide to trade the reigning NFL MVP. Could FOX be hedging its bet

by putting the Broncos - who have lost eight straight September games - in such a marquee spot in its Week 1 lineup?

Also hearing: the Giants' games against last season's Super Bowl participants (Buccaneers and Chiefs) - both on the road - will be in prime time.

The Giants will also be traveling for Thursday Night Football on a short week in Week 2 against the Washington Football Team, an individual with knowledge of the situation told NorthJersey.com and USA TODAY Network.

The NFL has a way of giving its offseason events the emotional feel of a Super Bowl for its fans, and the schedule release has taken on a life of its own in recent years.

That's the case this season with the league using an even more expanded rollout of the schedule, teasing everyone with the announcement of the entire Week 1 slate across their network partner's morning television shows (CBS, NBC and ABC/ESPN).

The full schedule will be unveiled Wednesday night as part of a three-hour prime time extravaganza on NFL Network, and there will surely be leaks on social media in the hours leading up to the special.

Here's a look at the Giants' opponents for the 2021 season:

Home

Cowboys (Dec. 19, per New York Post), Eagles (Nov. 28, per New York Post), Washington, Panthers, Raiders, Rams, Falcons and Broncos (Sept. 12, 4:25 p.m.).

Away

Cowboys, Eagles, Washington, Buccaneers, Chiefs, Chargers, Bears, Dolphins and Saints.

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METS 3	O's 2
RED SOX 2	ATHLETICS 3

NBA:

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New York NOW: New Poll Documents Cuomo's Turn of Fortune
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For a time in 2020, Gov. Andrew Cuomo was considered one of the heroes of the COVID-19 pandemic for his steady and focused daily briefings when national leadership was lacking.

But recently, the governor has suffered a reversal of fortune, as a scandal over the suppression of the number of nursing home deaths dominates news coverage of his administration.

Additionally, a new poll finds the majority of New Yorkers now think the governor did something wrong.

It's been over a decade since a New York governor was skewered on *Saturday Night Live*, a late-night show with cold open skits that have become a cultural touchstone. Eliot Spitzer was satirized for his involvement with prostitutes, and David Paterson blamed *SNL* parodies for his slide in approval ratings.

Cuomo had been largely exempt from the ribbings, until a report by the state's attorney general found that he significantly undercounted the number of New Yorkers in nursing homes who died of COVID-19.

On Saturday's show, *SNL* cast member Chloe Fineman, playing Britney Spears, asked Pete Davidson, portraying Cuomo, about the scandal.

Some of the people who died in the nursing homes were not counted as nursing home deaths, they were counted as hospital deaths, Davidson said. Which is basically what happens at Disney World, OK?

The skit goes on with Davidson's Cuomo saying he is sorry.

In real life, Cuomo did not actually apologize, but he did admit it was wrong for his health department to withhold the actual numbers for nearly a year. He said he should have been more forthcoming with the tally of 15,000 New Yorkers in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities who died of the virus so far.

He said his failure to provide the facts led to a vacuum.

The void we created by not providing information was filled with skepticism and cynicism and conspiracy theories, which furthered the confusion, Cuomo said on Feb. 15.

The controversy deepened after the transcript of a private meeting between Cuomo's chief of staff, Melissa DeRosa, and top Democratic lawmakers was leaked to the New York Post.

In it, DeRosa said that the administration withheld the nursing home numbers from lawmakers because they froze when the federal justice Department, under former President Donald Trump, began an inquiry.

Her statements raised questions about potential obstruction of justice, and led the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York to begin a probe.

A Marist College poll finds the issue is resonating with the public, with 60% of surveyed New Yorkers saying they believe Cuomo did something wrong in his handling of nursing homes during the pandemic. Of that group, 41% said he likely did something unethical, and 19% said the governor might have done something illegal.

Lee Miringoff, Marist's director of polling, said Cuomo's job approval ratings, which were high in the summer and fall of 2020, have now dropped back to pre-pandemic levels, with 49% saying that he's doing a good job in office.

This is a damaging story, Miringoff said. People are focused on the pandemic, the nursing home issues are something people were very much aware of at a time when things were very chaotic.

A spokesman for the governor, Rich Azzopardi, countered that Cuomo's approval rating is 57% in a poll conducted by Morning Consult.

Miringoff has conducted surveys on state and national politicians since the days when Cuomo's father, Mario Cuomo, served as governor in the 1980s and 1990s. He said the best advice for an elected official who becomes caught up in a scandal is to be as transparent with the public as possible to avoid a daily trickle of damaging information.

He said, unfortunately for Cuomo, that time has passed as the state withheld the actual nursing home numbers for nearly 10 months.

◆ The idea from a strategic standpoint is to contain it, and get everything out there, so there doesn't have to be a second day and a third day, ◆ Miringoff said. ◆ What ◆s happening now, is he ◆s experiencing a little bit of a pile-on. ◆

The attacks are coming not just from Republicans in state and national government, who have called for his impeachment. Several Democrats are calling for a fuller investigation, including New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, who has had a rocky relationship with the governor.

◆ I do not accept his explanation. There needs to be a full investigation, ◆ de Blasio said on Feb. 22. ◆ Thousands of lives were lost. Families deserve answers. ◆

Democratic state lawmakers plan to curb the governor ◆s sweeping emergency powers granted to him by the Legislature earlier in the pandemic.

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Cuomo aides deny that occurred, but the governor, during a coronavirus briefing with reporters, accused Kim of running a pay-to-play ◆ political racket ◆ with nail salon owners in his district.

Kim relayed his story on CNN, MSNBC, and ABC ◆s The View.

◆ Cuomo is an abuser, ◆ Kim said on the show on Feb. 19. ◆ He has abused his powers. ◆

Cuomo has said he wants to seek a fourth term as governor. The Marist poll finds just over one-third of voters, 36%, said he deserves that chance.

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Hi Chatodd! Hope you are well and all settled in at your new job. Saw you at the presser today. I wanted to reach out about the attached press release related to pop art events starting this week. In the release, it says performers will be at Elmhurst Hospital this weekend. Could you please put us in touch with the person handling this event that will come to the hospital? We have started receiving media inquiries and do not have the information as to when and where exactly this will occur.

If you can point us to the appropriate person or provide the additional information that would be helpful.

Thanks!
Michelle

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By Dan Reilly

In March 2020, New York City-based comedian Bryan Yang had a few jokes about COVID-19 in his set. It just feels very millennial for a virus to be called coronavirus, he said at some of his last shows before the city went into lockdown, and then it's like, Actually, I identify as COVID-19, so call me by that now. Another bit was about how medical professionals started calling it COVID-19 because it sounded like the name of a street gang, thinking that'd get President Trump to act on it.

Yang's wife is a nurse, and they took precautions to avoid contracting the virus. Still, they both got it later that month, just as the pandemic's first wave hit the city. While Yang's wife experienced a few days of a low-grade fever, the 32-year-old comedian spent two weeks in the hospital. At one point, he could only breathe with the assistance of a CPAP machine. Now he can't fathom performing stand-up indoors. You know the clubs are trying to survive, he told Vulture in November, but also, it's like, Man, I would hate to see it if someone got sick from going to see comedy. It just feels like it's something that can wait.

With over 400,000 Americans dead due to COVID-19, it can be hard to grasp why anyone would take the risk of holding or attending a comedy show. But despite a state ban on live comedy performances, the pandemic hasn't destroyed the New York comedy scene it just pushed it underground. Now that PPP loans and other government funds are used up, venue owners are finding ways to stay in business by exploiting exemptions set aside for religious services, indoor dining, and trivia nights (yes, really) as a means to get comics back onstage, even if that stage is in a church or on the subway. Illicit, indoor shows are still happening, and the fate of many New York clubs is still in limbo. Some venues like Dangerfield's on the Upper East Side and the Creek & the Cave in Long Island City have been forced to shut down for good.

As the state became the epicenter of the pandemic in early 2020, New York made up many rules on the fly. On March 20 of last year, Governor Cuomo announced an executive order requiring all non-essential businesses to shut down, and the state's phased reopening plans didn't allow restaurants and bars to open for outdoor dining until June, after the first wave of hospitalizations and deaths subsided. The convoluted regulations allowed bars to serve drinks outside, as long as they obeyed certain capacity regulations and served food as little as a hot dog with a round of beers would suffice. The New York State Liquor Authority released more specific guidelines in July, which warned that all other forms of live entertainment, such as exotic dancing, comedy shows, karaoke, etc. were not permissible, regardless of phase.

Despite the comedy ban, clubs improvised, setting up stages in parking lots, on rooftops, or in parks. Dani Zoldan, a co-owner of the Upper West Side comedy club Stand Up NY, was among the first to get shows going again: He started with a small gig definitely against the law but attended by a couple of passersby inside his club in June, with a sign outside the venue advertising it as illegal comedy. Then, acknowledging it would be unsafe to continue indoors, he moved his bookings outside, putting on over 400 events in Central Park and other open areas with comics like Melissa Villaseor and Ronny Chieng performing. Zoldan admitted in a December interview with Fox Business News that the shows were illegal but argued that they were beneficial for the mental health of New Yorkers.

Then, in August, the SLA clarified that no bar or restaurant could have advertised and/or ticketed shows. This happened around the same time that Governor Cuomo said bowling alleys could reopen at 50 percent capacity, provided they didn't serve food or drinks indoors, and museums, aquariums, and other low-risk cultural institutions could operate at 25 percent. During a radio interview in September, Cuomo after mentioning how dangerous it would be to reopen a venue like Madison Square Garden singled out the comedy sector: How essential is a comedy club when you're talking about the infection rate? Not to offend people in the comedy club, Lord knows we need to laugh, but those are the calibrations we're making.

That month, Kambri Crews, owner of the Astoria venue QED, where she'd hosted outdoor shows in its backyard space over the summer under the impression she was operating in good faith due to the SLA's unclear messaging, organized a #SaveNYComedy campaign with fellow comedy-club owners. With the backing of State Senator Michael Gianaris, she pleaded with Cuomo to allow ticketed entertainment events in smaller venues. She pointed out the hypocrisy that bars could legally host trivia nights because the SLA said patrons would remain seated and socially distanced, but people telling jokes in the same setting was somehow more dangerous. Cuomo's office never responded to their list of demands and detailed proposal.

It didn't make a bit of fucking difference. That's when I threw up my hands like, Well, I guess we'll take the rest of fall off, said Crews in December. Her business wouldn't be able to withstand a hefty fine, and on top of that, she's immunocompromised she was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2017 and unwilling to risk putting on any indoor shows. Instead, she's selling books, journals, and stationary from QED Astoria's shop and letting local craft vendors work out of its showroom.

If Cuomo actually looked at what he's doing, he's driven everybody underground. He's creating a speakeasy culture, and it's only getting more dangerous in winter as people are driven indoors, Crews said. I would rather be closed and not put myself at risk, but the governor is really giving me no choice. And when I look at those other clubs that are shoehorning these packages and these nights, it's out of desperation. If it were just for the love of comedy, I would say, Grow up. We've got a pandemic on our hands.

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For club owners, the pandemic has turned into a waiting game for the money to come through, the vaccine to roll out, and the city and state to decide when it's legal for live comedy to return indoors, without the need for any workarounds. Eight small venues filed a lawsuit in October, which is currently pending, arguing that if shutdowns don't apply to gyms, casinos, and bowling alleys, theaters that hold fewer than 200 people should also be allowed to operate. Until then, people in the scene are going to do what they feel they have to do. The sad part of it all is that we all want to do the right thing, Italia said. We're just not able to.

Birbiglia noted that the lack of support for Broadway actors, stage crews, and comedy clubs has been unfortunate. It turns a blind eye to what draws people to New York. That's why people come to the city, he said. Zoldan, who admires Birbiglia's Tip Your Waitstaff campaign, said he wishes ultrawealthy comedians who got their start in New York City had stepped up. I'm disappointed about bigger comics who haven't shown much empathy for the situation, he said, citing Jerry Seinfeld and Chris Rock. I feel like they've kind of abandoned the comedy thing, and they're not really saying much to get people to support venues.

Elgart is skeptical of the new Save Our Stages stimulus package, given how stingy the first PPP process was for him. He admitted that it would solve a lot of problems but not all, given how dire his situation is. The past 11 months have left him with few options to survive. What I've experienced, he said, it's a fucking struggle right now.

As for Yang, he still has COVID material in his set it's just a little different than the jokes he told a year ago. I talk about how it's scary to have it because in pandemic movies, I don't look like the hero who gets to live. I'm definitely a side character that dies so that you can see how serious the virus is. The Asian dude isn't the one who finds the cure he gives it to the main character, he said. While he's performed stand-up on Zoom, in parks, and on rooftops with precautions in place, getting COVID really put things into perspective, and he won't perform indoors anytime soon. I still understand why people would want to perform and try to scrape together some sort of living. Because we haven't had a lot of help, he said, but I'll just avoid this for as long as possible.

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By Staff:

NEW YORK -- ABC News has confirmed Andrew Giuliani, the son of former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, is exploring a run for New York governor.

Andrew Giuliani, 35, tells ABC he is "strongly considering" a run and that he'll be meeting with New York Republican county chairs in the coming weeks and will then make a decision on whether or not he enters the 2022 race.

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By Associated Press:

NEW YORK (AP) — Andrew Giuliani, the son of former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and a former aide in the Trump administration, said in interviews Wednesday that he is evaluating a run for governor of New York as a Republican.

Giuliani, 35, who has never held public office, told The New York Times that he was “strongly considering” the idea and looking to make a decision by the end of the month.

He was more emphatic in an interview with the Washington Examiner, saying he planned to run, and “I believe I can win the race.”

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By LARRY NEUMEISTER:

NEW YORK (AP) — A group of New York City exotic dancing clubs sued New York state Thursday, saying it's not fair that they're being kept closed when everything from axe-throwing venues to bars with live music and casinos can open up.

The lawsuit filed in Manhattan federal court claimed that thousands of employees are forced out of work by the state's ban because of the coronavirus. Defendants included Gov. Andrew Cuomo and the state's liquor licensing authority.

Exotic dancing clubs including "Starlet's," "Sugar Daddy's" and "Gallagher's 2000" in the borough of Queens asked the court to declare it a violation of the First and 14th Amendments to keep their clubs closed while letting other enclosed establishments open up.

The lawsuit comes as the state's widening of rules for bars and restaurants have led many to open this week.

It also was filed after similar clashes between establishments that allow nudity or dancing in other states. In December, a judge in California let two San Diego strip clubs make their own determinations about providing a safe environment for dancers and patrons during the pandemic.

A spokesperson for the governor's office said the lawsuit attempts to undermine "science-based public health measures."

"While we are working to reopen as many facets of the economy as quickly and safely as possible, science, data, and common sense dictate that exotic dancing is not allowable at this time," spokesperson Jack Sterne said in a statement.

The lawsuit, which seeks unspecified damages, maintains that four strip clubs in Queens have been ready to open with COVID-19 safety protocols since the early days of the pandemic.

They pledged to require masks and temperature checks for guests and employees, to keep everyone safely apart and to engage in frequent cleanings of all surfaces with ample supplies of disinfectant throughout the clubs.

Yet, the lawsuit said, Cuomo and the state have ordered restaurants and bars "with exotic dancing to remain closed while permitting night clubs, lounges, jazz dinner theaters, churches, axe throwing venues, billiards halls, event venues for weddings, casinos, restaurants and bars with live music and bowling alleys that pose similar or greater risks of COVID-19 transmission to reopen."

According to the lawsuit, at least 41 other states allow similar businesses to remain open.

New York State formally outlawed the operation of strip clubs during the pandemic in early July despite allowing live music indoors, the lawsuit said. It noted that other indoor establishments were also allowed to open at various times, including Saturday Night Live in October.

In recent weeks, Cuomo has announced that large establishments like Madison Square Garden can open and movie theaters were permitted to reopen earlier this month, along with businesses with recreational activities including darts, racket games and axe throwing.

Comedy clubs, nightclubs and Broadway theaters will open in April, the lawsuit noted.

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By Abigail Covington

It's been another non-stop, jam-packed, week of WTF news in the good ol' USA. Senator Ted Cruz fled to Cancun, Andrew Cuomo covered up Coronavirus deaths, Britney Spears' is still stuck in a conservatorship, and "Mandalorian" star Gina Corano got fired for her social media posts. Also, the weather broke Texas.

Any one of those events would be worthy of the "Saturday Night Live" cold open treatment, but instead, the show decided to pool them all together in the form of a talk show sketch hosted by cast member Chloe Fineman as a twirly, hyper Britney Spears. The show is named "Oops, You Did It Again" (named after Spears' massive early aughts hit "Oops, I Did It Again!"), and Spears started it so "people could come on and apologize for things they've done wrong."

Naturally, the show's first guest was Sen. Ted Cruz who, in case you somehow missed the news, abandoned his home state of Texas for Cancun in the middle of a deadly winter storm, lied about it, copped to it, and then tried to blame his daughters for his horrendous judgement. Played by the hilarious Aidy Bryant, Cruz said "I deeply regret my actions the past few days" then joked, "mostly, flying United."

Next up on the apology tour was Gov. Andrew Cuomo. Doing his best New York accent, cast member Pete Davidson channeled an angry Cuomo coughing up an apology — "I said, I was sorry—and immediately lashing out at his nemesis Mayor DeBlasio — "I will bury him in the tallest grave this city has ever seen! I will hire a hobo to Rick Moranis him so hard, he'll think he's back in universal pre-k!" "Governor!" squealed Spears, eliciting another apology from Davidson's Cuomo. Then Bryant's Cruz jumped in. "Hey, I get it" said Cruz. "Me and you, we're both kind of in the same thing." Cuomo protested. "No, we are not the same. I am a man. You are a clown."

Cecily Strong's Gina Corano also stopped by to offer a "sorry, not sorry" for saying "conservatives have it as bad as people living in Nazi Germany." Surprise, she absolutely thinks she was a victim of cancel culture. That's when Sen. Cruz attempted to identify with Carano. Breaking character a bit, Bryant's Cruz laughed and said "Hey, I know how you feel sweetie. I'm getting a lot of my old tweets used against me too. Yeah, we're both in the same thing girl. Strong, misunderstood women." "No, no" replied Strong's Carano. "Do not compare yourself to me. I am strong and you are a pile of soup."

The moral of the cold open was clear: No matter how much you screw up, it could always be worse. You could be Ted Cruz.

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By KAREN DEWITT

For a time in 2020, Governor Andrew Cuomo was considered one of the heroes of the COVID-19 pandemic for his steady and focused daily briefings when many considered national leadership to be lacking. But recently, the Democrat has suffered a reversal of fortune, as a scandal over the suppression of the number of nursing home deaths dominates news coverage of his administration. Now a new poll finds the majority of New Yorkers think the governor did something wrong.

It's been over a decade since a New York governor was skewered on Saturday Night Live, where the show's cold open skits have become a cultural touchstone. Eliot Spitzer was satirized for his involvement with prostitutes, and former Governor David Paterson blamed SNL parodies for his slide in approval ratings.

Governor Cuomo was largely exempt from the ribbings, until a report by the state's Attorney General found that he significantly undercounted the number of New Yorkers in nursing homes who died of COVID. On Saturday's show, cast member Chloe Fineman playing Britney Spears, asks Pete Davidson, portraying Cuomo, about the scandal.

Some of the people who died in the nursing homes were not counted as nursing home deaths, they were counted as hospital deaths, Davidson says. Which is basically is what happens at Disney World, OK?

The skit goes on with Davidson's Cuomo saying he is sorry.

In real life, Cuomo did not actually apologize, but he did admit it was wrong for his health department to withhold the actual numbers for nearly a year. He said he should have been more forthcoming with the tally of 15,000 New Yorkers in nursing homes and other long-term care health facilities who died of the virus so far.

He says his failure to provide the facts led to a vacuum.

The void we created by not providing information was filled with skepticism and cynicism and conspiracy theories, which furthered the confusion, Cuomo said on February 15.

The controversy deepened after the transcript of a private meeting between Cuomo's Chief of staff, Melissa DeRosa, and top Democratic lawmakers was leaked to the New York Post. In it, DeRosa said that the administration withheld the nursing home numbers from lawmakers, because they froze when the federal justice Department, under former President Donald Trump, began an inquiry. Her statements raised questions about potential obstruction of justice, and led the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York to begin a probe.

A Marist College poll finds the issue is resonating with the public. 60% of New Yorkers surveyed believe that Cuomo did something wrong in his handling of nursing homes during the pandemic. Of that group, 41% say he likely did something unethical, and 19% say the governor might have done something illegal.

Marist's Director of Polling Lee Miringoff says Cuomo's job approval ratings, which were high in the summer and fall of 2020, have now dropped back to pre-pandemic levels, with just under half, 49%, saying that he's doing a good job in office.

This is a damaging story, said Miringoff. People are focused on the pandemic, the nursing home issues are something people were very much aware of at a time when things were very chaotic.

A spokesman for the governor, Rich Azzopardi counters that the governor's approval rating is at 57% in another poll. That was conducted by Morning Consult.

Miringoff has conducted surveys on state and national politicians since the days that Cuomo's father, Mario Cuomo, served as governor in the 1980s and 90s. He says the best advice for an elected officials who becomes caught up in a scandal, is to be as transparent with the public as possible, to avoid a daily trickle of damaging information. He says unfortunately for Cuomo, that time has passed as the state withheld the actual nursing home numbers for nearly ten months.

The idea from a strategic standpoint is to contain it, and get everything out there, so there doesn't have to be a second day and a third day, Miringoff said. What's happening now, is he's experiencing a little bit of a pile on.

The attacks are coming not just from Republicans in state and national government, who have called for his impeachment. Several Democrats are calling for a fuller investigation, including New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, who has had a rocky relationship with the governor.

I do not accept his explanation, there needs to be full investigation, de Blasio said on February 22. Thousands of lives were lost. Families deserve answers.

Democratic state lawmakers plan to curb the governor's sweeping emergency powers granted to him by the legislature early in the pandemic.

Queens Democratic Assemblyman Ron Kim has accused the governor of a bullying phone call where he says Cuomo threatened to destroy him if he didn't stop his criticisms. Cuomo aides deny that occurred but the governor, during a coronavirus briefing with reporters, accused Kim of running a pay to play political racket with nail salon owners in his district.

Kim relayed his story on CNN, MSNBC, and ABC's The View.

Cuomo is an abuser, Kim said on the show on February 19. He has abused his powers.

Cuomo has said he wants to seek a fourth term as governor. The Marist poll finds just over one-third of voters, 36%, say he deserves that chance.

Miringoff says it's a long time until the next gubernatorial elections in November 2022. He says other politicians have overcome scandals in the past by keeping their noses to the grindstone, and focusing on what's important. And right now, he says that's guiding the state out of the long pandemic, and taking steps to revive the economy.

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By Roman Chiarello

Colin Jost and Michael Che walked the line on Saturday Night Live with skits on New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo and Israel's COVID-19 vaccine rollout, according to former cast member Joe Piscopo.

During an interview with Maria Bartiromo on Mornings with Maria, Piscopo weighed in on a recent joke about Israel's COVID-19 vaccination process.

Israel is reporting that they've vaccinated half of their population, and I'm going to guess it's the Jewish half, Michael Che said during the show's Weekend Update segment.

The American Jewish Committee has called on NBC to apologize, calling the joke "anti-Semitic," Bartiromo pointed out.

It sounded that way to me, and fair enough, Piscopo responded.

Piscopo was also critical of another joke made during Weekend Update about New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

Colin [Jost] and Michael [Che] do a great job on Weekend Update, but [to] just go after Governor Cuomo and say he looks like all three Goodfellas at once That was a racist Italian comment toward Gov. Cuomo, Piscopo said.

We can make fun of ourselves as Italian Americans and we could do that But if you're not Italian or certainly if you're not Jewish in this regard, you shouldn't make those jokes, he added later. You're walking the line.

Despite the criticism, Piscopo said he is glad to see the show is taking on subjects on both sides of the aisle.

The show was very funny this week, and I love that they finally went after everything that we kind of think they should go after, namely in this Gov. Cuomo thing, Piscopo said of a sketch featuring Pete Davidson and Aidy Bryant that poked fun at the controversy surrounding the New York governor's nursing home coronavirus policy.

Like him or not, objectively, it's great for comedy and they went for it, he added.

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By Thomas Barrabi:

Advocates for independent venue owners and performers ripped New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo on Monday, arguing his plan to host star-studded "pop-up art events" to revive the state's live events industry would not help out-of-work entertainers struggling during the coronavirus pandemic.

Dubbed "NY PopsUp," Cuomo's office described the festival as a "pilot program" to create "the state's first large-scale model for how to bring live performance back safely after this prolonged COVID-related shutdown." The campaign runs from Feb. 20 through Labor Day Weekend and will feature performances by celebrities such as comedian Chris Rock and actor Alec Baldwin.

Cuomo said the festival was a critical step toward the return of New York's live entertainment industry. But critics pointed out the plan did not provide a blueprint for independent venues and small businesses such as comedy clubs to resume operations, nor did it outline financial relief for artists and performers who have gone months without work while lockdown measures were in place.

"Cuomo is producing outdoor comedy shows now," Stand Up NY Owner Dani Zoldan wrote on Twitter. "Nothing like sticking it to independent venues forcing them to stay closed while the city creates their own entertainment programming. This is disgusting + they stole most of our outdoor show ideas."

Venues such as comedy clubs, theaters and music clubs have been shut down for months in New York due to the coronavirus pandemic. Critics of the Cuomo-backed restrictions have argued the measures are crippling small businesses, many of which have closed for good after months without revenue.

While comedy clubs remain shuttered, NBC's long-running show "Saturday Night Live" has skirted restrictions by paying audience members to attend its shows, effectively making them temporary employees.

New York City Councilman Joe Borelli panned Cuomo's "NY PopsUp" campaign as a "plan to take photo ops [with] celebs."

"Journalist friends, @NYGovCuomo did not present a plan to reopen live performances in NY today. Please don't give him this," Borelli said. "He presented a plan to take photo ops w celebs. Theaters are just, wait for it, "open" (yes with restrictions) in other states. Just open them like SNL."

Cuomo's announcement of the campaign also drew several critical responses on Twitter.

"I'm glad to watch millionaire Chris Rock tell jokes, but performance artists need aid right now," one user wrote in response.

"Could you please just give us money to live," another user wrote.

Representatives for the governor did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the criticism.

Initial "NY PopsUp" events will be held throughout the state and "make stages out of New York's existing landscapes," such as subway platforms,

storefronts, and parking lots, according to a press release. The performances will number in the hundreds and are meant to entertain a "handful" of audience members.

Eventually, Cuomo's office said events will be held at pre-approved "flex venues" capable of hosting socially distant crowds, including The Apollo, Harlem Stage and The Shed. At present, it's unclear if New York plans to allow independent venues to participate.

"Not only will these indoor events be a symbol to the entire world that New York is back, they will also be a key step in the long process of getting tens-of-thousands of arts professionals around New York State back to work; and a bridge to getting Broadway and all of the New York cultural world open," the governor's office said in a press release.

The planned pop-show festival previously drew criticism from several groups, including the Union of Musicians and Allied Workers, the League of Independent Theater, and the Music Workers Alliance.

"New York's performing artists don't need livestream concerts and comedy shows — we need you to end tax breaks for the wealthy and fund our state so we can survive," the groups wrote last month in a letter to Cuomo obtained by the New York Daily News.

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Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the launch of NY PopsUp - an unprecedented and expansive festival featuring hundreds of pop-up performances, many of which are free of charge and all open to the public — that will intersect with the daily lives of New Yorkers. This series of events, intended to revitalize the spirit and emotional well-being of New York citizens with the energy of live performance while jumpstarting New York's struggling live entertainment sector, is a private/public partnership overseen by producers Scott Rudin and Jane Rosenthal, in coordination with the New York State Council on the Arts and Empire State Development.

The Festival will serve as a "pilot program," creating the state's first large-scale model for how to bring live performance back safely after this prolonged COVID-related shutdown. The programming for NY PopsUp will be curated by the interdisciplinary artist Zack Winokur, in partnership with a council of artistic advisors who represent the diversity of New York's dynamic performing arts scene. NY PopsUp will launch on Saturday, February 20 and run through Labor Day. The Festival will reach its climax with the 20th Anniversary of the Tribeca Film Festival and The Festival at Little Island at Pier 55, bringing the total number of performances to more than 1,000. NY PopsUp is being coordinated in lock step with state public health officials and will strictly adhere to Department of Health COVID-19 protocols.

"Cities have taken a real blow during COVID, and the economy will not come back fast enough on its own - we must bring it back," **Governor Cuomo said.** "Creative synergies are vital for cities to survive, and our arts and cultural industries have been shut down all across the country, taking a terrible toll on workers and the economy. We want to be aggressive with reopening the State and getting our economy back on track, and NY PopsUp will be an important bridge to the broader reopening of our world-class performance venues and institutions. New York has been a leader throughout this entire pandemic, and we will lead once again with bringing back the arts."

The events produced by NY PopsUp, in addition to being free of charge, will be staged across every type of neighborhood and district in all five boroughs of New York City, throughout Long Island and Upstate New York, and in all regions of the state. As the current realities of COVID-19 make mass gatherings and large, destination-style events impossible, NY PopsUp will meet New York City and State residents where they are, infusing their daily lives with the surprise and joy of live performance. The hundreds of free, pop-up events that constitute NY PopsUp will make stages out of New York's existing landscapes, including iconic transit stations, parks, subway platforms, museums, skate parks, street corners, fire escapes, parking lots, storefronts, and upstate venues, transforming everyday commutes, local communities, and locations never used for performances into canvases of awe and exhilaration. Instead of there being masses of audience members at a handful of events, this Festival is a mass of events, each for a safe and secure 'handful' of audience members.

As COVID restrictions begin to loosen, the model that NY PopsUp builds for holding safe live events will pave the way for the reopening of multidisciplinary flexible venues ("flex venues") throughout New York State to open and participate in the Festival. These will be the very first indoor performances since the pandemic began and will mark a major moment in New York's recovery efforts. Not only will these indoor events be a symbol to the entire world that New York is back, they will also be a key step in the long process of getting tens-of-thousands of arts professionals around New York State back to work; and a bridge to getting Broadway and all of the New York cultural world open. These Flex Venues are established performance spaces without fixed seating and are thus able to be adapted for social distancing. Examples of these venues would include The SHED, The Apollo, Harlem Stage, La MaMa, and The Glimmerglass Festival's Alice Busch Opera Theater. All indoor events will strictly follow Department of Health public health and safety guidance.

"Having artists call on other artists as a means to build this festival's giant creative community will spur opportunities for wild, bold, and intimate collaborations that would never otherwise have been possible. As a result, the work presented will represent a near limitless range, colliding disparate styles, disciplines, and points-of-view to infiltrate the daily lives of New Yorkers in genuinely surprising and unprecedented ways," **Zack Winokur said.** "Ultimately, this Festival is about using art as a means of reestablishing human connection. With NY PopsUp, there is no mediating force between artist and artist, or artist and audience. It's humans in direct contact with each other, and the context of this particular moment will make that connection all the more profound."

The council of artistic advisors, who are all collaborating and co-curating NY PopsUp, is comprised of a unique group of New York's premier artistic visionaries, all hailing from different disciplinary backgrounds and each a leader in their own field. These advisors are charged with inviting other artists to join the NY PopsUp community. The artists they engage will, in turn, engage their own networks, ultimately populating the festival with the broadest, most diverse coalition of performers ever united around a single mission. In short, NY PopsUp is being built by artists asking artists to participate.

The council includes renowned choreographer and MacArthur Fellow, Kyle Abraham; three-time Grammy Award nominated jazz musician, Jon Batiste; choreographer and Hooper Award-winning tap dancer Ayodele Casel; Grammy Award nominated singer, actor, and international opera star, Anthony Roth Costanzo; the playwright of *Slave Play*, the most Tony Award nominated play in history, Jeremy O. Harris; Tony Award-winning set designer Mimi Lien; the legendary nine-time Grammy Award-winning musician, Wynton Marsalis; two-time National Book Critics Circle Award-winning poet, essayist, and playwright, Claudia Rankine; Grammy Award-winning jazz vocalist, Cécile McLorin Salvant; leading member of the Punch Brothers and four-time Grammy Award winner, Chris Thile; acclaimed "Saturday Night Live" writer, comedian, and actor, Julio Torres; and acclaimed director and musician, Whitney White.

The public will encounter a range of artists representing all areas of performance - from theater to dance, from poetry to comedy, from pop music to opera, and so much more. Among the confirmed artists are Hugh Jackman, Renée Fleming, Amy Schumer, Alec Baldwin, Chris Rock, Matthew Broderick, Sarah Jessica Parker, Isabel Leonard, Nico Muhly, Joyce DiDonato, John Early and Kate Berlant, Patti Smith, Mandy Patinkin, Raja Feather Kelly, J'Nai Bridges, Kenan Thompson, Gavin Creel, Garth Fagan, Larry Owens, Q-Tip, Billy Porter, Conrad Tao, Bobbi Jene Smith and Or Schraiber, Tina Landau, Rhiannon Giddens, Aparna Nancharla, Anthony Rodriguez, Jonathan Groff, Savion Glover, Dormeshia Sumbry-Edwards, Chris Celiz, Christine Goerke, Kelli O'Hara, Dev Hynes, Phoebe Robinson, Sara Mearns, George Saunders, Caleb Teicher, Danielle Brooks, Jeremy Denk, Idina Menzel, Sondra Radvanovsky, Gaby Moreno, Davóne Tines, Jerrod Carmichael, Taylor Mac, Sutton Foster, Jessie Mueller, and Courtney ToPanga Washington, among many others. The events themselves will ignite imaginative collisions of different artforms.

Mr. Rudin and Ms. Rosenthal said, in a joint statement, "As two lifelong New Yorkers, it has been utterly devastating to see our creative community brought to an absolute standstill for a year. It's inconceivable. We both spend our lives generating opportunities for artists, so we were both thrilled to be asked by Governor Cuomo to try to ignite a spark to bring art and performance back to life for the State. The passionate enthusiasm of every person we asked to join us in this incentive is going to make this a labor of both love and invention. We're honored to be spearheading this campaign. Frankly, our most profound hope is that by the time NY PopsUp culminates on Labor Day, New York will be fully on the way to being reopened and revitalized and that this initiative, having served its purpose, will no longer be necessary. It's the spark, not the fire --- the fire is the complete return of all the arts, in their full glory, standing as they always have for the rich, emotional life of the city and state in which we both live."

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BY ADAM ROSENBERG

Have you tried getting in line for a COVID vaccine yet? Did you notice how difficult it is to navigate a labyrinthine online process that's hard to keep up with even for people who were raised on the internet?

Well, you're not alone. The latest Saturday Night Live reimagined vaccine lines as a full-on game show, hosted by Anthony Fauci (Kate McKinnon) and featuring three notable state governors as judges: California's Gavin Newsom (Alex Moffat), New York's Andrew Cuomo (Pete Davidson), and Michigan's Gretchen Whitmer (Cecily Strong).

The sketch is ostensibly about mocking the difficulties faced in the United States as vaccination efforts have ramped up. There are bits about young people dressing up like old people, about creatively interpreting eligibility guidelines, and about the challenges faced by older Americans who aren't tech-savvy enough to make the system work for them. All of which is horrible in reality, but hey, SNL.

You'll never convince me that the real purpose of this sketch wasn't to bring back Aidy Bryant's Ted Cruz and Davidson's Cuomo one week after they debuted both characters, with hilarious results. They're not quite as funny in a second helping, but that could also be because the show is making light of a real source of pain for a huge number of Americans right now.

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by Karen DeWitt

For a time in 2020, Gov. Andrew Cuomo was considered one of the heroes of the COVID-19 pandemic for his steady and focused daily briefings when national leadership was lacking.

But recently, the governor has suffered a reversal of fortune, as a scandal over the suppression of the number of nursing home deaths dominates news coverage of his administration.

Additionally, a new poll finds the majority of New Yorkers now think the governor did something wrong.

It's been over a decade since a New York governor was skewered on Saturday Night Live, a late-night show with cold open skits that have become a cultural touchstone. Eliot Spitzer was satirized for his involvement with prostitutes, and David Paterson blamed SNL parodies for his slide in approval ratings.

Cuomo had been largely exempt from the ribbings, until a report by the state's attorney general found that he significantly undercounted the number of New Yorkers in nursing homes who died of COVID-19.

On Saturday's show, SNL cast member Chloe Fineman, playing Britney Spears, asked Pete Davidson, portraying Cuomo, about the scandal.

Some of the people who died in the nursing homes were not counted as nursing home deaths, they were counted as hospital deaths, Davidson said. Which is basically what happens at Disney World, OK?

The skit goes on with Davidson's Cuomo saying he is sorry.

In real life, Cuomo did not actually apologize, but he did admit it was wrong for his health department to withhold the actual numbers for nearly a year. He said he should have been more forthcoming with the tally of 15,000 New Yorkers in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities who died of the virus so far.

He said his failure to provide the facts led to a vacuum.

The void we created by not providing information was filled with skepticism and cynicism and conspiracy theories, which furthered the confusion, Cuomo said on Feb. 15.

The controversy deepened after the transcript of a private meeting between Cuomo's chief of staff, Melissa DeRosa, and top Democratic lawmakers was leaked to the New York Post.

In it, DeRosa said that the administration withheld the nursing home numbers from lawmakers because they froze when the federal justice Department, under former President Donald Trump, began an inquiry.

Her statements raised questions about potential obstruction of justice, and led the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York to begin a probe.

A Marist College poll finds the issue is resonating with the public, with 60% of surveyed New Yorkers saying they believe Cuomo did something wrong in his handling of nursing homes during the pandemic. Of that group, 41% said he likely did something unethical, and 19% said the governor might have done something illegal.

Lee Miringoff, Marist's director of polling, said Cuomo's job approval ratings, which were high in the summer and fall of 2020, have now dropped back to pre-pandemic levels, with 49% saying that he's doing a good job in office.

This is a damaging story, Miringoff said. People are focused on the pandemic, the nursing home issues are something people were very much aware of at a time when things were very chaotic.

A spokesman for the governor, Rich Azzopardi, countered that Cuomo's approval rating is 57% in a poll conducted by Morning Consult.

Miringoff has conducted surveys on state and national politicians since the days when Cuomo's father, Mario Cuomo, served as governor in the 1980s and 1990s. He said the best advice for an elected official who becomes caught up in a scandal is to be as transparent with the public as possible to avoid a daily trickle of damaging information.

He said, unfortunately for Cuomo, that time has passed as the state withheld the actual nursing home numbers for nearly 10 months.

The idea from a strategic standpoint is to contain it, and get everything out there, so there doesn't have to be a second day and a third day, Miringoff said. What's happening now, is he's experiencing a little bit of a pile-on.

The attacks are coming not just from Republicans in state and national government, who have called for his impeachment. Several Democrats are calling for a fuller investigation, including New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, who has had a rocky relationship with the governor.

◆ I do not accept his explanation. There needs to be a full investigation,◆ de Blasio said on Feb. 22. ◆ Thousands of lives were lost. Families deserve answers.◆

Democratic state lawmakers plan to curb the governor◆s sweeping emergency powers granted to him by the Legislature earlier in the pandemic.

Queens Democratic Assemblyman Ron Kim has accused the governor of a bullying phone call where he said Cuomo threatened to◆destroy◆ him if he didn◆t stop his criticisms.

Cuomo aides deny that occurred, but the governor, during a coronavirus briefing with reporters, accused Kim of running a pay-to-play◆political racket◆ with nail salon owners in his district.

Kim relayed his story on CNN, MSNBC, and ABC◆s The View.

◆ Cuomo is an abuser,◆ Kim said on the show on Feb. 19. ◆ He has abused his powers.◆

Cuomo has said he wants to seek a fourth term as governor. The Marist poll finds just over one-third of voters, 36%, said he deserves that chance.

Miringoff said it◆s a long time until the next gubernatorial election in November 2022. And he said other politicians have overcome scandals in the past by keeping their noses to the grindstone and focusing on what◆s important. And right now, he said, that◆s guiding the state out of the long pandemic and taking steps to revive the economy.

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Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the launch of NY PopsUp – an unprecedented and expansive festival featuring hundreds of pop-up performances, many of which are free of charge and all open to the public — that will intersect with the daily lives of New Yorkers. This series of events, intended to revitalize the spirit and emotional well-being of New York citizens with the energy of live performance while jumpstarting New York's struggling live entertainment sector, is a private/public partnership overseen by producers Scott Rudin and Jane Rosenthal, in coordination with the New York State Council on the Arts and Empire State Development.

The Festival will serve as a "pilot program," creating the state's first large-scale model for how to bring live performance back safely after this prolonged COVID-related shutdown. The programming for NY PopsUp will be curated by the interdisciplinary artist Zack Winokur, in partnership with a council of artistic advisors who represent the diversity of New York's dynamic performing arts scene. NY PopsUp will launch on Saturday, February 20 and run through Labor Day. The Festival will reach its climax with the 20th Anniversary of the Tribeca Film Festival and The Festival at Little Island at Pier 55, bringing the total number of performances to more than 1,000. NY PopsUp is being coordinated in lock step with state public health officials and will strictly adhere to Department of Health COVID-19 protocols.

"Cities have taken a real blow during COVID, and the economy will not come back fast enough on its own – we must bring it back," **Governor Cuomo said.** "Creative synergies are vital for cities to survive, and our arts and cultural industries have been shut down all across the country, taking a terrible toll on workers and the economy. We want to be aggressive with reopening the State and getting our economy back on track, and NY PopsUp will be an important bridge to the broader reopening of our world-class performance venues and institutions. New York has been a leader throughout this entire pandemic, and we will lead once again with bringing back the arts."

The events produced by NY PopsUp, in addition to being free of charge, will be staged across every type of neighborhood and district in all five boroughs of New York City, throughout Long Island and Upstate New York, and in all regions of the state. As the current realities of COVID-19 make mass gatherings and large, destination-style events impossible, NY PopsUp will meet New York City and State residents where they are, infusing their daily lives with the surprise and joy of live performance. The hundreds of free, pop-up events that constitute NY PopsUp will make stages out of New York's existing landscapes, including iconic transit stations, parks, subway platforms, museums, skate parks, street corners, fire escapes, parking lots, storefronts, and upstate venues, transforming everyday commutes, local communities, and locations never used for performances into canvases of awe and exhilaration. Instead of there being masses of audience members at a handful of events, this Festival is a mass of events, each for a safe and secure 'handful' of audience members.

As COVID restrictions begin to loosen, the model that NY PopsUp builds for holding safe live events will pave the way for the reopening of multidisciplinary flexible venues ("flex venues") throughout New York State to open and participate in the Festival. These will be the very first indoor performances since the pandemic began and will mark a major moment in New York's recovery efforts. Not only will these indoor events be a symbol to the entire world that New York is back, they will also be a key step in the long process of getting tens-of-thousands of arts professionals around New York State back to work; and a bridge to getting Broadway and all of the New York cultural world open. These Flex Venues are established performance spaces without fixed seating and are thus able to be adapted for social distancing. Examples of these venues would include The SHED, The Apollo, Harlem Stage, La MaMa, and The Glimmerglass Festival's Alice Busch Opera Theater. All indoor events will strictly follow Department of Health public health and safety guidance.

"Having artists call on other artists as a means to build this festival's giant creative community will spur opportunities for wild, bold, and intimate collaborations that would never otherwise have been possible. As a result, the work presented will represent a near limitless range, colliding disparate styles, disciplines, and points-of-view to infiltrate the daily lives of New Yorkers in

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By KATE FELDMAN:

The world owes Britney Spears an apology, so "Saturday Night Live" gave Gov. Cuomo the first crack.

Saturday night's cold open saw the maligned pop star, played by Chloe Fineman, hosting her own talk show, "Oops You Did It Again," which gives celebrities, politicians and everyone in between the chance to apologize for their misdeeds.

Asked why he thinks he's been invited on the talk show, Cuomo, played by Staten Island native Pete Davidson, assumes it's to celebrate the return of indoor dining to New York before realizing it's about "the nursing home stuff."

"Some of the people who died in the nursing homes were not counted as nursing homes deaths," the fake Cuomo admitted. "They were counted as hospital deaths, which is basically what happens at Disney World. People die and they move the bodies. They say, 'I guess Brenda died in the parking lot, not on the Teacups.' So we just did the Disney thing."

After being forced into what could barely count as an apology, Cuomo then lashed out when Spears brought up Mayor de Blasio's calls for an investigation.

"I'd love to bury him in the tallest grave this city has ever seen!" Cuomo said. "I will hire a hobo to Rick Moranis him so hard he will think he is back in universal pre-K! I'm sorry. I get a little angry now and then and always."

The real Cuomo has faced massive outrage after Melissa DeRosa, his top aide, privately admitted to state legislators earlier this month that the governor's office withheld data about the full scope of nursing home deaths last year over fears that it could be "used against us" by the Trump administration.

Cuomo said during a press conference Friday that his only failure was in not being "more aggressive in calling it out."

Federal prosecutors from Brooklyn and the FBI are investigating the governor's coronavirus task force and whether the state intentionally manipulated the data, sources told The Associated Press.

Back on "SNL," Texas Sen. Ted Cruz (Aidy Bryant) and fired "Mandalorian" star Gina Carano (Cecily Strong) also appeared on "Oops You Did It Again" to explain away their various scandals with little success.

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By STEPHEN REX BROWN:

Four New York City jiggle joints want to strip away Gov. Cuomo's coronavirus restrictions.

NYC Gentlemen's Club, Starlet's, Sugar Daddy's and Gallagher's 2000 sued the state in Manhattan Federal Court Thursday, arguing it's unfair for them to remain shuttered while bowling alleys, axe throwing venues and restaurants are allowed to operate. The clubs say they're ready to safely reopen as soon as possible — and require that all staff and patrons wear masks.

“The exotic dancing venue shutdown has resulted in the loss of thousands of jobs for hardworking New Yorkers across the State and threatens to jeopardize Plaintiffs' market share and the long term economic viability of Plaintiffs' business,” the suit reads.

The strip clubs “have been ready to open and become a leader in COVID-19 safety since the early days of the pandemic.”

Among the measures the mammary meccas are prepared to implement: modified venue layout, “frequent cleaning of all surfaces throughout the day by dedicated staff” and installation of hand sanitizer stations.

A similar suit filed by a Long Island strip club was dismissed in June of last year, according to Newsday.

But since then, Cuomo has allowed an array of businesses to reopen in one form or another. The governor announced on Wednesday he would loosen curfew restrictions and allow indoor gym classes.

The strip clubs, which have been closed since March 16, 2020, say it's unclear why they must remain shut down. Even “Saturday Night Live” is allowed to film before a live studio audience, the suit notes.

The state has “never publicly explained how restaurants and bars with exotic dancing venues are meaningfully different from nightclubs, lounges, restaurants and bars with live music, SNL, movie theaters, axe throwing venues, wedding venues, casinos, churches, video lottery gaming facilities, bowling alleys, billiard halls, film houses, gyms, and fitness centers in the context of COVID-19,” the suit reads.

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By NANCY DILLON:

The parents of a young trader in Illinois are suing the brokerage app Robinhood after their 20-year-old son took his own life in June while mistakenly believing he lost \$730,000 on a risky bet.

Dan and Dorothy Kearns filed their complaint Monday in Santa Clara County Superior Court, claiming the California-based free trading platform should be held liable for wrongful death, negligent infliction of emotional distress and unfair business practices.

“This case centers on Robinhood’s aggressive tactics and strategy to lure inexperienced and unsophisticated investors, including Alex, to take big risks with the lure of tantalizing profits,” the 29-page complaint obtained by the Daily News states.

According to the lawsuit, Robinhood notified Alex shortly after 11 p.m. on June 11 that his account was restricted and he apparently lost \$730,000 on a complex options trade that he thought had been limited to a maximum loss of less than \$10,000.

“A desperate Alex promptly sent an email to (Robinhood’s) customer support seeking help and answers,” the lawsuit states.

The company sent “nothing more than an auto-generated” response, essentially “ignoring” his inquiry before sending him a separate message at 3:26 a.m. demanding “immediate action” in the form of a deposit of \$178,612, the paperwork alleges.

“He had no money to satisfy this margin call, and he had no one to contact who could explain what was going on,” the lawsuit states.

“Tragically, Robinhood’s communications were completely misleading, because, in reality, Alex did not owe any money,” the complaint reads. “He held options in his account that more than covered his obligation, and the massive negative balance would have been erased by the exercise and settlement of the puts he held.”

But Robinhood “never bothered to explain this to Alex or to respond to his increasingly desperate pleas for help,” the paperwork states.

Believing he was obligated to repay the six-figure deficit, Alex entered a “complete panic,” the lawsuit alleges.

“This resulted in a highly distressed mental condition in Alex, an uncontrollable impulse to commit suicide,” it states.

The college student got on his bicycle and left his family’s home in Naperville, dying by suicide later that day, the filing says.

“If you’re reading this, I am dead,” he wrote in a suicide letter excerpted in the complaint.

“How was a 20 year old with no income able to get assigned almost a million dollars’ worth of leverage?” he asked.

“There was no intention to be assigned this much and take this much risk, and I only thought that I was risking the money that I actually owned. If you check the app, the margin investing option isn’t even ‘turned on’ for me,” he wrote.

“A painful lesson. F--k Robinhood. I was starting to look forward to my future, too, before I hit this pretty large speedbump. I cannot imagine the amount of pain this has caused you,” he wrote. “You could fill an ocean with the amount of tears I’ve shed typing this.”

Alex’s parents told CBS News that Robinhood “must be held accountable.”

“We don’t want another family to go through this,” his mom told the network.

“I lost the love of my life. I miss him more than anything,” Dorothy Kearns said. “I can’t tell you how incredibly painful it is. It’s the kind of pain that I don’t think should be humanly possible for a parent to overcome.”

In a statement, Robinhood said it was “devastated” by Alex’s death.

The Silicon Valley company at the center of the recent GameStop trading frenzy said it remains “committed to making Robinhood a place to learn and invest responsibly.”

“Our mission is to democratize finance for all,” the company said.

In early September, Robinhood added the ability for customers engaged in a certain part of the options trade process to request a call back from a live agent, CBS reported.

Alex was a student at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and had joined the school’s R.O.T.C. program, according to the complaint.

His dream was to join the U.S. Air Force, and in his spare time he loved playing the video game Mario Kart, baking, performing in a live band and watching “Saturday Night Live,” the paperwork states.

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By The Editorial Board:

We'd let Michael Che's ugly joke last weekend pass, except it rests on multiple elements of vile anti-Israel propaganda.

Che took Israel's universally admired success in and flipped it into a slur of racism, or maybe imperialism: "Israel is reporting that they've vaccinated half of their population," he noted on the Weekend Update segment, and, "I'm going to guess it's the Jewish half."

For starters, Israel is (as you'd expect) a lot more than half Jewish. To see it otherwise, you have to include the population of the Palestinian territories — and so basically insist that Israel has no right to be the Jewish state it was founded as.

And, as the Israeli US ambassador Gilad Erdan tweeted, "every citizen of Israel — Jewish, Muslim, Christian — is entitled" to the vaccine.

In fact, some 43 percent of Israeli Arabs had gotten jabbed when Che spoke. That lags the Jewish rate, but for a host of reasons — including Palestinian Authority propaganda that claims Jerusalem is experimenting on Arabs under the guise of immunization.

Che's "joke" also captures the gist of the global left's line, which calls Israel criminal for jabbing its own citizens but not those of the PA.

Problem is, the PA is responsible for health care on its own territory, and in fact its officials admitted to not asking Israel for help early on as they instead secured deals for the AstraZeneca and Russian Sputnik V vaccines.

Haters are going to hate, we guess, but do they have to try passing it off as comedy?

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By Melanie Gray :

Al Franken for mayor?

The former “Saturday Night Live” mainstay and ex-Minnesota senator is a man about town again, spotted last weekend at a Fairway grocery in his old stomping grounds — the Upper West Side.

A tipster named Amy shared two photos of a masked Franken — outfitted in jeans, black-and-white flannel shirt and black jacket — with the West Side Rag. In one, he’s giving an elbow pump to a well-wisher; the other is a portrait.

The star of SNL’s “Stuart Smalley” skits didn’t offer his curious neighbors a daily affirmation of his political leanings, or respond to The Post’s multiple requests for comment.

Franken, who turns 70 in May, was surrounded by “a steady stream of politically passionate Upper West Side well-wishers,” Amy told the website.

She added that she didn’t ask the Democratic politician-turned-podcaster whether he was just visiting or sticking around in the city, “but it’s clear [he] would be warmly welcomed back.”

Franken was born in the city but moved with his family to Minnesota when he was 4. He returned as a young man, when his career as a comedian was booming, and lived in a few neighborhoods before buying a co-op at 90 Riverside Drive, which he sold in 2014.

He headed to Minneapolis in the mid-2000s to run for Congress. He served nine years in the Senate before stepping down in January 2018 after a string of women accused him of sexual misconduct. New York’s Kirsten Gillibrand was the first Democratic senator to call on him to resign.

Nearly three dozen readers weighed in on the Franken sighting.

“MAYOR FRANKEN,” shouted one.

“He should run for Mayor,” another posted.

And still another: “We miss you, Senator Franken! Mayor Franken? hmmm...interesting idea. Think about it, please?!”

Others thought Franken should make a Senate bid from New York.

“I hope he moves back to NYC and runs against Gillibrand for senate. She’s responsible for his resigning,” one wrote.

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By Reuven Fenton and Nolan Hicks:

One top Democratic mayoral contender, Andrew Yang, promised Tuesday to give the creator of the ever-popular TurboVax website a key to the city Tuesday for doing what city and state bureaucrats failed to do — build a unified alert system for open coronavirus jab slots.

“The fact that Hugu took it upon himself to address this challenge is the best of New York. It’s not complaining about what we could be doing better. It’s pitching in and saying that I can help,” said Yang as he half-jokingly promised the programmer, Hugu Ma, a gig in city government if elected.

“When you’re coming to get the key to the city, there’s going to be a job offer there for you, and I hope you accept,” Yang added.

“No pressure or anything, but I hope you accept. I don’t know if we can pay as well as Airbnb, but you’ll be helping a whole lot of people.”

Ma — a Manhattanite, who works for the short-stay rental giant — quickly grew frustrated as he attempted to navigate the cumbersome and separate city and state websites for booking appointments to get a coronavirus vaccination.

Both systems required constant refreshing with no system set up to alert users for when new slots were posted, infuriating New Yorkers.

So, Ma built a website that kept tabs on when slots for jabs were added to the systems and blasted out alerts on Twitter — through an account that now has more than 170,000 followers.

The public service site turned Ma into a local done-good celebrity, landing him a profile in New York Magazine and shout outs from city celebs, including Saturday Night Live’s Bowen Yang.

“This is a weird moment for me. I never imagined that I would be here speaking to you, sharing the stage with movers and shakers,” a humbled Ma told reporters at the event. “I just wanted to make the vaccine process simpler. That’s it. I never expected that it would help tens of thousands, probably hundreds of thousands, get their vaccines by now.”

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By Mark Lungariello:

Elon Musk's take on the video game character Wario in the latest episode of "SNL" was no joke to an Italian-American activist group.

The National Italian American Foundation slammed the portrayal of the Italian-accented villain from Nintendo's Super Mario Bros. series in a statement released Tuesday.

"In an era of enhanced sensitivity to racial and ethnical stereotyping, Saturday Night Live's sophomoric Wario skit demonstrates that a profound double standard continues to exist when it comes to 'acceptable' caricaturing of Italians in popular culture," the group's statement said.

In the skit, Wario takes the stand in a courtroom, accused of murdering Mario. At one point he eats garlic.

"I am not evil, just misunderstood," Musk says in a faux-accent. "And some of the anti Italian hatred in this courtroom is disgusting."

A prosecutor objects saying "his accent is really bringing it on himself."

Later, embattled New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo (Pete Davidson) shows up and says Wario and he are both misunderstood Italian-Americans. Wario replies he's actually Japanese.

"Please don't believe the horrible stereotypes you see in Mario World," Cuomo says.

"Some of the bad guys are even called Goombas," he adds, referring to a mushroom-shaped enemy in the videogames.

The skit concludes with a title card and narrator saying "this has been a message from the Italian-American Anti-Defamation League."

Musk, the billionaire behind SpaceX and Tesla, was one of the rare non actors or athletes to host the show but the show received backlash for the pick.

Ahead of his appearance, some cast members were outraged by his invitation to host the show.

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By Georgett Roberts and Carl Campanile:

Italian-American activists blasted Mayor Bill de Blasio during a protest at Columbus Circle Wednesday for scrapping Christopher Columbus Day from the New York City school calendar.

“Last week Mayor DeBlasio and Chancellor [Meisha Ross] Porter of the Department of Education approved the removal of Columbus Day from the New York City public schools,” Angelo Vivolo, president of the Columbus Heritage Coalition, said to jeers and boos from more than 100 protesters assembled.

“At this time when we strive for unity and respect for the civil rights of all, Mayor De Blasio and his education department violated the civil rights of tens of thousands of Italian American students in New York City,” said Vivolo.

“What thoughts and hurtful message is he sending? the mayor’s appointees have pitted group against group rather than uniting our gorgeous mosaic. They seek to destroy respect, understanding and unity. Their efforts will fail ... Yes, our united voices will be heard. We will not accept this injustice. Today it is Italian Americans. Who will it be next?”

The controversy exploded last week, when the city Department of Education put out the new school calendar, referring to Oct. 11 — Columbus Day — as “Indigenous People’s Day.”

An uproar from Italian-American politicians and activists ensued and the DOE and the mayor, clearly in damage control, updated the calendar to say it would close schools on Oct. 11 for “Italian Heritage Day/Indigenous Peoples’ Day.”

Criminal defense lawyer Arthur Aidala said he’s mulling a lawsuit against the city if de Blasio and the DOE don’t restore the 1492 explorer to the school calendar.

“I know Bill DeBlasio. I do know him well and I do know he is proud of his Italian heritage and I’m so disappointed in his position about Christopher Columbus,” said Aidala, former president of the Columbia Lawyers Association.

“We’re all flawed. Stop it! Enough! Christopher Columbus is here, he is here to stay and on behalf of the lawyers we are going to do everything that the legal system has to offer to make sure Columbus is not forgotten, the Italian American experience isn’t forgotten, the Italian American contribution to this country is not forgotten. And, ladies and gentleman, one final thought, just remember America is a beautiful Italian name.”

Afterwards, Aidala told The Post the administrative decision to cancel Columbus from the DOE calendar was made without consultation from the Italian-American community and could be deemed “arbitrary and capricious” by a judge.

Basil Russo, who heads the Conference of Presidents of Major Italian American Organizations, said Columbus gets a bad rap. Critics want to strike Columbus from public recognition, saying the Italian explorer enslaved and abused Native Americans.

“Italian Americans are also fighting to ensure that the truth is told and taught about Christopher Columbus. Every bit of primary source material describes Columbus as a good Christian who treated Native Americans with dignity and respect,” Russo said.

“I can emphatically state that we are totally united in our support of Columbus Day as a federal, state and local holiday and in our demand that Mayor De Blasio reinstate Columbus Day. Mayor De Blasio, we will not allow you to erase our history of our heritage.”

Radio host and former “SNL” comedian Joe Piscopo also slammed the slight.

“My father fought in the Second World War. He entrenched in me the love of the United States of America. He said, ‘Joey, this is the greatest country in the world and we have given so much, we have given so much to this country as Italian Americans that we deserve at least to have a day for this great, great heritage that to me is the foundation of the United States of America,’” said Piscopo.

De Blasio’s office had no immediate comment to the protest.

But on Monday, City Hall said he had the intention of reinstating Columbus because the school calendar still celebrates Italian-Americans.

“I don’t agree with protests against Italian Heritage Day. Italians have done so many things for New York City. Our two greatest mayors are Italian,” mayoral spokesman Bill Neidhardt. “(Bonus points if you guess correctly).”

Gov. Andrew Cuomo and Italian-American lawmakers slammed City Hall’s cancellation of Columbus Day and demanded the explorer reinstated.

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By Laura Italiano:

It didn't take very long for Gov. Andrew Cuomo's latest sex-harassment controversy to make the leap into the nation's popular culture — just hours after news broke of a second accuser, he was being mocked on Saturday Night Live.

Cast member Pete Davidson took his best shot while portraying Cuomo in a cold open skit in which governors vied for coronavirus vaccines in a game-show setting.

"Nice bodies, some of you," Davidson's Cuomo cracked while scanning the audience.

When some in the audience groaned, Davidson continued, "I know. I'm in the friggin' dog house again.

"Remember when your favorite movie was my power points?" Davidson as Cuomo continued, waxing nostalgic.

"Remember, 'Today is Tuesday?'" the fake gov added, moving his arms as if gesturing to a screen during one of Cuomo's popular daily coronavirus updates from the height of last year's surge.

"When can we go back to that?" Davidson demanded before repeating a common Cuomo-ism: "I mean, come on!"

"Should be a recurring segment every snl," one fan, @Sammain16, noted, tweeting a clip of Davidson that was already a gif and well on its way to memedom.

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By Reuven Fenton and Aaron Feis:

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand — who in 2017 led calls for fellow Democrat Sen. Al Franken to resign over sexual misconduct allegations — said Sunday that she finally demanded Gov. Andrew Cuomo step down over his own harassment scandal due to the need for leadership amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Gillibrand, New York’s junior US senator, had taken heat for waiting until Friday to call for Cuomo’s resignation, despite being at the forefront of the push to oust Franken, the “Saturday Night Live” funnyman-turned-lawmaker who represented Minnesota.

Speaking during an unrelated press briefing Sunday in Midtown Manhattan, Gillibrand said she decided to finally come out against Cuomo because she felt it was important that New York be led by someone able to give the pandemic their undivided attention.

“Every situation is different,” said Gillibrand, asked how the allegations against Cuomo compared to the accusations against Franken, who ultimately did resign after multiple women accused him of inappropriate physical contact.

“The thing that is very unique about this moment in time is we are in the middle of the worst crisis of our lifetimes.

“Focused leadership is needed and you need the support of your governing partners.”

Seven women — including five current or former Cuomo staffers — have variously accused the governor of inappropriate remarks or physical contact in recent weeks.

Dozens of Democratic lawmakers had already beseeched Cuomo to step down by the time Gillibrand and fellow New York Sen. Chuck Schumer, the Senate Majority Leader, got around to issuing their own call on Friday.

“Because of the multiple, credible sexual harassment and misconduct allegations, it’s clear that Governor Cuomo has lost the confidence of his governing partners as well as the people of New York,” she said Sunday, doubling down on her explanation. “That’s why I believe the governor has to resign.”

Should Cuomo resign, Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul would take over as governor under state law.

But as recently as Friday, Cuomo, now in his third-term, has said that he has no intention of stepping down, vowing to see New York through its public-health crisis.

While apologizing for inappropriate workplace comments, he has strongly denied any improper physical contact.

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By Mark Landler:

A year after Meghan Markle married Prince Harry in a fairy-tale wedding, she said in an extraordinary interview broadcast on Sunday night, her life as a member of the British royal family had become so emotionally desolate that she contemplated suicide.

At another point, members of the family told Harry and Meghan, a biracial former actress from the United States, that they did not want the couple's unborn child, Archie, to be a prince or princess, and expressed concerns about how dark the color of the baby's skin would be.

An emotional but self-possessed Meghan said of her suicidal thoughts: "I was ashamed to have to admit it to Harry. I knew that if I didn't say it, I would do it. I just didn't want to be alive anymore."

Meghan, 39, made the disclosures in an eagerly anticipated, at times incendiary, interview on CBS with Oprah Winfrey that aired in the United States in prime time. In describing a royal life that began as a fairy tale but quickly turned suffocating and cruel, Meghan's blunt answers raised the combustible issues of race and privilege in the most rarefied echelon of British society.

For an American audience that has lapped up the palace intrigue depicted in the popular TV series "The Crown," it was the equivalent of an explosive bonus episode — one promoted in a week of charges and countercharges about the role Meghan played in the House of Windsor.

For the royal family, already preoccupied by the hospitalization of its patriarch, Prince Philip, it was both an embarrassing airing of dirty laundry and a painful reminder, a year after Harry and Meghan turned their backs on royal life, that the wounds from that rupture had yet to heal.

Meghan said that while her husband was deeply concerned about her emotional fragility — gripping her hand tightly at public events — her efforts to seek medical help were rebuffed by palace officials, who worried about the impact on the monarchy. She described herself as a sort of prisoner in Kensington Palace.

"I couldn't just call an Uber to the palace," she said.

Meghan did not say which family member had raised questions about her baby's skin color, nor did she fully explain why the royal family had not automatically planned to confer a royal title, which would have provided security protection for the child. By convention, Archie would assume a royal title once his grandfather Prince Charles ascended to the throne.

Still, the lack of clarity did not rob the moment of its power: Meghan's reference to concerns about her child's skin tone provoked a stunned "what?" from Ms. Winfrey.

In other, less provocative disclosures, Meghan corrected the record on some family business and revealed the sex of their unborn child.

It was her sister-in-law, Kate, she said, who drove her to tears in a clash over dresses for the flower girls, rather than the reverse, as had been widely reported. In another awkward encounter with one of her own aides, she said that the aide told her she shouldn't go out to lunch with friends because she was overexposed, even though she had left her residence only twice in four months.

Harry and Meghan disclosed that their second child, due this summer, will be a girl.

Meghan, her baby bump clearly visible, spoke casually and with humor about her early encounters with her future in-laws. She described learning how to curtsy moments before she was introduced to Queen Elizabeth II, with whom she said she always had a warm relationship, and insisted she knew nothing about what was going to be expected of her as a working royal.

“I didn’t do any research about what that would mean,” she said. “I never looked up my husband online.”

Harry, who joined Meghan for the second half of the interview, said the couple broke away because of a lack of support or understanding from his family, particularly about the racism that he said his wife confronted in news coverage.

“No one from my family said anything over those three years,” Harry said.

The prince, who remains sixth in line to the throne, described being financially cut off by his family after he and Meghan announced plans to withdraw from royal duties. He said his relationship with his father was particularly strained — Charles stopped taking his calls at one point — because “there’s a lot of hurt that has happened.”

On both sides of the Atlantic, this was the most eagerly anticipated royal interview since Harry’s mother, Princess Diana, told the BBC in 1995 that “there were three of us in this marriage,” referring to her husband, Charles, and his extramarital relationship with Camilla Parker Bowles, whom he later married.

Like Meghan, Diana was a glamorous outsider who brought a shower of stardust to the House of Windsor when she married Charles, only to become deeply unhappy within the confines of royal life. Unlike Meghan, her marriage crumbled amid competing claims of infidelity, and by the time she spoke to the BBC journalist, Martin Bashir, she said the palace viewed her as a “threat of some kind.”

A vivid bookend to her turbulent years in the royal family, Diana’s interview was a pop-cultural moment that drew one of the largest British television audiences in history, lived on in parodies on “Saturday Night Live,” and deepened the media’s fathomless hunger for all things Diana. Two years later, she was dead in Paris, the victim of a car crash after a high-speed chase with photographers.

Harry invoked that tragedy with Ms. Winfrey, saying of his wife’s recurring clashes with the tabloid press, “My biggest concern was history repeating itself.” He has long blamed journalists for his mother’s death and said one of the reasons the couple moved to California was to escape the unrelenting media glare.

And yet, there the couple sat, in comfortable wicker outdoor chairs, across a low round table, from perhaps the nation’s most recognizable television host. Ms. Winfrey’s list of celebrity interviews includes Michael Jackson, Barack Obama, Kim Kardashian and Donald J. Trump — and she is known for considering little to be off limits (in 1993, she asked a nonplused Mr. Jackson if he was a virgin).

Meghan, however, cast the interview as a chance to reclaim her own narrative, after a period when she claims her reputation was distorted by a ravenous tabloid press fed a diet of falsehoods by jealous palace courtiers.

Even Meghan’s choice of wardrobe seemed calculated to telegraph the message of a new start. Her elegant black dress, designed by Giorgio Armani, featured a striking lotus flower design that her staff said symbolized revival and a will to live. She also wore a diamond tennis bracelet that once belonged to Diana.

But the couple's effort to relaunch their public image did not go unchallenged back home. In the days leading up to the broadcast, new allegations surfaced that Meghan had bullied members of her staff, reducing junior aides to tears and driving two personal assistants out of the palace. Meghan dismissed the claims as character assassination, while Buckingham Palace said it would look into them.

"What is going on is a significant struggle for the control of the narrative," said Peter Hunt, a former BBC royal correspondent. "What is our settled judgment for why Harry and Meghan left the royal family? Do we accept two hours of Oprah or do we believe those charges of bullying?"

Early headlines in the British tabloids suggested that Meghan's bombshells will reverberate for weeks. "I wanted to kill myself," said a headline on The Daily Mail's website. "I felt suicidal," said a headline on The Sun's site.

Meghan has no shortage of defenders. Patrick J. Adams, an actor who worked with her on the television series "Suits," described her on Twitter last week as having "a deep sense of morality and a fierce work ethic." The royal family, Mr. Adams said, was "obscene" to promote accusations of bullying against her.

Critics have long detected a whiff of racism in how some people react to Meghan, a professional woman who had been divorced before she met Harry. While initially rapturous in their coverage of the couple, Britain's tabloids turned against them, publishing unflattering articles about how they flew on carbon-spewing private jets and restricted access to their newborn son.

Some also point out the hypocrisy of Buckingham Palace investigating claims of bullying against Meghan when Prince Andrew, the queen's second son and Harry's uncle, has declined to speak to the American authorities about allegations of sex trafficking by his late friend, the convicted sexual predator Jeffrey Epstein.

Though British papers have covered every conceivable angle of the interview, some made it clear that there were limits to the interest it was generating. The Sunday Times of London reported that the queen herself had no plans to watch the program, which is quite predictable, since it aired after midnight London time. It was to be shown on Monday evening on Britain's ITV network.

Others in Britain tried to play down its significance, pointing out that there are other more important things going on in the country: Schools are to reopen on Monday, and the coronavirus vaccine rollout continues at full speed. At least one prominent British leader said he had no plans to stay up for it.

"Of course, I'm interested in all sorts of stuff around the news around the world," Prime Minister Boris Johnson said on Sunday, when asked about Harry and Meghan. "I think it's quite late our time, so I'll probably miss it."

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By Jesse McKinley and Luis Ferré-Sadurní

ALBANY, N.Y. — During Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo's first term, two former administration officials were married in a New York City wedding heavily attended by state government workers, as well as some lawmakers and their aides.

When it was time for the toasts, a guest who worked for the Cuomo administration began with a question: "Who in this room has been yelled at or bullied by Andrew Cuomo?"

Hands shot up across the room, as laughter rolled through the crowd, according to two people who attended the wedding.

The theme suffuses many of Mr. Cuomo's interactions — accounts in which the governor berated aides and elected officials, brought people to tears and threatened to fire them or end their careers. People outside the governor's direct control who have clashed with him said he told them they would be subject to negative news stories or political challenges or, in one case, would be publicly likened to a "child rapist."

After building a reputation as a competent and compassionate leader in the midst of a pandemic, Mr. Cuomo's standing has faltered over the last month amid revelations that his administration underreported thousands of deaths of nursing home residents. Federal prosecutors are investigating, and lawmakers have moved to strip the governor of emergency powers he has held since the beginning of the coronavirus outbreak.

At the same time, heightened scrutiny is now being cast on a recurrent theme of his decade-long tenure: his penchant for verbal attacks and attempted intimidation. That trait burst into full view last week when a Democratic Assemblyman, Ron T. Kim of Queens, came forward with accusations that the governor had called him while he was home bathing his children and threatened to "destroy" him — urging him to retract negative comments he had made after the nursing home story broke.

During an appearance last week on ABC's "The View," Mr. Kim described being deeply rattled by the experience. "He has abused his powers," Mr. Kim said. "And abusers are cowards."

Mr. Cuomo's office has called Mr. Kim a liar, but to many in New York politics, the report rang true, as other accounts of the governor's aggressive and sometimes unsettling behavior have begun to emerge.

Indeed, in interviews with more than three dozen legislators, political consultants, former state and city officials and New York political veterans, a recurring portrait emerges of Mr. Cuomo: a talented and deft politician whose tendency toward aggression can seem out of step in an age when abusive behavior in the workplace or in professional surroundings is increasingly called out and often censured.

"His primary tool for governing is to create fear," said Karen Hinton, a communications consultant who worked with Mr. Cuomo when he was housing secretary in the Clinton administration and has since fallen out with him.

In the fall of 2018, for example, when Mr. Cuomo was told by a leader of the Working Families Party — which had backed his primary opponent, Cynthia Nixon — that it would endorse him in the general election because he was better than a Republican, Mr. Cuomo's response was blunt.

"If you ever say, 'Well he's better than a Republican' again, then I'm going to say, 'You're better than a child rapist,'" the governor said,

according to two people who were on the call. “How about that?”

He once threatened to end the career of a staffer who failed to properly transfer a call to his office, according to one person who worked for him and requested anonymity for fear of retribution. He has been known to refer to his top female aides as the “mean girls,” said the person, who described the governor’s office as toxic and controlling.

Those who work in the halls of the Capitol say the governor’s conduct has an additional impact: scaring some employees into near paralysis for fear of earning his wrath.

Many of the tactics involve a threat to hurt people’s careers. Ms. Hinton, for example, says she fell out of favor when she became the press secretary for Mr. Cuomo’s nemesis in the Democratic Party, Mayor Bill de Blasio.

Soon, there were threats. During a Legionnaires’ disease outbreak in 2015, Ms. Hinton questioned the state’s response in a New York Times article. Ms. Hinton said Mr. Cuomo told City Hall he would personally blame the mayor for any deaths in the city if Mr. de Blasio did not fire Ms. Hinton. The mayor did not dismiss Ms. Hinton, but City Hall distanced itself from her remarks.

One current and one former City Hall official confirmed Ms. Hinton’s account. The governor’s office said neither it or the anecdote about the Working Families Party was true, characterizing the negative comments about Mr. Cuomo, a third-term Democrat, as coming from “political adversaries.” The office also said the governor was “direct with people if their work is subpar.”

“The people of this state have known and given the governor their trust for the last 14 years, have heard him and looked into his eyes during the darkest period,” Richard Azzopardi, a senior adviser to Mr. Cuomo, said in a statement. “Yes, they have seen him get impatient with partisan politics and disingenuous attacks, and New Yorkers feel the same way. They know you must fight to change the status quo and special interests to make progress, and no one has made more progress than this governor.”

Even Mr. Cuomo’s detractors will concede that the governor’s heavy-handed approach has often been effective in delivering concrete liberal accomplishments, including legalizing same-sex marriage, raising the minimum wage and enacting criminal justice reforms.

Others describe the governor’s use of anger as “an executive skill,” employed to cut through niceties and other time-wasters — skills of particular use during a pandemic response.

“The governor understands the political value of taking action and creating the perception of strength, even if it occasionally seems cocksure or bullying,” said Eric Phillips, a former spokesman for Mr. de Blasio. He called the governor “a master of brutalist political theater,” though he said those skills were less effective in “a moment demanding contrition or even a modicum of self-critique.”

Defenders also say that New Yorkers — who have elected Mr. Cuomo three times, commandingly — know what the governor’s personality is like. “It’s well-worn territory for the press and the public,” said Josh Vlasto, Mr. Cuomo’s former chief of staff. “Those traits are there, but they are part of a broader perception of him that the voters like and are comfortable with.”

In this dispute, however, Mr. Kim, not the governor, has the support of a raft of New York politicians.

“That’s classic Andrew Cuomo,” said Mr. de Blasio on Thursday. “A lot of people in New York State have received those phone calls.”

Mr. Cuomo’s image was tarnished by a series of nationally televised news conferences during the early days of the pandemic, in which the

governor mixed just-the-facts presentations with dad jokes and appearances by his three daughters, his mother and his brother, Chris Cuomo, the CNN anchor. Last fall, even as a second wave of the virus began to swell in New York and nationally, he published a memoir, offering “leadership lessons” and a sentimental dedication.

“Love wins,” he wrote in its conclusion. “Always.”

But in the wake of the scandal over nursing homes, that persona has turned darker: On Saturday, Mr. Cuomo’s temper was mocked in a segment on “Saturday Night Live” in which his character, played by comedian Pete Davidson, sheepishly admitted to hiding where the deaths of nursing home residents occurred and promised vengeance on Mr. de Blasio, a frequent political foe.

Other accusations have been more serious: In December, a former top aide to Mr. Cuomo’s economic development agency, Lindsey Boylan, accused Mr. Cuomo of fostering a “toxic team environment.”

On Sunday, Ms. Boylan was among a growing chorus of people speaking out about Mr. Cuomo, telling The Times he is prone to “screaming at people inside and outside of the state government when he does not get exactly what he wants.”

Mr. Cuomo’s penchant for tough-talk tactics dates back decades, to his apprenticeship as an adviser to his father, former Gov. Mario M. Cuomo, whom he was known to fiercely defend. “I think he learned it from his father, who needed bare knuckles to combat the old machine pols,” said Michael Shnayerson, author of “The Contender,” a 2015 biography of the younger Mr. Cuomo.

State Senator Liz Krueger, a Democrat from Upper Manhattan who holds sway in the Legislature as the chairwoman of the chamber’s finance committee, said she had never been yelled at by the governor or his staff — for a reason.

She said Joseph Percoco, a former aide and informal enforcer inside the Capitol who was convicted of corruption in 2018, once told her she was on the “do-not-yell-at list.”

“I responded, ‘You people have such a list?’” Ms. Krueger said. “He said: ‘It is very small.’” (Mr. Percoco is in federal prison and could not be reached for comment.)

The backlash against Mr. Cuomo’s governing style stems, in part, from the changing makeup of the Legislature. Democrats won full control in 2018 thanks to a new generation of progressives that is more diverse and often unafraid of challenging the governor.

“The Legislature has become increasingly young and female, defining a feminist vision for leadership and workplace conduct,” said Alexis Grenell, a founder of Pythia Public Affairs who has written about Mr. Cuomo’s aggressive behavior in the past. “It’s not an accident that his loudest critics are young women.”

The rift between the governor and the legislative newcomers has often burst into public view. In 2019, Mr. Azzopardi, the governor’s senior adviser, told reporters after a dispute over fund-raisers that three recently elected female lawmakers, State Senators Alessandra Biaggi and Jessica Ramos and Assemblywoman Yuh-Line Niou, were “idiots,” preceded by a vulgarity.

“This pattern of behavior he has created this really serious systemic culture of fear and abuse of power that shapes policy outcomes in New York and impacts people’s lives,” said Ms. Biaggi, a Democrat who has feuded with the governor’s top aides on Twitter.

Strategists in the Capitol say that the often combustible natures of Mr. Cuomo and his staff make for difficult negotiations, often freighted by fears

of retribution.

The instinct to punch first seems to come from the top of the executive chamber: As The New York Times and CNN published accounts of the calls to Mr. Kim on Wednesday, Mr. Cuomo used a large part of his daily news conference to attack the assemblyman, suggesting he had engaged in unethical and possibly criminal behavior in regards to a six-year-old law. (Mr. Kim denied this.)

Mr. Vlasto, the former chief of staff, said that ongoing Republican attacks and Mr. Kim's suggestion that the governor had committed a crime by withholding the data on deaths was "so over the line," it justified a strong response.

"This time he decided to smack it down, hard," he said.

Others recount stories of Mr. Cuomo alternating between charm and rage — at one moment, a charismatic leader who wants to work on policy, and at another, an intimidating one who wants to vent, something one lawmaker described as an unpleasant, sometimes profane experience.

Some of his toughest critics would agree that the governor had earned his good press during the dark days of the pandemic last year. But they also say that his more recent behavior is no surprise.

"This is who he has always been," said Rebecca Katz, a progressive political consultant who advised Ms. Nixon. "We tried to warn you."

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NYT: Did Candidates Flee to Vacation Homes? 5 Highlights From the Mayor's Race

By Emma G. Fitzsimmons, Jeffery C. Mays, Dana Rubinstein and Katie Glueck:

One of the main unanswered questions in this year's mayoral race is how the introduction of ranked-choice voting will change the nature of the election.

The first taste of how things will change came on Sunday, with an endorsement of two candidates, in ranked order.

Other questions were also addressed last week, including how much time candidates spent outside of New York City during the pandemic, and how they view the long-term job prospects of the current police commissioner, Dermot F. Shea. (Hint: Count on a job opening in January.)

Here are some key developments in the race:

A double endorsement?

For months, New York mayoral campaigns, political strategists and officials have quietly grappled with one of the biggest uncertainties in the race: how to approach the new ranked-choice voting system in the June Democratic primary, for which New Yorkers will be asked to rank as many as five choices. Can a candidate draw contrasts without alienating a rival's supporters? Are alliances in order? Do voters even understand the process?

On Sunday, some of those private calculations were placed on public display in what was billed as the "first of its kind" ranked-choice endorsement in the race: State Senator Gustavo Rivera named Scott M. Stringer, the city comptroller, as his first choice, and Dianne Morales, a former nonprofit executive, as his second.

Both of those contenders are seeking to emerge as the standard-bearers for progressive voters in the party, in competition with candidates including Maya Wiley, who out-raised Ms. Morales but trails Mr. Stringer in the money race. Mr. Rivera stressed their New Yorker bona fides at a time when Andrew Yang — another leading candidate in the race — has faced scrutiny over his political ties to the city.

The joint campaign event with Mr. Rivera was not a cross-endorsement, Mr. Stringer assured.

"Obviously I don't want her to be mayor," Mr. Stringer cracked as he appeared with Ms. Morales, and they stressed their interest in educating New Yorkers about ranked-choice voting.

But the moment offered an early glimpse of how the new system may shape coalitions and highlight rivalries — and how elected officials with endorsements to dole out may seek to wield their influence.

Yang pitches a casino on Governors Island

Add Mr. Yang to the list of gambling and real estate executives eager to bring a full-fledged casino to New York City.

Mr. Yang spent much of last week doubling down on his assertion that what New York City needs right now is a casino.

During a discussion about the city's grave fiscal needs and the imperative to draw tourists back, Mr. Yang argued that New York City should put a casino on Governors Island — to make the city money and to make it “more fun.”

“That casino would generate so much money, it'd be bananas,” Mr. Yang said during the Jan. 14 interview.

Casinos are currently prohibited on the island, but Mr. Yang's endorsement of a city casino raised some eyebrows among political types because Bradley Tusk, who is advising Mr. Yang's campaign, is also chairman of IG Acquisition. The company, which seeks to acquire businesses in the leisure, gaming and hospitality industries, recently raised \$300 million in an initial public offering.

Via text message, Mr. Tusk acknowledged discussing the idea of a Governors Island casino with Mr. Yang, but said the idea is for the city to own the casino — the opposite of the industry's preference.

He argued that because he and Mr. Yang are proposing a city-controlled casino, rather than a private operation, there is no possible conflict of interest. A city-owned casino might still benefit from a casino consulting firm, but Mr. Tusk said that his company is interested in finding ways for people to bet on video games like Fortnite or League of Legends.

“The point of saying public owned was to both maximize revenue for the city and remove it as anything that involves me,” Mr. Tusk said.

Three weeks in the Hamptons

When Mr. Yang told The New York Times that he had spent “more time upstate than in the city over the last number of months,” his fellow mayoral candidates saw an opening and highlighted how they stayed put.

One candidate who did not throw any shade at Mr. Yang was Raymond J. McGuire, a wealthy former Wall Street executive who, with his wife, owns a second home in the Hamptons. Speculation rose that Mr. McGuire's campaign was silent because perhaps he had spent much of the pandemic outside of the city as well.

After reviewing his calendar, Mr. McGuire's campaign said that he spent the first three months of the pandemic in Manhattan, and then a total of three weeks in the Hamptons with his family from June to August.

His campaign staff shared a schedule that indicated that Mr. McGuire worked and took meetings in both Manhattan and the Hamptons during the summer; The Times confirmed that several of those meetings — with future staff members and an influential Black activist, Kirsten John Foy — did take place.

“It's pretty clear from the exhaustive and transparent accounting of Ray's whereabouts that he was not living in the Hamptons during Covid,” said Mr. McGuire's spokeswoman Lupé Todd-Medina.

The Times asked other candidates about their whereabouts from March to September. Ms. Wiley's campaign said she spent 10 days outside of the city on Long Island in July, while Mr. Stringer said he spent three days in Connecticut with his wife's family in August.

Eric Adams, the Brooklyn borough president, said he did not spend a full 24 hours outside of the city during that period. Mr. Adams, who slept at Brooklyn Borough Hall during the height of the pandemic, said he would spend eight to 12 hours visiting with his partner and family in New Jersey.

Carlos Menchaca, a councilman from Brooklyn, said he spent a total of 14 days outside the city, mostly hiking and meditating but still working remotely. Ms. Morales said she spent two days in upstate New York in July, and one of those days was with her campaign team.

Shaun Donovan, the former federal housing secretary, spent two weeks with his family in Washington, D.C., as they were in the process of moving to join him in Brooklyn, according to his campaign. Zach Iscol said he spent a total of 50 days outside of New York with his family in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts in between working as deputy director at the Covid-19 field hospital at the Jacob Javits Center.

Paperboy Prince raps about universal basic income

If there is one candidate in the crowded mayoral field who is most likely to be impersonated on “Saturday Night Live,” it is probably Paperboy Prince, a rapper from Brooklyn.

At an online mayoral forum last week, Paperboy performed a rap in support of universal basic income, took two actual pies to the face and expressed concern about waking up a roommate.

Paperboy, who ran to be the first nonbinary member of Congress, wore large bedazzled sunglasses indoors and easily had the most colorful backdrop. The rapper won about 14,000 votes in the Democratic primary against Representative Nydia Velazquez last year.

Paperboy’s platform includes canceling rent, legalizing marijuana and psychedelics, abolishing the police and issuing reparations to “Black and brown people for the Drug War.”

Other unorthodox candidates have garnered attention over the years — if not many votes. Jimmy McMillan ran for governor and mayor on the “Rent is Too Damn High” platform. He released a music video and was played by Kenan Thompson on “S.N.L.” in 2010.

The forum, held by the Central Brooklyn Independent Democrats, featured other lesser known candidates: Joycelyn Taylor, the head of a general contracting firm who talked about growing up in public housing; Aaron Foldenauer, a lawyer who bristled at not being featured on the same panel as the leading candidates; and Quanda Francis, an accountant who said she dropped out of high school, which she said was an example of the failures of the city’s education system.

A different kind of police commissioner

When Mayor Bill de Blasio made a major announcement last week about stricter disciplinary rules for officers, he did so without Commissioner Shea.

The mayor said that the police commissioner was still recovering from the coronavirus. Yet the commissioner apparently felt well enough to conduct interviews with reporters earlier in the week, raising questions about his support of the new rules and of the mayor.

What seems clear is that Commissioner Shea does not have the support of most of the mayoral candidates. Ms. Wiley, a former counsel to Mr. de Blasio, even called on the mayor to fire him.

Several candidates have talked recently about what they want to see in the next police commissioner. Mr. Yang said he wants to hire a “civilian police commissioner” who was not a police officer and who is “independent from the culture of the Police Department.”

Mr. Adams, a former police officer, said he would hire a female police commissioner.

At the Brooklyn mayoral forum, Ms. Wiley and Mr. Stringer, the city comptroller, would not commit to hiring a person of color as police commissioner, but pledged that their administrations would be diverse. Mr. de Blasio picked three Irish-American leaders, and the Police Department has not had a Black commissioner since Lee P. Brown resigned in 1992.

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By Dave Itzkoff

In the end, an episode of "Saturday Night Live" hosted by Elon Musk turned out to be exactly that, no more and no less.

Musk, the billionaire chief executive of Tesla and founder of SpaceX, appeared in several "S.N.L." sketches this weekend, playing characters that included a doctor at a hospital that caters to Generation Z patients, the producer of an Icelandic TV talk show and the video game villain Wario.

He used his opening monologue to share some personal details about himself, introducing viewers to his mother and discussing his diagnosis of Asperger's syndrome — and to gratuitously plug a cryptocurrency.

Sure, a couple of sketches felt a little eager to polish Musk's public image, like a filmed segment that cast him as the mission commander of an effort to save a Martian colony running dangerously low on oxygen. (Meanwhile, it was up to Pete Davidson, playing his hapless doofus character, Chad, to save the day on the red planet.)

Even so, Musk's presence didn't stop "S.N.L." from taking a few satirical potshots at him.

Colin Jost, the "Weekend Update" anchor, noted during that portion of the show that debris from a Chinese rocket had crashed into the Indian Ocean only a short while earlier.

"And for once," Jost said, "we know it's not Elon's fault. A lot of people have been wondering, Why is he hosting our show? And now we know it's because he needed an alibi."

Musk took what opportunities he could to humanize himself to the "S.N.L." audience. As he said in his monologue: "To anyone I've offended, I just wanted to say, I reinvented electric cars and I'm sending people to Mars on a rocket ship. Did you think I was also going to be a chill, normal dude?"

The lead-up to this weekend's broadcast was like few, if any, in "S.N.L." history. Not long after it was announced that Musk would be hosting, some of the show's cast members went on social media to register their dissent.

Bowen Yang posted a frowny-face emoji on his Instagram story. Aidy Bryant used her account to publish a tweet from Senator Bernie Sanders, in which he wrote that "the 50 wealthiest people in America in this country own more wealth than some 165 MILLION Americans" — a phenomenon Sanders described as "a moral obscenity."

Other cast members voiced their support for Musk and said they were excited to have him on the show. Michael Che said in a radio interview with the Breakfast Club that the debate over Musk was "a good thing."

"I think it means people still care about the show in some way, at least," Che added.

Musk himself was busy generating plenty of headlines in recent weeks: Tesla posted record quarterly earnings in April. A team of four astronauts completed a nighttime splashdown at the start of the month, returning to Earth in a SpaceX Dragon spacecraft after a mission that sent them to the International Space Station. On Wednesday, a prototype of a SpaceX rocket successfully landed during a test flight in Texas, after other such crafts had exploded in previous tests.

Not all of the headlines have been positive. SpaceX has also come into conflict with residents of Boca Chica, Tex., who say they have been pressured to sell their properties as the company expands its operations there. And Tesla's Autopilot technology has recently come under scrutiny, including an investigation by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration into nearly two dozen car accidents involving Teslas.

Musk took a self-deprecating tone in his "S.N.L." monologue, telling the audience: "Sometimes, after I say something, I have to say, 'I mean that,' so people really know that I mean it. That's because I don't always have a lot of intonational variation in how I speak. Which I'm told makes for great comedy."

He also described himself as "the first person with Asperger's to host 'S.N.L.' — or at least the first to admit it." (Dan Aykroyd, the "S.N.L." alum and former host, has also said that he was given a diagnosis of Asperger's syndrome in the 1980s.)

"Don't worry," Musk added. "I'm pretty good at running human in emulation mode."

Musk's mother, Maye Musk, joined her son onstage after an opening sketch led by the week's musical guest, Miley Cyrus, that featured members of the "S.N.L." cast alongside their mothers.

Wondering what her Mother's Day gift might be, Maye Musk said, "I just hope it's not Dogecoin," referring to the cryptocurrency that Elon Musk has frequently touted.

"It is," her son told her. (Despite Elon Musk's mentioning Dogecoin here and in a "Weekend Update" segment, the price of the cryptocurrency declined during the "S.N.L." broadcast.)

Cocktail chatter of the week

Let's take it as an optimistic sign that "S.N.L." is now producing sketches about what post-pandemic life might look like.

That category includes this filmed segment about a party where guests find themselves navigating all the awkward conversations that come up when you run into people you haven't seen in months. While Kate McKinnon tells Beck Bennett she went through some ups and downs, she thinks to herself: "Ups and downs? You stabbed your husband with a screwdriver." (Bennett, meanwhile, is thinking that the pandemic "affected me zero" as he licks his hand and plunges it into a bowl of party snacks.)

Musk availed himself reasonably well, playing a character who tries to make small talk with Heidi Gardner about which Covid-19 vaccines they received.

Weekend Update jokes of the week

Over at the "Weekend Update" desk, the anchors Jost and Che, also mocked news developments in the lives of prominent politicians like former President Trump, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo of New York and President Biden.

Jost started in on Trump:

A prominent white nationalist has begun posting manifestoes online. Oh, I'm sorry, that was the sub-headline. The headline was, "Donald Trump Launches New Blog." That's right, disgraced former fast-food spokesman Donald Trump has launched a website called From the Desk of Donald J. Trump. Though a more accurate name would be, From the Brain Fog of Long-Haul Covid. I don't understand why the Republican Party is still betting their entire future on Trump. He turns 75 next month. It's like getting your family an old dog and saying, "Hey kids, invest all your emotions in this."

He later teased the current leadership, saying, "Kamala Harris will become the first vice president to be featured as a wax figure at Madame Tussauds wax museum, while Joe Biden is the first wax figure to become president."

Jost soon turned the subject to Cuomo, adding: "New York Governor Andrew Cuomo announced that Broadway could reopen on September 14. Except for the new musical about Cuomo's handling of the pandemic, 'Nursinghome!'"

Fake TV promo of the week

If you can't get enough of Kate Winslet's efforts at a regional Pennsylvania accent the HBO limited series "Mare of Easttown" (or if you just appreciate her describing the local Wawa convenience-store chain as "a mythical place"), has "S.N.L." got the show for you.

Their answer, offered in this filmed fake commercial, stars McKinnon as a similarly rugged cop investigating the killing of a young woman that provides the series with its title, "Murder Durdur." (As she forcefully declares to a perplexed fellow investigator at the crime scene: "Did I sturdur? The durdur's been murdered!")

Look out for the Philadelphia Flyers mascot, Gritty; a pretzel vape; and Musk as the crime's obvious culprit.

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By Dave Itzkoff:

How do you get a week's worth of political scandals and pandemic news into a single comedy sketch? And how do you find out if you qualify for a Covid vaccine and, if so, where to get one? "Saturday Night Live" attempted to answer some if not all of these questions with an opening segment about a fictional game show called "So You Think You Can Get the Vaccine," hosted by Dr. Anthony S. Fauci.

This weekend's broadcast, which featured Nick Jonas as both its host and musical guest, began with Kate McKinnon playing Fauci, describing herself as "America's voice of reason and celebrity hall pass for some reason."

She said the show would "give everyday Americans a chance to vie for vaccine eligibility," adding: "Getting the vaccine shouldn't be a competition, but Americans will only want to get it if it means someone else can't."

She then introduced the three-person panel of governors who would be approving or denying the requests of contestants, beginning with Gov. Gavin Newsom of California, whom she said was "hated by every single person in California except those 10 people he had dinner with in Napa that one time."

Alex Moffat, playing Newsom, gave a quick status report on his state: "Teeth — white. Bodies — tight. Covid — pretty bad," he said.

Next, McKinnon introduced Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo of New York, saying that he was "currently under fire for futzing with old dead people and also the kind of sexual harassment allegations that make you go, yeah, I could see that."

Pete Davidson, playing Cuomo, acknowledged the audience, saying, "Nice bodies, some of you." He added, "Remember when your favorite movie was my PowerPoints? Remember, 'Today is Tuesday'? Why can't we go back to that?"

Finally McKinnon welcomed Gov. Gretchen Whitmer of Michigan, whom she said had "narrowly escaped being kidnapped by a group of men whose fingerprints probably had Cheetos dust on them."

Cecily Strong, playing Whitmer, compared herself to the other governors. "People yell at them about their policies, and they yell at me, 'Get her!' But hey, that's life," she said, swigging from a beer bottle.

Among the contestants that the governors evaluated were Heidi Gardner as a woman who said she was a frontline worker because, she said, "I do I.T. for the OnlyFans website so I am busy"; Ego Nwodim as a woman dressed in a gray-haired wig, but who still suspiciously uses the word "stan"; and Bowen Yang as a man claiming unconvincingly to be a smoker from New Jersey.

All of them were declared ineligible, though Melissa Villaseñor, playing a pregnant woman, was told she could receive a trial Kirkland Signature vaccine developed by Costco that came with a free pack of 24 hot dogs.

Aidy Bryant made a return appearance as Senator Ted Cruz, delivering quips about Cruz's recent vacation scandal. "It is great to be back in New York City," she said. "I'm sorry, my arms are tired. Because I just flew back from Cancún, Mexico."

Finally, Mikey Day, playing an 85-year-old man, was deemed the first contestant eligible for a proper vaccination — provided he could make his appointment online.

Davidson told him, “But if you do feel sick, make sure you leave the nursing home and get to the hospital. Wink.”

Bringing the sketch to a close, McKinnon said, “The power went out at a CVS nearby. The vaccines are all going to expire so it’s first come, first stab.”

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By James Poniewozik:

TV's latest, most outrageously paranoid conspiracy-thriller has arrived. It has everything: cyberespionage, evil vote-stealing machines, wicked media cabals. And it aired Friday on One America News Network.

It is "Absolute Proof," a two-hour-plus disinfo-commercial made and hosted by Mike Lindell, the chief executive of the MyPillow company and a fervent advocate of the myth that the 2020 election was stolen from Donald J. Trump and handed to President Biden. Mr. Lindell paid OANN to air it multiple times starting Friday.

In it, Mr. Lindell sits behind a news desk stamped with the seal of "WVW Broadcast Network." He interviews a lineup of guests featured in the months-long effort to discredit and overturn the legitimate election, whose wild charges he punctuates with a hearty "Wow!" He claims that Mr. Trump not only won the election but won by such a margin that he "broke the algorithm" of voting machines.

Mr. Lindell used to sell pillows on TV. Now he's peddling dreams. In this sweet, terrible dream, your candidate did not lose an election that he lost. Complex nefarious forces are arrayed against you. But if only the media (including, apparently, some of the most fervently pro-Trump media) would relent and let the truth be known, you might get your country back.

The content of Mr. Lindell's stolen-election case poses a challenge for a newspaper reviewer, because it is hogwash, widely discredited hogwash, and it can be irresponsible to spread the specifics unnecessarily, even to debunk them.

Even OANN, which has courted election truthers, seemed to realize that "Absolute Proof" was volatile content. A mammoth disclaimer before the broadcast emphasized that Mr. Lindell purchased the airtime and that "the statements and claims expressed in this program are presented at this time as opinions only."

The message is not so much "Don't try this at home" as "Don't try us in court."

Mr. Lindell is less shy. He holds forth in a blustery conspiracist voice that channels "The X-Files" by way of "Homeland" by way of an old "Saturday Night Live" Mike Ditka impression.

He promises to expose "all the evil in our country, all the criminals in the country, all the ones that tried to suppress this." He complains of his suspension by Twitter and his treatment by OANN's competitor Newsmax, which cut off an interview with him this week when he launched into an accusation of fraud by voting machines that the network had disavowed under pain of legal action. He grouses about the stores that will no longer sell his pillows.

His monologues are the sort that people will change subway cars to avoid. "They're suppressing, cancel culture, they're trying to cancel us all out," he says. "I've just seen churches, the Christian churches, they're being attacked right now, people on social media, anyone that speaks up, they're going, 'You can't say that, pfft, you're gone.'"

All while a cartoon rubber stamp slaps "CANCELED" on the screen.

If the off-the-rack newsroom set was meant to give Mr. Lindell's accusations an air of gravitas, the production undercuts it. Creepy murder-show music swells up and fades out randomly in the middle of interviews. An accusation of communist meddling is illustrated with a crude graphic of hands holding a hammer and sickle. Segues between interviews are so clumsy I have to assume editing sabotage by the deep state.

The whole chintzy production has the feel of a man, and a movement, unraveling. But its existence also says something about the larger conservative-media landscape postelection.

Every right-wing outlet has had to decide how much to indulge the lies about the election popular with a large chunk of its audience. OANN and Newsmax seized an opportunity to outflank Fox News, some of whose commentators have played footsie with election fraud conspiracies but whose news operation committed the heresy of acknowledging that Mr. Biden won an election that he won.

But all the "rigging" talk has also raised the existential threat of enormous lawsuits from the election-machine companies that conspiracists have impugned. On Newsmax, which had sought to out-Trump Fox, the anchor who cut off Mr. Lindell read a statement that included the lines: "The election results in every state were certified. Newsmax accepts the results as legal and final."

Now, it seems, it was Newsmax's turn to be insufficiently MAGA. Mr. Lindell's paid vanity-cast may have given OANN the opportunity to court dead-ender Trumpists, albeit under the shield of a "please don't sue us" card.

For hours on end, Mr. Lindell spun that audience the story it craved, then implored it to help him spread that story through social media. Onscreen, a graphic showed a smartphone bubbling out the logos of social-media platforms, including, for some reason, the online-payment system Venmo and Google Plus, which shut down in 2019.

It's tempting just to laugh at all this. And make no mistake, you should laugh at all this! It is a healthy sign that after years of alternative facts, you have still retained some sense of reality and the absurd.

But you should also cry, a little. Because it's not hard to imagine an audience who wants to believe, seeing the world maps with menacing lines purporting to show "hacking," hearing the talk of "cyberforensics," and concluding, still, that there must be something to all this.

In fact, you don't need to imagine them. Just look at pictures from the Capitol on Jan. 6.

It may seem ridiculous that a pillow executive is paying a minor cable channel to let him play Fox Mulder with the election on a faux news set, because it is ridiculous. But ridiculous does not mean harmless.

Mike Lindell's argument may not have merit or coherence. But he has a sense of his market, of what plays through their heads when they turn out the lights and their heads hit their pillows.

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BY JONATHAN CUSTODIO:

City Council Member Robert Cornegy Jr. officially kicked off his Brooklyn Borough President campaign with some celebrity muscle Thursday.

"I love the fact that you're invested in our community. You're the man for the job because you care. I've seen it firsthand," said Brooklyn actor and comedian Tracy Morgan, best known for his work on Saturday Night Live and sitcom 30 Rock during the virtual event.

He praised Cornegy's mentorship, saying the two met when Morgan was a younger man and Cornegy guided him away from "being a knucklehead."

Morgan added, "I'm one of your warriors."

WNBA and New York Liberty legend Kym Hampton sang the Black National Anthem.

The campaign: The term-limited Council Member said he would work towards vaccinating Brooklynites, building hospital capacity and police reform.

"I'm not the guy who's gonna say defund the police. We don't have that luxury here," he said. "I am honored to earn the support of such a diverse coalition."

That coalition included City Council Member Laurie Cumbo and Teamsters Local 237 union president Gregory Floyd, among others.

"We think he would make an excellent Brooklyn Borough President," said Floyd, touting his sponsorship of banning police chokeholds as well as his support for minority and women-owned businesses and New York City Housing Authority residents.

Cornegy Jr. has raised about \$249,640, the most money in the field of 13 registered candidates, but has already spent \$238,071, according to campaign filings. He did not qualify for their first round of public matching funds, but in the next round expects his total haul, with donations and matches, to be about \$937,000.

What's next: The office of the borough president has little legislative power but is often seen as a perch to seeking higher office. Current Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams is running for mayor and Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. was rumored to be a top candidate before pulling out of contention.

The primary election for the borough presidency is slated for June 22.

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BY BILL MAHONEY and ANNA GRONEWOLD:

ALBANY — Republicans and progressive Democrats have been assailing Gov. Andrew Cuomo over his handling of nursing homes last spring, creating a multi-week news cycle filled with allegations of corruption. And the governor certainly hasn't done much to lower the temperature, saying that one of the biggest lessons he's learned from the saga is that he needs to more aggressively counter his critics.

But while there's a growing consensus among Democrats that some checks should be placed on the near-monarchical powers granted to Cuomo last spring, there's also another idea circulating among those who do business in Albany: Everybody needs to dial back the rhetoric and return to the business of governance as the state grapples with multiple historic crises.

"Clearly we're all capable of multitasking because we have no choice but to do it," said Assemblymember Pat Fahy (D-Albany). "Clearly there's more to do on the nursing homes. But right now, people care first and foremost about jobs and vaccines."

Adam Morey, a lobbyist with J Strategies, noted that advocates already faced new hurdles due to the closure of the Capitol, and now they have to deal with a government that seems paralyzed by scandal.

"A dominant, and dynamic, headline-grabbing story that involves all of Albany's key players makes it that much harder for anyone to get their message out there," he said. "There are major policy questions, like legalizing adult-use cannabis and people working on issues to protect vulnerable populations, increase access to services or guarantee equal rights. In this environment they all have to shout that much louder."

That said, it's clear the nursing home issue isn't going away any time soon. Democrats will move to reduce the governor's powers at some point in the coming days, Cuomo's critics will continue to demand more investigations, and there's always the possibility of new revelations escalating the debate. But with a March 31 budget deadline firmly in view, there's a sense that many Albany insiders are weary of those who keep feeding a debate that's spun completely out of control.

There's a case to be made that Albany is mimicking the dysfunction in Washington, D.C. The discourse is dominated by people accusing others of grievous failings, with demands for punishment louder than serious talk about how to atone for those who suffered and how best to improve things going forward. National cable outlets, perhaps experiencing Trump withdrawal, have helped ignite the embers by giving time to those with the hottest Twitter takes rather than those with the best chance of influencing policy.

One example of a typical news cycle unfolded when Cuomo laid into Assemblymember Ron Kim on Wednesday, after the Queens Democrat refused to walk back a particularly harsh interpretation of why the Cuomo administration said it had withheld nursing home data. Kim responded by saying that Cuomo had threatened to destroy him.

People who have spent years accusing Cuomo of being "evil" or "corrupt" were thrust into the national spotlight as they called out the governor for his aggressive style, elevating a well-trod storyline that's nearing half a century old into a Saturday Night Live punchline. Meanwhile, as several longtime Albany observers have pointed out, topics like the state's multibillion dollar budget shortfall have been placed on the backburner.

"Now more than ever everyone involved needs to lower the temperature and work together to move this state forward and get past this pandemic. That should be our focus," Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie said in a statement meant to be directed at Cuomo. The tweeting masses heaped scorn on the statement because, in their view, it didn't condemn Cuomo strongly enough.

Shortly before that blow-up began, Kim and Sen. Alessandra Biaggi (D-Westchester) announced plans for a bill to repeal Cuomo's emergency powers. Their legislation was not accompanied by a plan to enshrine into law the governor's orders on subjects like mask mandates, large indoor gatherings, and aid to small businesses into law, as would need to be done very quickly if lawmakers moved to revoke his powers.

Kim and eight other long-time Cuomo critics sent to colleagues in the Assembly saying that if they failed to join them in this push and "potentially the commencement of impeaching proceedings," then they "shall be complicit with this administration in the obstruction of justice." This aggressive lobbying strategy apparently did not win enough support to give their bill a good chance of passing, particularly as other Democrats were already working on a more finely tuned bill to reduce Cuomo's powers. But the letter's content made the rounds of local and national news shows.

Meanwhile, during what is usually one of the busiest times of the year in Albany, a number of serious policy proposals have received barely any attention.

Fahy, who has been working on gathering up support on proposals like one to expand New York's Earned Income Tax Credit and another to create a state-level version of Franklin Roosevelt's Works Progress Administration, found herself holding off on several attempts to bring attention to those measures over the past week.

"When there's this much going on, you can't get the bandwidth to get attention to it," she said. "It takes up all of the oxygen, and in the meantime, we have a budget to pass and we have jobs to create."

Even if advocates are being drowned out, it does appear that some work is taking place far from the center of the storm. Legislative staff are busy working on their budget proposals, and the governor found time last week to make announcements on subjects like the reopening of amusement parks.

But if the issue intensifies or even continues at its current volume much into March, it could lead to bigger problems in dealing with other issues.

"Some of this is swirl, I think, but more important it underscores the weakness of an executive dominated budget process, which is inherently flawed," said one longtime Capitol observer. "We have one person with outsized control and that's exacerbated by his outsized personality so when he is distracted or breaks down, the whole system fails. There are real problems that need to be addressed, and they are falling by the wayside, which is a travesty and will result in a hastier than usual budget product, which is bad for everyone."

Assemblymember Richard Gottfried (D-Manhattan) raised the possibility that the noisy news cycle could have an impact on budget talks, which in ordinary times would be about to begin in earnest.

"If the climate doesn't improve it could become a problem in negotiating the budget," said Gottfried. "There will be a lot of very hot topics on the table in the budget and that will be difficult enough without additional fuel on the fire."

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By Geoff Herbert

Last Week Tonight host John Oliver dedicated a significant portion of his HBO show Sunday night to Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who's facing a storm of scandals.

Oliver joked that the New York governor resembles Business Frankenstein as he detailed how New York state undercounted Covid-19 deaths at nursing homes by as much as 50%, two former aides have accused Cuomo of sexual harassment, and NYS Assemblyman Ron Kim accused Cuomo of threatening his political career.

Cuomo has denied threatening Kim, said the alleged harassment was misinterpreted as unwanted flirtation, and admitted to a void in nursing home data, but Oliver said it fits Cuomo's reputation.

Cuomo is famously unpleasant, Oliver said. He reportedly has a do-not-yell-at list which a former aide apparently admitted is very small.

The Emmy-winning comedian further criticized Cuomo's glee in his public adulation last year, as daily coronavirus press briefings helped make the governor more popular, inspired the term Cuomossexuals, and led to a book about Cuomo's response to the pandemic.

But Cuomo also does a very weird thing during those pressers: Using fake quotes from a man named A.J. Parkinson, who doesn't exist. The HBO show played a montage of those quotes, including one from the fictitious philosopher that emphasized the importance of following the facts.

Okay, the thing is, it's hard to follow the facts if the people in charge of those facts are actively withholding them from you, Oliver said. As far as advice goes, that's basically as useful as a bully saying Stop hitting yourself in that, in both cases, yeah, some a--hole won't let me.

Oliver said Parkinson was first made up by Cuomo's late father, former governor and Kevin Spacey cosplayer Mario Cuomo, as an inside joke between the elder Cuomo and the media.

Although that may have been charming at the time, the current Cuomo doing it during a pandemic when virtually no one gets that it a joke is a pretty weird move, Oliver said. But it does feel like a pretty apt metaphor for an administration that has aggressively managed facts to fit its chosen reality.

Cuomo told WAMC in May that he was surprised no one recognized the repeated references.

Well, I'll tell you what's funny, the governor told radio host Alan Chartock, who previously hosted a weekly radio show with Cuomo's father. I quoted A.J. Parkinson last time week, on the screen. Nobody said a word. Nobody.

Oliver wrapped up the segment by sharing a quote from a writer named T.J. Pimpernickel: Andrew Cuomo is a colossal a--hole.

I can tell you two things about T.J. Pimpernickel, Oliver added. One, he is a person I totally made up and two, he's also completely right about Andrew Cuomo.

Watch John Oliver's full segment here.

Last Week Tonight is the second major entertainment program filmed in New York to criticize Cuomo in recent weeks. Saturday Night Live has mocked Cuomo's handling of Covid-19 data at nursing homes in several skits featuring SNL star Pete Davidson playing the governor.

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Rolling Stone: See [SNL](#) Turn Covid-19 Vaccine Eligibility Into Game Show Hosted by Dr. Fauci

By DANIEL KREPS

With many Americans confused about who is eligible for Covid-19 vaccines and millions more who are eligible for the shots unable to book an appointment Saturday Night Live's cold open turned the nation's vaccine rollout into a game show hosted by Kate McKinnon's Dr. Fauci.

The vaccine rollout is going strong but it's also very confusing: Who can get it? How? When? Where is it? Do both doses go in the same arm or different arms, I don't know, the host said in the sketch.

So tonight, we give everyday Americans the chance to vie for vaccine eligibility on a little show called So You Think You Can Get the Vaccine.

McKinnon's Fauci added, Getting the vaccine shouldn't be a competition but Americans will only want to get it if someone else can't.

Fauci next introduced his panel of judges, California's Governor Gavin Newsom (Alex Moffat), New York's Governor Andrew Cuomo (Pete Davidson) Currently under fire for futzing with old dead people and also for the kind of sexual harassment allegations that make you go, Yeah, I can see that, Fauci said of Cuomo and Michigan's Governor Gretchen Whitmer (Cicely Strong).

The game show then welcomed a parade of contestants: A woman claiming to be an essential worker (she does IT for OnlyFans), another woman pretending to be elderly, a proud smoker from New Jersey (where smokers are now eligible), a pregnant woman who questions genuinely whether she can have the vaccine, and penultimately Ted Cruz (Aidy Bryant), fresh from his appearance at CPAC.

The judges finally encounter an old man worthy of the vaccine and award him his prize: The opportunity to schedule a vaccine appointment online, which the old man doesn't know how to do.

Fauci then announces, I'm just getting word: The power went out at a CVS nearby, the vaccines are all going to expire, so it's first come, first stab.

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By Tracey Porpora:

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Vinny Bonomi, operator of Special Tees -- a division of the not-for-profit organization Community Resources, which is dedicated to the employment of persons with disabilities -- said 2019 was his biggest sales year yet.

"Before the pandemic we were having a banner year; we were doing great. Our biggest sales year ever was 2019. ... We print shirts for a lot of schools, Little Leagues, cheer teams, softball teams, etc... We do a lot of corporate accounts. We have contracts with FedEx, Saturday Night Live, the Lou Dobbs show and more," said Bonomi, who is director of affirmative business for Community Resources and has run Special Tees for the last 25 years.

But on March 15, all operations were forced to shutter due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) shutdown.

"We were considered non-essential, and we had to lay off all our workers," said Bonomi, noting the majority of employees of Special Tees have a disability. "Prior to March 15 we had upward of 30 people working in our print shop. This is remarkable, because these were 30 people who were thought to be unemployable. But we proved that to be wrong. Each employee makes New York state minimum wage, and they work in our productions shop. They do deliveries and help with customer sales."

He noted that, while Special Tees operates a regular retail store, "all profits and monies go back into the business to help support Community Resources programs and to hire more people," said Bonomi.

"We get no funding from the city and state, everything we do is based on our sales. We need to get orders so our folks can come back to work," said Bonomi.

REINVENTING THE BUSINESS

Once the shop could reopen, Bonomi said he knew he had to reinvent his offerings, as there would be less need for team shirts and some of the store's other big-selling items due to the ongoing pandemic.

That's when he found a way to stay relevant. He knew personal protective equipment was the way to go.

"I pivoted. I changed. I went on social media and started doing Facebook lives and other social media interviews. Anything I could do, we did. And we pivoted to selling PPE, hand sanitizers and masks. And we custom print any masks people want," he said.

While this wasn't enough to get all the employees back working, Bonomi said he was able to rehire some of his workers.

"This production allowed me to slowly bring back some workers. First, it was five workers, then it was 11, and that's what we have now," he said, noting this was made possible, in part, by Community Resources getting "some money" from the government Paycheck Protection Program.

A lot of his business these days is providing shirts and masks for different organization's frontline workers, he said.

“Not-for-profits love to help support their essential workers. Places, like Catholic Charities, wanted to give shirts and masks to their frontline workers,” said Bonomi. “Then we started doing small graduations, and a lot of Sweet 16s.”

Starting in April, Special Tees also provided T-shirts for drive-by birthday parties.

“Before the pandemic we were doing 5,000 shirts at a time, and now we are doing five at a time. We had to do what we had to do to survive,” said Bonomi.

#BESEENSTAYRELEVANT

He also started a social media campaign, #BeSeenStayRelevant.

“Be seen, stay relevant is our catch phrase. ...I want people to order shirts so my guys can come back to work and print shirts. We don't want people to use the internet to order. By shopping locally you're putting people to work. You're helping everyone,” said Bonomi.

He said his biggest concern is getting his employees back to work.

“I don't want to see an empty production floor. I want to see it full, and I want to see my guys laughing. When you have workers who suffer from a disability, it's all about routine and socialization,” he said.

“We really are a family here. I remember these people coming in years ago, timid and afraid. Now they're laughing, joking, being independent and going on vacations. It gives you such pride to see the change in these people's lives. People say, 'They're a print shop,' but we are changing lives. We are making people have better self-esteem and more socialization,” added Bonomi.

SPECIAL TEES HISTORY

After receiving a grant from the city Department of Mental Health, Special Tees opened in 1995. In 2004, Special Tees merged with Community Resources, he said.

“We got a small grant back then to train and employ people with mental health disabilities,” said Bonomi, noting at first the business was located in a small storefront on Father Capodanno Boulevard, before moving to the current office space and a production facility at 250 Buel Ave. in Dongan Hills.

The company was one of the first businesses on the East Coast with the ability to print photographs on T-shirts. And after the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001, many personalized T-shirts were in demand.

“Unfortunately from bad things sometimes comes a positive,” he said. “With the negative of 9/11 came the demand for personalized photograph T-shirts.”

In addition to T-shirts, the company personalizes jackets, hoodies and sweatshirts, as well as promotional items, such as books, pens, mugs and backpacks, said Bonomi.

“But right now, during the pandemic, companies aren’t ordering these items, because they just don’t have the funds to do it,” he said.

“During these difficult times, businesses and not-for-profits want to keep their name out there. So when we get out of this, we hope people will say, ‘They were there for us then, and they are here for us now’,” added Bonomi.

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By Staten Island Advance:

It was luck, pure and simple. Our friend Joelle alerted us because her friend had alerted her. There was a facility in our neighborhood giving out the vaccine from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. No appointment was necessary. You just had to show up and have proof of your eligibility.

The original parameters for distribution had been extended. Joan and I are both of age. Joan has diabetes.

The site was a community center. A basketball team was practicing several feet away from us. That was quite disquieting. We were only separated by a thin nylon curtain. It didn't seem enough.

We were interviewed, our information was recorded, we were given our first dose and then told to sit for 15 minutes to make sure there were no life-threatening after effects. Our friends Bob and Ruth and Mary Ellen were there. We couldn't believe how lucky we all were, seeing as how almost every person on line had complained about not being able to get an appointment or having to go to another part of the state to get one.

We were told there might be some side effects: swelling at the injection site, headache, nausea, congestion, fatigue. In short, all the warning symptoms from the virus. We were told to take Tylenol, drink water, relax, get enough sleep.

Joan and I went home and watched television and had a hearty meal. We felt fine, or at least no more worse from wear than usual.

I believe that 3 a.m. is known as the "dark night of the soul," that time when all your worst fears are visited upon you, like Scrooge meeting an unwelcome guest. That was when my symptoms popped up. I wandered around, fed the cat at 6 a.m. and went back to bed. I woke up around 10 a.m. feeling like I had gone six rounds with Muhammad Ali!

I was grateful.

It was weird to me that the horror and terror of the last 10 months was about to be put to rest by the quick and painless jab of a needle into my arm. I've had flu and allergy shots that hurt worse. Just like that, I was on the road to recovery.

Of course, as I've stated before, a vaccine is not a cure. This virus is going nowhere. We will have to be inoculated yearly, just like we are for the flu or when folks of a certain age are inoculated for shingles or pneumonia. It doesn't mean we can run through the streets maskless and eat indoors or visit our children, because the vaccine needs two shots to be as effective as it can be. And then, you need three weeks afterwards to let it settle in.

I know some people refuse to take the vaccine out of fears that they are being implanted with a chip that will track their every move. Your phone already does that. So does your EZ Pass. And you might clear your browser history every time, but, somewhere, that info is still recorded and stored. That's why you see those ads for pillows on Facebook after watching an ad on your TV for pillows. It's all about selling your information to the highest bidder.

And now, apparently, there's a shortage that could have been eliminated by quick action from the federal government. I'm not here to take sides. This pandemic took most of the world by surprise. I just wish that somebody on a higher level had shown a bit more empathy for folks, some of whom don't even have decent medical coverage.

The week leading up to our second dose was festooned with challenges. Snowstorms bracketed the week, the first on Monday. The subsequent dig out and a trip to the DMV (another column) on Tuesday. An allergy shot in Queens on Wednesday. Chiropractic care on Thursday. Blood sample for my yearly physical on Friday. The shot on Saturday. More snow on Sunday.

Joan and I elected to walk to the center for our second dose, it being only a half an hour away by foot. That journey had all the thrills and excitement of an Arctic expedition. As with the first time, we were quickly seen and inoculated and walked back home. The fresh air tasted sweet. I immediately crashed upon our return and couldn't even make it through the entire episode of "Saturday Night Live" later that night. I was probably exhausted from relief.

Joan and I both felt seriously worse the day after the second dose. I did next to nothing that day. I called a friend, watched TV, finished this column, which had been weeks in the writing. I tried to take it very easy, because I knew that the muscle aches and headache, the congestion and the soreness were all signs that the vaccine was working and that, in three weeks, I would be 95% effectively protected from the virus.

This pandemic has changed all of our lives in ways good and bad. I truly feel for those out of work, who have lost their jobs or loved ones. I think the widespread destruction might have been prevented by quicker action. I don't know if we, as a country, were capable of responding quickly enough.

I have learned several lessons in acceptance throughout this period. I have learned to embrace and savor my age and my wisdom. I hope all of you can get the vaccine and start living your lives again.

1-877-VAX-4NYC is the number to call for an appointment.

That Sunday, as I watched my car disappear under a blanket of snow for the second time in a week, I sat back in my chair with a warm cup of Earl Grey tea and thought "Relax, old guy...you ain't goin' nowhere for awhile!"

Stay safe!

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The Guardian: Saturday Night Live: McKinnon's Fauci gives Americans chance to vie for vaccine eligibility

Zach Vasquez

Hosted by America's voice of reason, Dr Anthony Fauci (Kate McKinnon), So You Think You Can Get the Vaccine gives everyday Americans a chance to vie for vaccine eligibility.

The panel of judges is made up of embattled governors: California's smarmy Gavin Newsom (Alex Moffat), New York's scandal-ridden Andrew Cuomo (Pete Davidson), and Michigan's constant would-be political hostage Gretchen Whitmer (Cecily Strong).

Contestants include an essential worker who's not actually essential, a horny young woman pretending to be a senior, a nonsmoker pretending to be a smoker, national pariah/wanna-be stand-up comic Ted Cruz, and a feeble octogenarian. Unfortunately for all of them, none of the governors have any idea about how their states' vaccine distribution actually works.

There aren't many laughs to be found in the rolling walk-ons, nor the half-dozen CVS jokes, but the show gets a few good digs in at the embattled Cuomo. Davidson doesn't usually excel at impressions, but he's a good fit here.

Nick Jonas is pulling double duty as host and musical guest. His brother Kevin is in the audience cheering him on even though he's worried that Nick's current solo act means their band might be breaking up.

Then Jonas, along with some of the cast, performs a rendition of Drink with Me in recognition of the approaching one-year anniversary of Covid. There's a noticeably low energy to the proceedings, but Jonas certainly seems comfortable with his dual role.

Up first, two guys try to get in shape with the help of a workout mirror. The virtual instructors include a pair of jacked fitness coaches, as well as Shannon Del Gaudio (McKinnon), a housewife trapped in the mirror after being cursed by a fortune teller.

Tormented by the evil instructors and a demon named Azuzul, she eventually tricks one of the exercisers into taking her place. It's a funny idea, but unfortunately the actual jokes fall flat.

Next, the female cast join together in a music video for the song Murder Show, all about the popularity of grisly documentary programs about homicide (the higher the body count, the better). Jonas shows up at the end, dressed as NXIVM leader Keith Raniere, to sing about his own love of cult shows.

The end of Cinderella sees Jonas playing Prince Charming, come to visit the Disney princess and her evil stepfamily. He presents them with a magic glass slipper, which he's horrified to learn belongs not to Cinderella but one of the talking mice, who he banged the night before. This utterly interminable sketch finds everyone but particularly Jonas mugging to the nth degree.

After some strippers show up to a bachelor party, the group of bros sing an ode to the male tradition of getting hard with friends. It's an admirably immature tribute to erections or, as they're referred to in the song: boners, woodies, hard-ons and stiffy ding dongs. Then, Jonas takes the stage performance of Spaceman.

On Weekend Update, Michael Che laments Democrats' willingness to accept defeat, as opposed to right wingers, who never take no for an answer: Say what you will about a guy in a Viking hat taking a dump on Nancy Pelosi's desk, but he will not be ignored.

Colin Jost sets his sights on Ted Cruz, mocking the Texas Republican's cringe-inducing attempts at self-effacement during a recent speech at CPAC: No you are not in on the joke. It is not for you to enjoy.

Their first guest is sports dad supreme, LaVar Ball (Kenan Thompson). He talks about getting five shots of both the first two US-approved coronavirus vaccines, brags about his sons' successes in the NBA, and pitches the latest Big Baller shoe, which is made of chocolate and caramel.

It's another high energy showcase for Thompson, even if it feels like a rehash of his David Ortiz impression, just minus the accent.

Later, they're joined by Marjorie Taylor Greene, Congresses' new It-Girl. It like the evil clown who eats the children. She goes on an anti-transgender rant, telling people to listen to the science except when it comes to climate change, the coronavirus or space lasers. There's something seedy about the show turning as repulsive and dangerous a political figure as Greene into just another silly kook.

A group of high schoolers on their junior trip nervously pair up for an amusement park water ride. Kyle Mooney plays a fifth wheel forced to ride alongside a giant doll of the guy from Soul that he won at a ring toss booth. Another noticeably drawn-out and laugh-free slog, it all builds to a pointless sight gag.

Ego Nwodim reprises her winning impression of singer Dionne Warwick. On her talk show, the aloof diva asks The Weekend (Thompson) why are you from Canada?; demands Nick Jonas show his penis; makes Dua Lipa (Melissa Villaseor) agree to egg Wendy Williams' house; and welcomes back former guest Machine Gun Kelly (Davidson), only to immediately kick him off her set

again. There's also an awkward animal handler segment that's thrown out of whack by a misbehaving parrot.

Jonas returns to the stage and performs This is Heaven, before the final sketch, in which he and McKinnon star as singles who hit it off at an upscale bar.

Rusty from a year of Covid quarantine, their awkward flirting is filled with bad pickup lines (You have beautiful eyes they'd look better on my floor), magic tricks involving a kitten, prison tattoos and a slow dance set to a piano rendition of Take Me Out to the Ballgame.

Like several of the other sketches, it goes too long and suffers from awkward pacing, but at least the silly non-sequiturs and random gags finally land.

There were lots of stumbles throughout this mostly forgettable episode, but at least it picked up for the last couple of sketches.

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By Lauren Stanforth:

"Saturday Night Live" took aim at New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo and the scandal surrounding his administration holding back the true number of thousands of nursing home deaths during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In SNL's cold open Saturday night, cast member Pete Davidson played Cuomo, wearing a blue suit and donning a black wig, and appeared on the made-up talk show "Oops, You Did It Again," hosted by singer Britney Spears, played by Chloe Fineman. The premise was for guests to go on the show and make an apology for the controversies they had wrought.

Davidson appeared alongside Aidy Bryant's cornrose-wearing, pina colada-sipping Texas Sen. Ted Cruz.

"Governor, do you know why you're here today?" Fineman asked. Davidson replied, "Is it because indoor dining is back in New York? That's exciting right!" He then demured, "All right - it's because of the nursing home stuff."

Davidson's Cuomo then compared counting COVID-19 nursing home deaths to imagining how Disney might white-wash deaths on its rides. Fineman then said New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio is suggesting the governor should be investigated, which launched Davidson into an angry rant - a take on de Blasio, state Assemblyman Ron Kim and others saying Cuomo is angry and vindictive out of the public eye.

"That bird b-tch son of a what!" Davidson exploded. "I will bury him in the tallest grave this city has ever seen!"

The Weekend Update sketch also took shots at Cuomo, with cast member Michael Che saying the New York governor "looks like all three Goodfellas at once."

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NYT: Uprising Grows Over Cuomo's Bullying and Brutalist Political Theater

By Jesse McKinley and Luis Ferrer-Sadurn

ALBANY, N.Y. During Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo's first term, two former administration officials were married in a New York City wedding heavily attended by state government workers, as well as some lawmakers and their aides.

When it was time for the toasts, a guest who worked for the Cuomo administration began with a question: Who in this room has been yelled at or bullied by Andrew Cuomo?

Hands shot up across the room, as laughter rolled through the crowd, according to two people who attended the wedding.

The theme suffuses many of Mr. Cuomo's interactions accounts in which the governor berated aides and elected officials, brought people to tears and threatened to fire them or end their careers. People outside the governor's direct control who have clashed with him said he told them they would be subject to negative news stories or political challenges or, in one case, would be publicly likened to a child rapist.

After building a reputation as a competent and compassionate leader in the midst of a pandemic, Mr. Cuomo's standing has faltered over the last month amid revelations that his administration underreported thousands of deaths of nursing home residents. Federal prosecutors are investigating, and lawmakers have moved to strip the governor of emergency powers he has held since the beginning of the coronavirus outbreak.

At the same time, heightened scrutiny is now being cast on a recurrent theme of his decade-long tenure: his penchant for verbal attacks and attempted intimidation. That trait burst into full view last week when a Democratic Assemblyman, Ron T. Kim of Queens, came forward with accusations that the governor had called him while he was home bathing his children and threatened to destroy him urging him to retract negative comments he had made after the nursing home story broke.

During an appearance last week on ABC's The View, Mr. Kim described being deeply rattled by the experience. He has abused his powers, Mr. Kim said. And abusers are cowards.

Mr. Cuomo's office has called Mr. Kim a liar, but to many in New York politics, the report rang true, as other accounts of the governor's aggressive and sometimes unsettling behavior have begun to emerge.

Indeed, in interviews with more than three dozen legislators, political consultants, former state and city officials and New York political veterans, a recurring portrait emerges of Mr. Cuomo: a talented and deft politician whose tendency toward aggression can seem out of step in an age when abusive behavior in the workplace or in professional surroundings is increasingly called out and often censured.

His primary tool for governing is to create fear, said Karen Hinton, a communications consultant who worked with Mr. Cuomo when he was housing secretary in the Clinton administration and has since fallen out with him.

In the fall of 2018, for example, when Mr. Cuomo was told by a leader of the Working Families Party which had backed his primary opponent, Cynthia Nixon that it would endorse him in the general election because he was better than a Republican, Mr. Cuomo's response was blunt.

If you ever say, Well he's better than a Republican again, then I'm going to say, You're better than a child rapist, the governor said, according to two people who were on the call. How about that?

He once threatened to end the career of a staffer who failed to properly transfer a call to his office, according to one person who worked for him and requested anonymity for fear of retribution. He has been known to refer to his top female aides as the mean girls, said the person, who described the governor's office as toxic and controlling.

Those who work in the halls of the Capitol say the governor's conduct has an additional impact: scaring some employees into near paralysis for fear of earning his wrath.

Many of the tactics involve a threat to hurt people's careers. Ms. Hinton, for example, says she fell out of favor when she became the press secretary for Mr. Cuomo's nemesis in the Democratic Party, Mayor Bill de Blasio.

Soon, there were threats. During a Legionnaires' disease outbreak in 2015, Ms. Hinton questioned the state's response in a New York Times article. Ms. Hinton said Mr. Cuomo told City Hall he would personally blame the mayor for any deaths in the city if Mr. de Blasio did not fire Ms. Hinton. The mayor did not dismiss Ms. Hinton, but City Hall distanced itself from her remarks.

One current and one former City Hall official confirmed Ms. Hinton's account. The governor's office said neither it or the anecdote about the Working Families Party was true, characterizing the negative comments about Mr. Cuomo, a third-term Democrat, as coming from political adversaries. The office also said the governor was direct with people if their work is subpar.

◆The people of this state have known and given the governor their trust for the last 14 years, have heard him and looked into his eyes during the darkest period,◆ Richard Azzopardi, a senior adviser to Mr. Cuomo, said in a statement. ◆Yes, they have seen him get impatient with partisan politics and disingenuous attacks, and New Yorkers feel the same way. They know you must fight to change the status quo and special interests to make progress, and no one has made more progress than this governor.◆

Even Mr. Cuomo◆s detractors will concede that the governor◆s heavy-handed approach has often been effective in delivering concrete liberal accomplishments, including legalizing same-sex marriage, raising the minimum wage and enacting criminal justice reforms.

Others describe the governor◆s use of anger as ◆an executive skill,◆ employed to cut through niceties and other time-wasters ◆ skills of particular use during a pandemic response.

◆The governor understands the political value of taking action and creating the perception of strength, even if it occasionally seems cocksure or bullying,◆ said Eric Phillips, a former spokesman for Mr. de Blasio. He called the governor ◆a master of brutalist political theater,◆ though he said those skills were less effective in ◆a moment demanding contrition or even a modicum of self-critique.◆

Defenders also say that New Yorkers ◆ who have elected Mr. Cuomo three times, commandingly ◆ know what the governor◆s personality is like. ◆It◆s well-worn territory for the press and the public,◆ said Josh Vlasto, Mr. Cuomo◆s former chief of staff. ◆Those traits are there, but they are part of a broader perception of him that the voters like and are comfortable with.◆

Ken Sunshine, a veteran public relations executive and a longtime friend of the governor◆s, noted that the nature of New York politics is tough. ◆Has he raised his voice on calls with me? I◆m sure he has,◆ Mr. Sunshine said. ◆Have I done it sometimes? Sure. And by the way, we◆re from a place called New York. It◆s not for the timid.◆

In this dispute, however, Mr. Kim, not the governor, has the support of a raft of New York politicians.

◆That◆s classic Andrew Cuomo,◆ said Mr. de Blasio on Thursday. ◆A lot of people in New York State have received those phone calls.◆

Mr. Cuomo◆s image was burnished by a series of nationally televised news conferences during the early days of the pandemic, in which the governor mixed just-the-facts presentations with dad jokes and appearances by his three daughters, his mother and his brother, Chris Cuomo, the CNN anchor. Last fall, even as a second wave of the virus began to swell in New York and nationally, he published a memoir, offering ◆leadership lessons◆ and a sentimental dedication.

◆Love wins,◆ he wrote in its conclusion. ◆Always.◆

But in the wake of the scandal over nursing homes, that persona has turned darker: On Saturday, Mr. Cuomo◆s temper was mocked in a segment on ◆Saturday Night Live◆ in which his character, played by comedian Pete Davidson, sheepishly admitted to hiding where the deaths of nursing home residents occurred and promised vengeance on Mr. de Blasio, a frequent political foe.

Other accusations have been more serious: In December, a former top aide to Mr. Cuomo◆s economic development agency, Lindsey Boylan, accused Mr. Cuomo of fostering a ◆toxic team environment.◆

On Sunday, Ms. Boylan was among a growing chorus of people speaking out about Mr. Cuomo, telling The Times he is prone to ◆screaming at people inside and outside of the state government when he does not get exactly what he wants.◆

Mr. Cuomo◆s penchant for tough-talk tactics dates back decades, to his apprenticeship as an adviser to his father, former Gov. Mario M. Cuomo, whom he was known to fiercely defend. ◆I think he learned it from his father, who needed bare knuckles to combat the old machine pols,◆ said Michael Shnayerson, author of ◆The Contender,◆ a 2015 biography of the younger Mr. Cuomo.

State Senator Liz Krueger, a Democrat from Upper Manhattan who holds sway in the Legislature as the chairwoman of the chamber◆s finance committee, said she had never been yelled at by the governor or his staff ◆ for a reason.

She said Joseph Percoco, a former aide and informal enforcer inside the Capitol who was convicted of corruption in 2018, once told her she was on the ◆do-not-yell-at list.◆

◆I responded, ◆You people have such a list?◆◆ Ms. Krueger said. ◆He said: ◆It is very small.◆◆ (Mr. Percoco is in federal prison and could not be reached for comment.)

The backlash against Mr. Cuomo◆s governing style stems, in part, from the changing makeup of the Legislature. Democrats won full control in 2018 thanks to a new generation of progressives that is more diverse and often unafraid of challenging the governor.

◆The Legislature has become increasingly young and female, defining a feminist vision for leadership and workplace conduct,◆ said Alexis Grenell, a founder of Pythia Public Affairs who has written about Mr. Cuomo◆s aggressive behavior in the past. ◆It◆s not an accident that his loudest critics are young women.◆

The rift between the governor and the legislative newcomers has often burst into public view. In 2019, Mr. Azzopardi, the governor◆s senior adviser, told reporters after a dispute over fund-raisers that three recently elected female lawmakers, State Senators Alessandra

Biaggi and Jessica Ramos and Assemblywoman Yuh-Line Niou, were ❖idiots,❖ preceded by a vulgarity.

❖This pattern of behavior he has created this really serious systemic culture of fear and abuse of power that shapes policy outcomes in New York and impacts people❖s lives,❖ said Ms. Biaggi, a Democrat who has feuded with the governor❖s top aides on Twitter.

Strategists in the Capitol say that the often combustible natures of Mr. Cuomo and his staff make for difficult negotiations, often freighted by fears of retribution.

The instinct to punch first seems to come from the top of the executive chamber: As The New York Times and CNN published accounts of the calls to Mr. Kim on Wednesday, Mr. Cuomo used a large part of his daily news conference to attack the assemblyman, suggesting he had engaged in unethical and possibly criminal behavior in regards to a six-year-old law. (Mr. Kim denied this.)

Mr. Vlasto, the former chief of staff, said that ongoing Republican attacks and Mr. Kim❖s suggestion that the governor had committed a crime by withholding the data on deaths was ❖so over the line,❖ it justified a strong response.

❖This time he decided to smack it down, hard,❖ he said.

Others recount stories of Mr. Cuomo alternating between charm and rage ❖ at one moment, a charismatic leader who wants to work on policy, and at another, an intimidating one who wants to vent, something one lawmaker described as an unpleasant, sometimes profane experience.

Some of his toughest critics would agree that the governor had earned his good press during the dark days of the pandemic last year. But they also say that his more recent behavior is no surprise.

❖This is who he has always been,❖ said Rebecca Katz, a progressive political consultant who advised Ms. Nixon. ❖We tried to warn you.❖

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By Michael Scherer and Josh Dawsey:

As the coronavirus pandemic ravaged the country last year, New York Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo launched an Emmy-winning daytime television show, using his daily briefings to channel the nation’s grief, showcase how he was taking charge and share the secrets of his family’s spaghetti dinners. He published a best-selling book about his leadership, saw his state approval numbers rise to 66 percent and repeatedly denied any interest in the next logical step: running for president.

Now, cases of covid-19 in his state are receding, and so are the glory days of Cuomo’s third term as governor.

A former adviser has accused him of sexual harassment, fellow Democrats are publicly condemning what they describe as bullying backroom behavior, and federal investigators are probing the state’s handling of nursing home data amid allegations that Cuomo’s administration withheld the extent of deaths caused by the virus.

The sudden shift in fortunes for Cuomo, which has potentially clouded what looked to be an easy reelection campaign next year, comes as an abrupt turnabout for those who first encountered the governor during his daily news conferences. He was widely praised for offering the country the sort of strong leadership many saw missing from the White House under President Donald Trump. The International Academy of Television Arts & Sciences gave him an Emmy for “his masterful use of television to inform and calm people around the world.” He even welcomed the term “Cuomosexual” used by some of his online fans.

But for those steeped in New York politics, little is surprising about the recent turn of events, save perhaps how many people have publicly turned against the governor. The rough edges Cuomo once sold as an asset — “My natural instinct is to be aggressive,” he wrote in his last book — are now emerging as a liability.

“This is not just an aggressive politician. This is someone who has a narrative, and if you do not publicly agree with that narrative, he will threaten you,” said Monica Klein, a liberal activist who previously worked for New York Mayor Bill de Blasio (D), a fierce rival of the governor. “What that means is dissent is silenced.”

Aides to Cuomo have denied the sexual harassment allegation and defended his administration’s handling of nursing home data.

“New Yorkers know it was the Governor who worked night and day to get them through the worst of this pandemic and, from the strongest gun safety laws in the nation to a \$15 minimum wage and free college tuition, he has a nationally significant record of progressive accomplishments that Washington is trying to match,” Rich Azzopardi, a senior adviser to Cuomo, said in a statement.

But public dissent is now spreading through New York political circles — and notably within Cuomo’s own party — as a growing number of rising politicians calculate that they can succeed without the help of the governor’s machine. Assemblyman Ron Kim (D) of Queens, who has been critical of Cuomo’s handling of nursing home data, said the governor threatened to “destroy” him earlier this month if he did not retract his comments.

Cuomo’s advisers denied Kim’s description of the call, and Cuomo attacked the lawmaker personally, suggesting at a news conference that Kim had improperly raised money from small businesses in his district whose legislative priorities he supported.

Kim has denied any impropriety and repeated his account of the call from Cuomo during an appearance on ABC’s “The View.” Other Democrats,

including de Blasio, spoke up to defend Kim and condemn Cuomo's conduct.

"The bullying is nothing new," de Blasio said in an appearance last week on MSNBC.

Several people close to the governor described him as privately frustrated — and wanting to punch back against his critics — even as his team tries to tamp down stories about the various crises. A number of lawmakers, advocates and other political strategists in New York spoke on the condition of anonymity Thursday out of fear of Cuomo and because the full scope of the nursing home investigation and the extent of the sexual harassment allegations are unclear.

"The governor's reaction has elevated this into a national story. Ron Kim gets on 'The View' and on CNN, and it's self-inflicted," a person close to the governor said. "We have to get those kinds of people back on the fringes."

A second adviser in touch with a number of Cuomo administration officials said: "People feel like they are under siege from all sides. Who knows what's coming next?"

The governor sees the nursing home problem as more of a political one than a legal one, according to two advisers. And Cuomo remains in fairly strong standing among Democrats in recent polls, and no clear primary challenger has emerged to take him on.

"If the vaccine keeps getting out there, and the weather gets warm and people go outside, and businesses start opening up and people feel good about it, he will get credit, and his numbers will go up," said Josh Vlasto, his former chief of staff.

Still, that task has been complicated by the sexual harassment claims of a former aide, Lindsey Boylan, a Democratic candidate for Manhattan borough president, who alleges that Cuomo suggested a game of strip poker once when she flew with him on a plane and kissed her on the mouth on another occasion without consent. She also produced an email from another Cuomo aide documenting that the governor said she looked like the "better looking sister" of someone he was rumored to have dated.

A Cuomo spokeswoman said in a statement Wednesday that "Ms. Boylan's claims of inappropriate behavior are quite simply false."

Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas (D) of Queens has called for an independent investigation of the harassment claims. A group of former legislative staffers from Albany, who formed a working group to combat workplace harassment in politics, has echoed that call.

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, a leading Democrat in New York, called the sexual assault allegations "extraordinarily serious" and said in an interview with CBS on Thursday that they deserved to be investigated, along with the "nursing home situation that's unfolding."

The Democratic-led legislature is contemplating a removal of the broad emergency powers that Cuomo won at the start of the pandemic, after New York Attorney General Letitia James released a report last month that found the state had understated the nursing home deaths from covid-19 by nearly 50 percent. The state had previously not publicly accounted for the deaths of nursing home residents who were transferred to hospitals before dying, she reported.

A top aide to Cuomo, Melissa DeRosa, told state legislators this month that the full data had not been released after a request for it from the Justice Department and a fear that the Trump administration would politicize the numbers.

"Basically, we froze," said DeRosa, according to a transcript of her remarks to lawmakers.

Cuomo has privately defended DeRosa, who is viewed as his top aide and most fierce protector, and has told others she will remain in her job, according to two people close to Cuomo.

Steven M. Cohen, a former top aide and current ally, released a statement Thursday defending the Cuomo administration's handling of nursing homes amid the pandemic. He also defended the decision to not release the full mortality data out of concern that Trump would use it politically.

"Even a casual observer would be entitled to conclude that the motivation for the DOJ request was political and had all the hallmarks of 'a game of gotcha,'" Cohen wrote. He said the state had ultimately shared the requested information with the Justice Department.

The governor's advisers have said that the administration is cooperating with the federal investigation.

Cuomo had argued for months, including in his October book, that New York had performed better than 45 other states in its percentage of nursing home deaths — a claim that relied on numbers that Cuomo now admits were incomplete.

"I didn't hold back any information because I thought it was too difficult or frightening," Cuomo also wrote in his book, a claim that has now been called into question. "It's not my place to filter or edit the truth."

Those words could come back to haunt him in a reelection campaign. Several advisers said Cuomo was determined to write a book early in the pandemic, even as some expressed concern that cases would rise again this fall.

The governor said Feb. 15 that the delay in releasing the full nursing home death numbers had been "a mistake" that had created a "void" of public information.

In July, 72 percent approved of his handling of the pandemic, and that has dropped to 54 percent now, according to a Marist College poll this month. His overall approval rating has dropped to 49 percent, according to the poll. The polling was conducted before Boylan publicly detailed her sexual harassment claims against the governor.

The nursing home issue has clearly contributed to the drop, with 41 percent of New Yorkers in the poll saying he had done something unethical but not illegal in his handling of the issue. An additional 19 percent believed he had done something illegal.

"This is reverting back to his pre-pandemic numbers, back in the 40s, where he's been," said Lee Miringoff, who leads the college's polls. "His handling of the economy is right side up, his handling of the pandemic is right side up, and people still see him as a good leader. It's just the numbers have come precipitously down since his record numbers in July."

Cuomo remains in a relatively strong place inside the party, however, with about half of Democrats saying he deserves reelection and no clear primary rival. He has been moving to shore up support with African American leaders in Queens and Brooklyn, advisers said.

But the current damage-control effort is a far cry from the self-congratulatory tone Cuomo embraced last year. A poster his administration released in July — sold to voters for \$11.50 including shipping — cast the spring hospitalization curve as an island mountain festooned with his own inspirational and comforting quotes.

"Wake up America! Forget the Politics, Get Smart," he quoted himself saying at the top of the poster.

Last year, in awarding Cuomo a special Emmy for his daily press briefings, the International Academy of Television Arts & Sciences president, Bruce L. Paisner, said Cuomo's covid briefings "worked so well because he effectively created television shows, with characters, plotlines, and stories of success and failure."

Now that celebrity is turning against him. People magazine, which anointed him one of the sexiest men alive (over 50 category) in 2010, has been covering Boylan's claims. Even NBC's "Saturday Night Live" devoted its cold open on Saturday to mocking Cuomo's bullying behavior.

President Biden, who had previously praised Cuomo's handling of the pandemic, has been silent as scandals have enveloped the governor. White House press secretary Jen Psaki repeatedly declined to say in an interview Sunday whether Biden still considered Cuomo "the gold standard," as Biden once referred to him.

"I'm not here to give new labels or names from the president," Psaki said on ABC News's "This Week."

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by: Kevin Gfeller

(WETM) — New York Governor Andrew Cuomo was criticized on the latest episode of Saturday Night Live after the announcement that his administration is being investigated for the handling of data for COVID-19 nursing home deaths.

Actor Pete Davidson took on the role of Gov. Cuomo in the satirical cold open.

Chloe Fineman, who plays Britney Spears in the skit, asks Davidson what happened in the nursing homes.

“Some of the people who died in the nursing homes were not counted as nursing home deaths,” said Davidson. “They were counted as hospital deaths, which is basically what happens at Disneyworld. People die and they move the bodies. They say ‘Oh, Brenda died in the parking lot, not on the tea cups’. So, you know, we just did the Disney thing.”

Later in the show, during the Weekend Update, actor Michael Che piles on Gov. Cuomo.

“Researchers who are studying the remains of a woolly mammoth have uncovered the world’s oldest DNA sequence,” said Che. “In fact, it is so old, Andrew Cuomo is covering up its death.”

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Is the Cuomo administration considering relaxing the limits on crowd size to allow for such audiences? Is SNL mistaken when it suggests it will be permitted to have an audience? Is it possible Bills games will have attendance in October and beyond?

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Chicago Tribune: Are you a Cuomosexual? Politicians are our new celebrities during the pandemic

By Chris Jones

Celebrities are on lockdown. Matt Damon is stuck in Ireland. Pete Davidson now lives in his mom's basement. The Broadway star Adrienne Warren had to sing Tina Turner from her bathtub to get decent acoustics. ("Put some more hot water in," said Rosie O'Donnell, hosting an online show from her garage.)

But politicians are subject to few of these strictures. Pandemic or not, they have ample access to podiums, press agents, personal assistants and prime-time press conferences.

Even as Hollywood is stuck with virtual backdrops, quarantined assistants and screaming kids barely off camera, pols can travel to far-flung locations like Syracuse, New York, to appear in situ. They can even change their clothes on a semi-regular basis.

(And, with some risk, get their hair cut.)

Stars used to have fight for attention in a crowded public space. Our new politician-celebs have a captive audience. Mostly thanks to declarations they have made themselves.

Of course, we need these political leaders in a way few of us ever have really needed, say, more quality time Kim Kardashian or an "American Idol" alum or even Brad Pitt, an old-world celeb who at least was clever enough, on last weekend's "Saturday Night Live!" to glom on to the sparkling halo that surrounds Dr. Anthony Fauci.

Governors are glowing like flash bulbs. The press briefings of New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo are the highlights of many a prosaic lockdown day in the newly boring Gotham, with Twitter users gushing like teenagers waiting at the only kind of stage door still open, their brows sweaty with passion as the briefings begin.

Fans of all stripes are declaring themselves "Cuomosexuals," often posting themselves looking adoringly at Cuomo's craggy image. It's a term that Cuomo, no fool he, openly has embraced, albeit under the guise of public health and New Yorkers doing as he tells them to do. You even can buy Cuomosexual merch. 'Natch.

In California, the telegenic Gov. Gavin Newsom long has been a favorite of Hollywood studios and agencies, but would super-agent Ari Emanuel have returned the call of boring old Mike DeWine, the 72-year-old Republican governor of the State of Ohio?

Yet DeWine, widely admired for his handling of the crisis, has never been more popular than right now, receiving a glowing personal profile this week in the New York Times, no mean feat for a Republican governor of a Midwestern state. From Toledo to Cincinnati, DeWine's briefings are also highlights of the day, a signal to enjoy some "Wine with DeWine." Even DeWine's new puppy, Dolly, has been making news. (Hello Dolly!)

"The emotional connection is real," reported WKYC, a Cleveland TV station, somehow discerning a bonafide, open-hearted dog lover from a simple photo DeWine released on Twitter. Nothing fake here, Buckeyes!

Just to DeWine's south, meanwhile, the youthful Gov. Andy Beshear of Kentucky is offering bluegrass briefings known as "Afternoons with Andy," half a pandemic version of a fireside chat, half a session with a nouveau Mister Rogers.

Mayors are in on the celebrity action, too. In a shrewd act of self-parody, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot has embraced the creation of multiple memes and gifs. They all feature her famously stern self inserted into iconic Chicago images, declaring them off-limits and warning wavering citizens to stay home.

Or risk the wrath of a new-age Terminator with her muscles on the inside.

There was Lightfoot inside the Art Institute of Chicago's iconic Georges Seurat painting, declaring all Sundays in any Chicago park to be off-limits, whatever Georges might say. There she was, masked, atop the iconic Superdawg drive-in, along with the hot-dog characters on the roof. There she was in the window of some dumb dude's apartment, the very embodiment of conscience, moral duty and maternal fortitude. As is the case with Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker, Lightfoot has had access to far more national media than usual and her national profile has been rising apace, in part because she has figured out the public-health importance of revealing her humanity and sense of humor, allowing her to dispense orders with a velvet glove.

Back in Chicago, Lightfoot is also showing up on a new TV show on WTTW-Ch. 11, "Stay Home, Hit Play," leading young people on virtual tours of shuttered city museums like the Museum of Science and Industry, along with other cultural attractions. It's the kind of high-profile local gig that, pre-pandemic, would most likely have gone to one of the city's celebrated actors or filmmakers. But if you're not an essential worker going about your business, you're really not supposed to be photographed on the steps of the Shedd Aquarium. Lightfoot, however, can meet the penguins or go wherever she wants. With mayoral impunity. And a mission to achieve.

Is there a downside to the rise of the celebrity pol? There is a danger of swelled heads. President Donald J. Trump, whose long-standing obsessions with popularity and ratings have often undermined his ability to impart serious messages, stands as a cautionary tale. Close viewers of Cuomo's briefings — are there any other kind? — may have noticed more time of late devoted to gubernatorial opinion and speculative personal observation at the expense of the articulation of official policy. Since this crisis demands complex decision-making with few absolute certainties in the offing, the imperatives of popularity might well vector away from sound policymaking, as situations change.

And don't want our leaders to be thinking too much about their place in history, at least not at the expense of the decisions made in the present. Nor do we want them wondering who will play them in the COVID-19 movies and series that will explode once all of this is over.

Minor worries, though. This is a time for smart, serious people to take the spotlight: the spring of 2020 is a glorious season for policy wonks, data nerds and medical gurus and the best of them deserve these refreshing rays of sunlight.

So do we all. So do we all.

Eventually, of course, the formerly famous will climb back out of their basements, open their Malibu doors, blink in the sunlight, and take some deep breaths.

They'll glimpse out at whatever brave new world might exist out there, and call their agents to try and figure out where they now stand in this great re-ordering of American priorities.

And maybe, just maybe — once they negotiated Cuomo's movie deal and DeWine's autobiography — that agent will say, "Oh yes, I think I remember you."

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By Michael Paulson

A group of eight small theaters and comedy clubs in New York City has filed a lawsuit challenging the closing of their venues during the coronavirus pandemic.

The lawsuit, filed Friday in Federal District Court in Manhattan, argues that the orders shutting down theaters “shock the conscience and interfere with plaintiffs’ deeply-rooted liberty and property rights, including the right to work, right to contract, and right to engage in commerce.”

The theaters filing suit include the Theater Center, the Players Theater, Actors Temple Theater, SoHo Playhouse, the Gene Frankel Theater, the Triad, Broadway Comedy Club and New York Comedy Club, all of which are in Manhattan and have 199 seats or fewer, and most of which are commercial operations. They sued Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo and Mayor Bill de Blasio.

In the lawsuit, the theaters argue that pandemic restrictions have been enforced arbitrarily, noting that bowling alleys, casinos, catering halls, gyms and shopping malls have been allowed to reopen, as have schools, colleges and “Saturday Night Live.” They ask a court to overturn the executive orders barring theaters from holding performances.

The lawsuit was put together by Catherine Russell, an actor who is the general manager of the Theater Center, which has already installed an improved air filtration system in hopes of reopening to masked, socially distanced, temperature-tested audiences. She said she was inspired by reading about the production of “Godspell” at the Berkshire Theater Group and decided to pull together a group of theaters to press for an easing of restrictions in New York.

“Small theaters are much more capable of doing this safely, and if people walk into our theaters and feel safe and protected, they’ll be more likely to see ‘Hamilton’ or ‘Six’ next summer,” Russell said in an interview. “Also, people need to go back to work. We were closed with restaurants and bars, but they’ve been open for a while, and it’s actually safer to be in a theater because you keep your mask on.”

Some of the venues present their own programming and some rent their spaces to other producers; at the time of the shutdown the Theater Center had a long running production of “Perfect Crime,” starring Russell, as well as “The Office! A Musical Parody.”

One-person shows are typical fare at the SoHo Playhouse, including Phoebe Waller-Bridge in “Fleabag” in 2019 and Drew Droege in “Happy Birthday Doug,” which had its run cut short this spring by the pandemic.

Other businesses and organizations have tried to challenge New York’s pandemic protocols, including the Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn, bars, restaurants, gyms and strip clubs. In several of the cases, the plaintiffs were represented by James G. Mermigis, the lawyer who is now representing the theaters.

“We get sued virtually every day for virtually every action taken during this pandemic, and frankly I’ve lost track of all the frivolous suits filed against us,” said Richard Azzopardi, a senior adviser to the governor. “We are moving heaven and earth to contain this virus and we know some people are unhappy, but New York continues to have one of the lowest infection rates in the nation, and better to be unhappy than sick or worse.”

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By Dave Quinn

Tina Fey was brought to tears over the generosity of Americans who reached out to help New Yorkers affected by the coronavirus pandemic on Monday night.

The Emmy winner and Saturday Night Live alum, 49, was hosting Rise Up New York! The Robin Hood Relief Benefit — a star-studded virtual telethon raising money for the city's leading poverty-fighting organization — when she got emotional while reading the final tally.

"Is this real?" she asked producers, seeing the number for the first time. "Okay. \$115 million. We did this. You did this. We are difference makers. \$115 million! What a great day for New York."

"Thank you, for everyone, who gave and gave and gave, all over the world," Fey said, holding back tears. "There's so much more to do. Please visit robinhood.org. Donate. Share it. Tell your friends. Please. Let's keep this going. Robin Hood's site will say open after this telethon is over because this battle is far from over. Thank you."

Fey, who hosted the relief benefit from her old stomping grounds of 30 Rockefeller Center, was accompanied by A-listers like Jennifer Lopez, Robert De Niro, Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker, Matthew Broderick, Chris Rock, Jake Gyllenhaal, Sutton Foster, Rosie Perez, Jimmy Fallon, Salt-N-Pepa, Fab 5 Freddy, Trevor Noah, Danny Meyer, David Chang and Beastie Boys rappers Mike D and Ad-Rock.

"COVID-19 has been an unprecedented global event, but no place has been hit harder than New York," Fey explained. "Hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers are out of work and 2 million of our neighbors are now going hungry. We're going to honor this incredible city and show how we can rise up and help our neighbors in need."

Lopez chimed in, "New York, I know your strength. We're going to get through this, but we need to make sure we take care of all our neighbors, including our children."

"Our city is under attack, but we've been here before," added De Niro. "In the last 20 years, both 9/11 and Hurricane Sandy. You can take your best shot but you cannot break our spirit."

The special had already raised \$1.5 million since it was announced in March and the additional \$113.5 million came in as a result of the benefit special.

The event also featured some A-list performances. Mariah Carey kicked things off by singing her 1992 hit, "Make It Happen," after assuring those in her native state, "We can make it through this together."

Sting took on The Police's 1979 hit, "Message in a Bottle," while Jon Bon Jovi performed his band's 2000 tune, "It's My Life." Students from Staten Island's PS22 Chorus also gave an emotional rendition of Andra Day's "Rise Up," while Alicia Keys sang her new single, "Good Job."

Barbra Streisand, Audra McDonald and Patti LuPone led a tribute to Broadway, which LuPone theorized would likely be the last industry in the city to come back.

Their words introduced a performance of the Kander and Ebb classic "New York, New York" — the anthem made popular by Liza Minelli (and later, Frank Sinatra). This time, theater stars Lin-Manuel Miranda, Andrew Rannells, Cynthia Erivo, Karen Olivo, Ben Platt and Christopher Jackson covered the hit.

Spike Lee spoke optimistically about the return of sports, while New York Giants greats Eli Manning, Michael Strahan, Justin Tuck and Phil Simms announced a sweepstakes that would allow one fan to get a Super Bowl ring and play a game of touch football with an NFL star of their choosing in their own backyard.

Stories of courageous frontline workers and those affected by the crisis were told throughout the benefit and Mayor Bill de Blasio, Governor Andrew Cuomo, along with former mayor Michael Bloomberg also made appearances.

The evening ended with Billie Joel performing a touching tribute to the Big Apple with his song "Miami 2017." The performance featured a corresponding light show on the Empire State Building.

All donations from the virtual telethon, which was broadcast across multiple networks and iHeartMedia radio channels, will go to Robin Hood's efforts to provide food, shelter, mental health, education, financial and legal services to those in need.

As for Tuesday morning, more than 1,354,300 people in the United States have been infected with the coronavirus and at least 80,600 have died, according to a New York Times database.

In New York City alone, there have been at least 190,546 cases and 19,563 deaths.

To donate to Robin Hood, visit robinhood.org.

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Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 8:04 AM
To: Press Office
Subject: RE: The Met Museum Press Office: Mask Campaign

Good morning,

Given the Governor's latest updates in regards to normalizing masks, following up on the below. As an update, we've asked other prominent and pop culture figures to help us spread the campaign and SNL actress Heidi Gardner was first to participate and the post went live yesterday.
<https://www.instagram.com/p/CAvclYUF-6/>

As one of the largest cultural attractions in the world, and with such a wide reach, we hope to continue to echo the Governor's message to normalize the use of masks.

Would the Governor's social media/press office be interested in collaborating for a similar post?

All best,
Miki

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Subject: The Met Museum Press Office: Mask Campaign

Good afternoon,

Reaching out from the press and social media office of The Metropolitan Museum of Art. Last week, the Museum launched a campaign to decorate masks in the hopes of normalizing the use of masks, and especially in museums as they begin to reopen throughout the country and world. It was received positively [on social](#) and in [the press](#).

During the last address Gov. Cuomo advised to "decorate your masks" So to amplify this message, we are wondering if Gov. Cuomo would be willing to send us an image of a decorated mask (wearing or not) inspired by The Met Collection (which you can find online here). We would then share it to our audience of 10+ million along with messaging about the importance of wearing masks as we did in our original post:
<https://www.instagram.com/p/CAbWmLQI7AS/>.

If possible, **kindly let us know this week** as we prepare to push another post about this campaign. As an FYI, we cleared this campaign with the CDC press office before launching to ensure its safety.

Please reach out with any questions. Reachable any time at the phone number below.

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Subject : la guardia-snl

In case you missed, SNL mocked LaGuardia Airport with a tribute to all things Broadway and a section on de Blasio in the middle.

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By [DENIS SLATTERY](#)

ALBANY — Vito Bruno, a former nightclub owner who campaigned against bail and criminal justice reforms, emerged with a narrow margin over Sen. Andrew Gounardes on Wednesday as Republicans celebrated Election Day leads across the state. Bruno's lead over Gounardes in the Brooklyn race was roughly 6,757 votes following in-person voting, but the tally from the state Board of Elections does not include absentee ballots cast by those who chose to avoid the polls amid the coronavirus crisis. Gounardes, a Democrat who replaced longtime Republican senator Marty Golden in 2018 as part of a blue wave that swept over Albany, said he's confident Bruno's lead will evaporate once all the votes are tallied.

"There are several thousand in-person votes which have not been reported, nearly 13,000 mail-in ballots which have been returned already, plus additional mail-in ballots which have not been processed or received," he said in a statement. "The outcome of this election will hinge on these votes, and I am confident that once these votes are counted, we will prevail."

The Brooklyn contest was a rare competitive Senate race in the five boroughs as Dems eyed a super-majority in the State Senate. That dream appeared to be dashed based on unofficial Election Day results, but thousands of mail-in ballots still need to be counted.

Final results in many state races may not be known for weeks.

Bruno, a music industry insider with a colorful past got his start at 2001 Odyssey, the Brooklyn club made famous in "Saturday Night Fever." He first tried his hand at politics in 2017 with an unsuccessful bid for Brooklyn Borough President.

His campaign this year echoed the message Republicans blasted statewide, slamming Dems over changes to bail laws and criminal justice reforms they say have led to spikes in crime and arguing that the Legislature has lurched too far to the left.

Gounardes' campaign painted Bruno as a hypocrite for past statements about paying off cops and other nefarious dealings when he was running illegal dance parties across the city.

In 1983, Bruno implied in an interview with the New York Times that he gave large sums of cash to cops at Christmas to turn a blind eye to his illicit activities. In a book about actor John Belushi, journalist Bob Woodward notes that Bruno told him he "would get drugs" for the Saturday Night Live star.

The bitter battle culminated in a potential upset as Republicans looked to regain ground lost in 2018 and seats left open upstate in the wake of a rash of GOP retirements last year.

Several other first-term and incumbent Democrats in the Hudson Valley and on Long Island trailed Republican challengers following Tuesday's vote.

Sen. Jen Metzger (D-Catskills) issued a statement similar to Gounardes' call for patience after challenger Mike Martucci took an Election Day lead over the sitting senator.

Metzger issued a statement shortly before midnight saying that about 25,000 absentee ballots had been cast, mostly by Democratic voters.

"We expect the process of counting absentees to be an orderly process that will take several weeks, and we will patiently await the final results," she said. "I hope to have the opportunity to continue to fight for the communities I represent."

Martucci, the former owner of a school bus company, declared victory outright.

“The voters have spoken, and they have embraced my Families First agenda that is rooted in public safety and investing in our district instead of pouring endless resources into New York City,” he said in a statement. “The voters responded and they overwhelmingly rejected the policies pursued and championed by Senator Metzger such as bail elimination, single-payer healthcare, high taxes and ruinous regulations.”

Several Long Island races remain too close to call without absentee ballots being counted, but Republicans pulled ahead in several spots.

Republican Alexis Weik led Sen. Monica Martinez (D-Suffolk) by roughly 8,000 votes, according to the state BOE. The seat was long a Republican stronghold before Martinez’s 2018 win.

Incumbent Sens. Jim Gaughran and Kevin Thomas, who represent parts of Suffolk and Nassau respectively, are also both trailing Republican challengers. A large number of absentee ballots remain outstanding in all three races.

Dems, who entered Election Day with a 40-seat conference in the 63 seat chamber, did make some gains upstate, grabbing a pair of Rochester-area seats formerly held by the GOP and looked likely to win a Buffalo seat as well. The wins were not enough to give the party the super-majority they have been eyeing since taking over the chamber two years ago.

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By PETER SBLENDORIO

One of New York's most prominent actors would want to portray Gov. Cuomo if he were to do a coronavirus movie.

Robert De Niro appeared on the virtual Late Show on Wednesday and, when he was asked by host Stephen Colbert who he'd like to play in a film about the pandemic, the actor selected Cuomo.

He's doing what a president should do, De Niro said.

De Niro, 76, said he could envision Cuomo in the Oval Office in real life, but voiced his support for Joe Biden in the 2020 presidential race.

The Irishman star was also critical of President Trump's handling of the response to the COVID-19 outbreak, calling him an idiot.

There were many, many warnings, and we're all paying for it now, De Niro said. It would've been bad, maybe, in some ways, but never like this.

De Niro laughed when Colbert said the role of Dr. Anthony Fauci was already taken by Brad Pitt.

Pitt memorably portrayed the infectious diseases expert on Saturday Night Live last month after Fauci joked with CNN about the actor potentially impersonating him.

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NYDN: SEE IT: Gov. Cuomo approves of Robert De Niro playing him, gives his best Taxi Driver impression

By BRIAN NIEMIETZ

Gov. Cuomo is down with Robert De Niro portraying him in a movie about the coronavirus pandemic, should there be one, and he also took a moment to play the role of the Manhattan-born actor.

The governor appeared on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" Thursday where the host told him the show's previous night's guest, De Niro, said he'd want to portray Cuomo, whose pandemic response has gotten good reviews.

De Niro? I am a big De Niro fan. He is just phenomenal, Cuomo said of his fellow New Yorker.

The governor, 62, praised the 72-year-old Oscar winner's extensive body of work as well as his range. He then made an attempt to recreate De Niro's famously frightening monologue from "Taxi Driver" in 1976.

I'm going to do "Taxi Driver," the next press conference when a reporter asks me a question, he said. 'You talkin' to me? You talkin' to me?' Oh boy, that would be a treat.

Cuomo, earlier in the interview, seemed to take issue with Colbert mentioning that Brad Pitt would play pandemic expert Anthony Fauci if a movie were made about the coronavirus crisis, which has claimed more American lives than the war in Vietnam and seen rabid right-wing activists bringing assault rifles to state capitols to protest safety measures being taken to contain the pandemic. Security around Fauci was reportedly stepped-up last month as the medical expert became increasingly unpopular among pandemic skeptics.

How do we get (from) Brad Pitt to Fauci? Cuomo demanded. How do you see that?

Colbert explained that Fauci said he'd like to see Pitt play him if a film were made about the pandemic and Pitt responded by playing the 79-year-old Brooklyn native in a "Saturday Night Live" skit. Cuomo then accepted that casting decision.

President Trump has not said who would play him in such a production, though he once posted a Twitter photo of his head on Sylvester Stallone's body. Alec Baldwin's "Saturday Night Live" impression of the president has been a big hit with comedy audiences, but not with Trump.

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NYP: Andrew Cuomo says Robert De Niro could play him in a movie

By Eileen Reslen

Gov. Andrew Cuomo was flattered to hear that his pal Robert De Niro would be willing to play him if a movie is made about the coronavirus pandemic.

“I am a big De Niro fan,” Cuomo, 62, said on *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*. “He is just phenomenal. The breadth of his ability just look at all the roles he’s played. He can do anything.”

Earlier in the week, De Niro, 76, said he’d be up to play Cuomo.

During his appearance on *The Late Show*, the governor also joked that he would like to take inspiration from one of De Niro’s most famous roles — Travis Bickle in *Taxi Driver* — at his next press conference.

“When a reporter asks me a question — ‘You talkin’ to me? You, talkin’ to me?!’” he said with a laugh. “Oh boy, that’d be a treat. I’m a big De Niro fan. He’s a genius.”

Colbert also pointed out to Cuomo that Brad Pitt is already up for the part of Dr. Anthony Fauci in a potential film — since the medical expert threw the idea out there and Pitt then played him on *Saturday Night Live*.

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NYP: Gov. Cuomo unveils gleaming new arrivals terminal at LaGuardia Airport

By David Meyer and Natalie Musumeci

From ♦third world♦ to state of the art.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo on Wednesday unveiled the newly opened arrivals and departures terminal at LaGuardia Airport during his daily coronavirus briefing.

♦LaGuardia Airport is going to be the first new airport in the United States of America in 25 years,♦ a beaming Cuomo told reporters alongside Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Executive Director Rick Cotton while seated in the new terminal.

♦This is not just a new airport. This is, build a new airport while you are operating the old airport,♦ the governor said. ♦This is, renovate your home while you♦re living in the home.♦

The new Terminal B Arrivals and Departures Hall is now officially open and will have its first flights go out on Saturday.

The new terminal ♦ which is part of a large-scale \$8 billion redevelopment of the northern Queens airport ♦ is 50 percent bigger than the old terminal it replaces.

The terminal features ♦extensive new concessions,♦ which are mostly ♦iconic local concessions,♦ said Cotton, adding that it doubles ♦the offering available in the facility.♦

Cotton called the completion of the spacious, four-story terminal ♦a major milestone.♦

♦Every single legacy passenger building torn down, with the exception of the landmarked Marine Air Terminal,♦ Cotton said.

♦In their place, a new state-of-the-art airport worthy of New York, with a wholly new roadway network. ♦ LaGuardia will be the first new airport in the country in more than 25 years.♦

LaGuardia♦s ongoing transformation makes it go ♦From worst airport in the country to the best. From appalling substandard to 21st Century best-in-class. From the laughingstock on ♦Saturday Night Live♦ skits to bringing into reality the extraordinary vision of Gov. Cuomo to have a world-class airport worthy of New York,♦ said Cotton.

Cuomo said the renovation was needed ♦30 years ago♦ as he described what La Guardia was as ♦an embarrassment.♦

♦We needed this. We needed this today. We needed to see light at the end of a tunnel. We needed to see New York shine,♦ Cuomo said of the overhaul before a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

In 2014, then-Vice President Joe Biden infamously said that LaGuardia Airport was something out of a ♦Third World country.♦

Cotton referred to Biden♦s remarks during the press briefing.

♦This spacious 840,000-square-foot, four-story facility, paired with a new network of access roadways, will provide travelers with a 21st-century airport experience ♦ a far cry from Joe Biden♦s famous condemnation of La Guardia as ♦Third World,♦ Cotton said.

Reconstruction on the airport began four years ago and is slated to be completed in 1.5 years.

Meanwhile, during the press conference, Cuomo said that the state♦s phased reopening from its coronavirus-induced slumber should be viewed as an opportunity to ♦stimulate the economy.♦

♦Let♦s not just reopen, but have an affirmative strategy that energizes the reopening,♦ Cuomo said, adding, ♦Now is the time to do large scale development projects.♦

♦Our goal is not to just reopen. Our goal is to stimulate the economy. Regrow better than before,♦ the governor said.

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People: Tina Fey Tears Up as Telethon Raises \$115M for New Yorkers Affected by COVID-19: 'Is This Real?'

By Dave Quinn

Tina Fey was brought to tears over the generosity of Americans who reached out to help New Yorkers affected by the coronavirus pandemic on Monday night.

The Emmy winner and Saturday Night Live alum, 49, was hosting Rise Up New York! The Robin Hood Relief Benefit a star-studded virtual telethon raising money for the city's leading poverty-fighting organization when she got emotional while reading the final tally.

"Is this real?" she asked producers, seeing the number for the first time. "Okay. \$115 million. We did this. You did this. We are difference makers. \$115 million! What a great day for New York."

"Thank you, for everyone, who gave and gave and gave, all over the world," Fey said, holding back tears. "There's so much more to do. Please visit robinhood.org. Donate. Share it. Tell your friends. Please. Let's keep this going. Robin Hood's site will say open after this telethon is over because this battle is far from over. Thank you."

Fey, who hosted the relief benefit from her old stomping grounds of 30 Rockefeller Center, was accompanied by A-listers like Jennifer Lopez, Robert De Niro, Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker, Matthew Broderick, Chris Rock, Jake Gyllenhaal, Sutton Foster, Rosie Perez, Jimmy Fallon, Salt-N-Pepa, Fab 5 Freddy, Trevor Noah, Danny Meyer, David Chang and Beastie Boys rappers Mike D and Ad-Rock.

"COVID-19 has been an unprecedented global event, but no place has been hit harder than New York," Fey explained. "Hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers are out of work and 2 million of our neighbors are now going hungry. We're going to honor this incredible city and show how we can rise up and help our neighbors in need."

Lopez chimed in, "New York, I know your strength. We're going to get through this, but we need to make sure we take care of all our neighbors, including our children."

"Our city is under attack, but we've been here before," added De Niro. "In the last 20 years, both 9/11 and Hurricane Sandy. You can take your best shot but you cannot break our spirit."

The special had already raised \$1.5 million since it was announced in March and the additional \$113.5 million came in as a result of the benefit special.

The event also featured some A-list performances. Mariah Carey kicked things off by singing her 1992 hit, "Make It Happen," after assuring those in her native state, "We can make it through this together."

Sting took on The Police's 1979 hit, "Message in a Bottle," while Jon Bon Jovi performed his band's 2000 tune, "It's My Life." Students from Staten Island's PS22 Chorus also gave an emotional rendition of Andra Day's "Rise Up," while Alicia Keys sang her new single, "Good Job."

Barbra Streisand, Audra McDonald and Patti LuPone led a tribute to Broadway, which LuPone theorized would likely be the last industry in the city to come back.

Their words introduced a performance of the Kander and Ebb classic "New York, New York" the anthem made popular by Liza Minelli (and later, Frank Sinatra). This time, theater stars Lin-Manuel Miranda, Andrew Rannells, Cynthia Erivo, Karen Olivo, Ben Platt and Christopher Jackson covered the hit.

Spike Lee spoke optimistically about the return of sports, while New York Giants greats Eli Manning, Michael Strahan, Justin Tuck and Phil Simms announced a sweepstakes that would allow one fan to get a Super Bowl ring and play a game of touch football with an NFL star of their choosing in their own backyard.

Stories of courageous frontline workers and those affected by the crisis were told throughout the benefit and Mayor Bill de Blasio, Governor Andrew Cuomo, along with former mayor Michael Bloomberg also made appearances.

The evening ended with Billie Joel performing a touching tribute to the Big Apple with his song "Miami 2017." The performance featured a corresponding light show on the Empire State Building.

All donations from the virtual telethon, which was broadcast across multiple networks and iHeartMedia radio channels, will go to Robin Hood's efforts to provide food, shelter, mental health, education, financial and legal services to those in need.

As for Tuesday morning, more than 1,354,300 people in the United States have been infected with the coronavirus and at least 80,600 have died, according to a New York Times database.

In New York City alone, there have been at least 190,546 cases and 19,563 deaths.

To donate to Robin Hood, visit robinhood.org.

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Post-Standard: Who should play Andrew Cuomo in a movie? NY governor approves of this genius actor

By Geoff Herbert

Hollywood is shut down during the coronavirus pandemic, but eventually someone will make a movie about the coronavirus pandemic. Who would play Gov. Andrew Cuomo?

The New York governor appeared on The Late Show Thursday night with Stephen Colbert to discuss the state's COVID-19 response and late-night hosts who are desperate to get in front of an audience again. Colbert, who's been broadcasting from his home for weeks, said that Robert De Niro was on the CBS show Wednesday and the actor said he'd like to play Cuomo if (and when) the COVID-19 crisis gets adapted into a film.

De Niro, I am a big De Niro fan, Cuomo told Colbert. He is just phenomenal. The breadth of his ability, I mean, just look at all the roles he's played. He can do anything, right? Deer Hunter, Cape Fear, he can do comedy ... how about Taxi Driver?

Cuomo even offered to recreate a famous scene from De Niro's Oscar-nominated performance as Travis Bickle in 1976.

I'm going to do Taxi Driver. The next press conference, when a reporter asks me a question: You talkin' to me? You talkin' to me? Oh, boy, that'd be a treat. I'm a big De Niro fan. He's a genius.

Cuomo, 62, was previously portrayed by The Sopranos actor Michael Imperioli in Ben Stiller's Showtime series Escape at Dannemora.

De Niro, 76, is a born-and-raised New Yorker like Cuomo and has experience playing real-life figures, including Jake La Motta in Raging bull, former FBI director Robert Mueller on Saturday Night Live, and mobster Frank Sheeran in The Irishman. On Wednesday, De Niro said that he's supporting Joe Biden in the 2020 race but hopes to see Cuomo in the White House someday.

He's doing what a president should do, De Niro said of Cuomo's coronavirus response. "He's doing a great job.

Colbert also asked about Cuomo's newfound popularity with women and his brother Chris Cuomo's recent angry haircut from the CNN host's wife, plus more serious issues like the Empire State's \$13 billion deficit and efforts to get Congress to help states in its next relief package.

If you want to get the economy back running, you have to fund states, Gov. Andrew Cuomo said. The federal legislations (help) small businesses, airlines, et cetera. The states fund police, fire, schools, teachers so you have to fund the states. The bailout argument is just nonsensical. If you look at who pays the bills in this country, who contributes more money New York contributes more money to the federal government every year than it gets back. We, in essence, have been subsidizing the federal government and other states to the tune of billions of dollars. We put in about \$30 billion more every year than we get back. So if anything, New York has been bailing out the nation for many, many years.

But look, this is not a Democratic or Republican issue. It's just not. The virus does not discriminate ... It's not a red state-blue state issue. It's a national issue. It is a red, white and blue issue.

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Hi Rich and Jill,

Wasn't sure if this was a Chamber question or a DOH question.

Saturday Night Live said yesterday it will "work with Gov. Cuomo's office" to have a limited studio audience for its shows next month. The Buffalo Bills, meanwhile, have been pushing to have some sort of crowd for their games in October and beyond.

Is the Cuomo administration considering relaxing the limits on crowd size to allow for such audiences? Is SNL mistaken when it suggests it will be permitted to have an audience? Is it possible Bills games will have attendance in October and beyond?

Thanks,

Jon Campbell

State government reporter, New York

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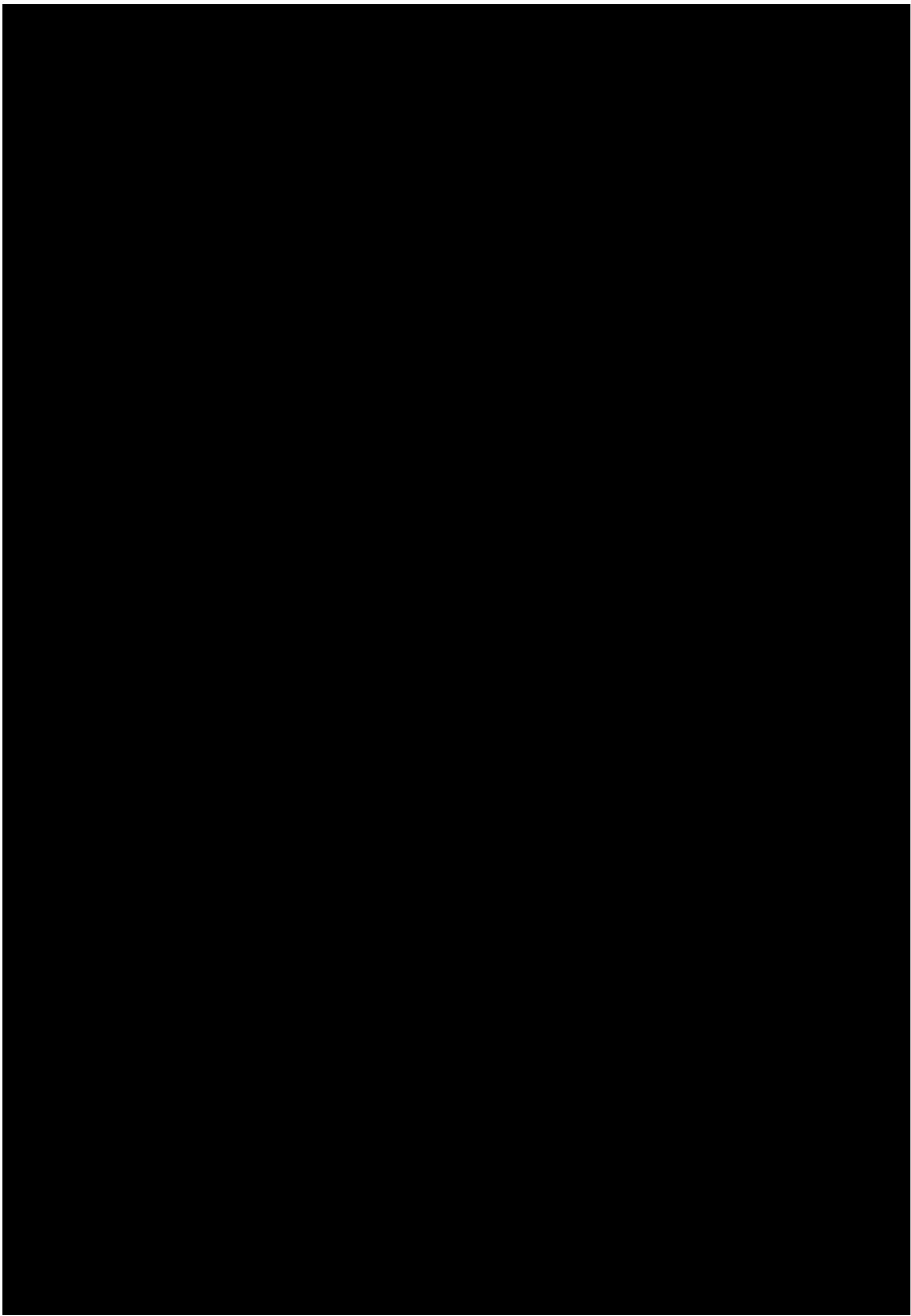
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Hi,

Wanted to reach out to the DOH regarding NBC and SNL getting around the state's COVID restrictions by paying audience members to attend Saturday night's show.

Can you confirm that the audience was paid \$150? Do you know how many were in attendance? Any other comment?

I'm on immediate deadline and can also be reached at [REDACTED]

Thanks.

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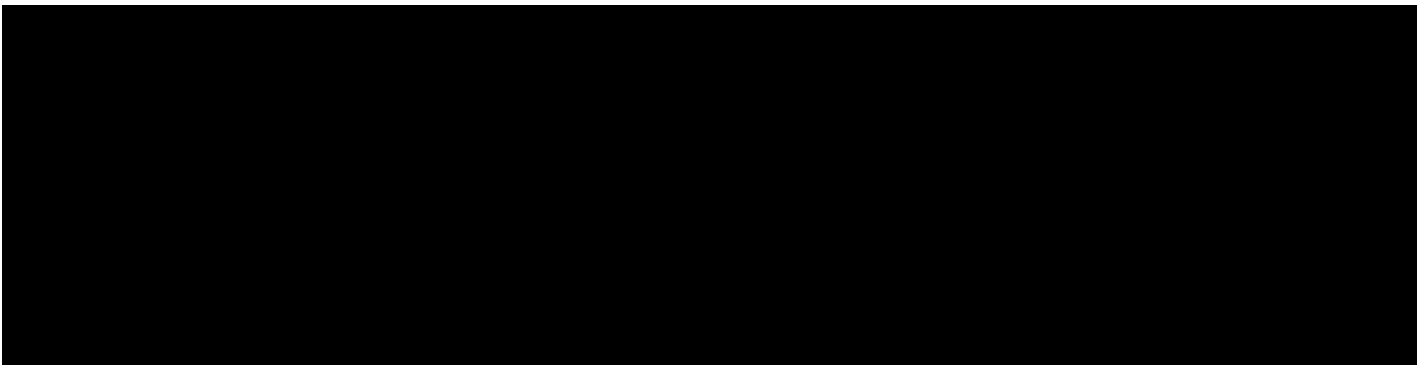
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USA Today: Robert De Niro as Andrew Cuomo in a pandemic movie? Cuomo approves: 'I am a big fan'

Rasha Ali

If there's a movie about the coronavirus pandemic, Robert De Niro has already called dibs on playing New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

During a virtual appearance on Wednesday's "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert," the late night host asked De Niro who he'd like to play. Colbert reminded the actor he couldn't pick Dr. Anthony Fauci because he was already taken by Brad Pitt, who played the infectious disease expert on a recent episode of "SNL."

"I guess I'll play Cuomo," De Niro said. "He's doing what a president should do."

Since the coronavirus pandemic hit the United States, President Donald Trump and Cuomo have taken turns praising and attacking each other over their responses on issues like testing; production of ventilators; and supplies of masks, gloves and other personal protective equipment. Cuomo, whose response to the pandemic in hot spot New York has been closely watched, has at times argued the federal government must do far more, and at other times has thanked Trump for the administration's effort.

Colbert's Thursday guest happened to be Gov. Cuomo, who first was interested in learning how Fauci got Brad Pitt to play him, but eventually was quite elated with De Niro's desired future casting.

"I am a big De Niro fan. He is just phenomenal. The breadth of his ability, I mean just look at all the roles he's played; he can do anything," Cuomo said.

The New York governor went on to say he would channel De Niro from "Taxi Driver" during his next press conference.

"The next press conference when a reporter asks me a question: 'You talkin' to me?'" Cuomo joked about De Niro's oft-quoted line.

Colbert and De Niro also discussed the possibility of Cuomo running for president.

"I'm for (presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Joe) Biden, and I want everything to go well with Biden, but at least we have a person who's a very capable backup if you will. Not vice president, but if something would change, which God forbid nothing will change, he's doing a great job," De Niro said. "He's doing what any president should do."

The "Irishman" went on to criticize Donald Trump saying although we'll get through the coronavirus pandemic, the president could've handled it better.

"We, of course, could've survived this much better if the idiot had done the right thing and listened and heeded the warnings. There were many, many warnings, and we're all paying for it now. It would've been bad maybe in some ways, but never like this," De Niro said.

As of Friday, there are 1,256,972 confirmed cases of coronavirus in the United States, the highest in the world, according to data from Johns Hopkins University.

De Niro continued his criticism of Trump, noting that he's confused as to why no one is standing up to him.

"What's scarier about it all is that the Republicans and his enablers around him are not doing anything. They're around a crazy person and they don't do anything. They are not standing up to him," De Niro said. "As an actor I watch this and I say, 'this is like Shakespeare.' Nobody has the balls to stand up to this guy."

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WaPo: Trump's May days: A month of distractions and grievances as nation marks bleak coronavirus milestone

By Robert Costa, Philip Rucker, Yasmeen Abutaleb and Josh Dawsey

As the U.S. death toll from the coronavirus pandemic climbed toward the bleak milestone of 100,000 and nearly one-sixth of the nation's workers were unemployed, President Trump's mind on May 18 was elsewhere. He welcomed two of his 2016 political soldiers, Corey Lewandowski and David Bossie, to the White House for a nostalgia tour reminiscing about how he had vanquished Hillary Clinton.

When Trump did address public health issues that day, he alarmed officials by revealing that he had been taking the antimalarial drug hydroxychloroquine as a prophylactic — despite his own administration's warning that doing so could cause severe heart problems.

A day later, when Trump journeyed to the Capitol for the first time during the pandemic, he again allowed his personal concerns to eclipse the crisis engulfing the nation. Over lunch with Republican senators, Trump complained about "criminal" Democrats who had "unmasked my children." He accused his political opponents of "treason." He implored his party to "stick together" and "be tough." And he turned the floor over to his new White House press secretary, Kayleigh McEnany, to deliver a campaign polling presentation aimed at persuading the lawmakers that the president was more popular than public surveys had indicated.

To some of the senators, Trump seemed obsessed not with saving lives but with appearing politically strong. Several privately concluded he was incapable of meeting the moment. But resigned to their belief that his conduct could not be changed, they did not share their unease with Trump or with the public. The following week, the number of dead passed 100,000 and the number of Americans filing for jobless claims went past 40 million.

Those two days in May encapsulate how Trump spent the fifth month of the coronavirus crisis: increasingly shaken by a pandemic he could not control; offering no more than fleeting expressions of grief or empathy; quick to assign blame to others; enraged by grievances and feuds; dismissive of health guidelines; and concerned, above all, about his diminished reelection prospects.

Facing in the virus an enemy he could not tweet into submission, Trump was desperate to change the subject. He fomented distractions by advancing baseless charges, from his "Obamagate" claim of a conspiracy by former president Barack Obama and others to sabotage his presidency to unproven allegations of widespread voter fraud from mail-in ballots to reviving a debunked accusation about the death of a former staffer to then-congressman Joe Scarborough.

And by month's end, Trump stoked racial tensions over the death of George Floyd in police custody in Minneapolis by tweeting comments so incendiary that Twitter flagged them as violating the platform's rule against glorifying violence.

"He's been over coronavirus for a long time," said one veteran Trump adviser who described the president as focused instead on his desire to have "a fistfight" with former vice president Joe Biden, his presumptive Democratic opponent.

This story documenting Trump's month of diversion is based on interviews with 57 administration officials, outside advisers and experts with detailed knowledge of the White House's handling of the pandemic. Many of them spoke on the condition of anonymity to recount internal discussions or share candid assessments without risk of retribution.

White House officials defended Trump's leadership, pointing to the expansion of testing, progress in vaccine development, and procurement of ventilators, protective equipment and other needed supplies.

"This great country has been faced with an unprecedented crisis," White House spokesman Hogan Gidley said in a statement. "And while the Democrats, do-nothing pundits, and the media shamelessly try and destroy this President with a coordinated, relentless, biased political assault, President Trump has focused in on the pandemic and risen to fight it head-on by taking aggressive historic action to protect the health and well-being of the American people."

Trump allies also noted that the average number of daily deaths from the coronavirus plateaued and began to fall during the month, providing further evidence that the administration's mitigation efforts were effective.

But critics inside and outside the government see May as another lost month in the administration's attempts to contain the coronavirus. Trump grew more adrift than ever from governors and health officials, and was defiant and flippant as he encouraged Americans to resume normal routines, even when doing so violated his own administration's public safety guidelines. He stoked a still-simmering culture war by refusing to wear a face mask in front of cameras, and mocked those who did for being politically correct.

Meanwhile, officials at the state and federal level kept warning of more outbreaks in areas with relaxed guidelines and of a possible fall surge that could lead tens of thousands more Americans to die. Cash-strapped states have strained to build effective contact tracing and testing systems to keep pace with businesses reopening, and to prepare for a second wave. Trump's claim of a vaccine coming at "warp speed" remains by all accounts an ambition rather than a reality.

Trump's shifting approach in May had tangible consequences. The White House's coronavirus task force, which Trump toyed with

disbanding in early May, is now mostly idle and has scaled back meetings to once a week. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention became increasingly isolated from the rest of the government, trashed privately by the president and ostracized by the White House. The government's top infectious-disease expert, Anthony S. Fauci, was largely kept out of the spotlight.

Despite leading other countries in total tests, the United States is still far short of the minimum of 1 million tests per day that experts say is needed to send people back to work safely. The administration submitted a legally required national testing plan to Congress on May 24, but placed the onus largely on states to secure supplies and resources needed to test its citizens on a large scale. Although officials had hoped to launch a national serology testing strategy by the end of May, the tests so far have proven too unreliable to be broadly used.

"What we have is a completely disjointed national response," said retired rear admiral Kenneth Bernard, an epidemiologist who led the National Security Council's biodefense and health security office in the George W. Bush and Clinton administrations. "We have to open the economy, but there seems to be no central leadership on that."

"I don't understand how someone can take the responsibility of being leader of the most powerful nation in the world and then decide, 'Nah, that's not really my responsibility anymore, we'll leave that to other people and I have other things I'd rather do,'" Bernard added.

Trump's tolerance for bad news seemed to dissipate in May — and as the headlines worsened, he expanded his efforts to cast blame elsewhere, including to China, where the virus is believed to have originated. The president and some of his top administration officials also faulted the CDC for what they describe as an abdication of leadership and for not "getting their act together," in the words of one of these officials.

"He's never at fault for anything. It's Fauci's fault. It's China's fault. It's Obama's fault. It's always someone else, somewhere else," said David Lapan, a former Department of Homeland Security official in the Trump administration. "He doesn't want to hear the bad news, he doesn't take responsibility for the bad news and wants to gloss over it and change the subject. That does a disservice to the American public, who need the facts and the straight truth about what's going on."

For Trump, what occurred throughout May were not his customary cycles of rage. The president made a deliberate choice to try to divert the public's attention from bleak headlines on health and the economy toward a series of unrelated controversies in hopes that scrutiny of the failures of his administration would fade into the background, according to people familiar with his approach.

Another cost of Trump's distractions and volatility was cohesion inside the West Wing. Aides moved gingerly in and out of the Oval Office, wary of provoking their boss, who surrounded himself with loyalists who praised him and reminded him of his 2016 victory. When White House counsel Pat Cipollone resisted the president's wish to sue CNN over its news coverage, Trump lashed out at the lawyer. McEnany's fiery confrontations with reporters at White House press briefings — including one where she claimed reporters "desperately" want to see churches closed — appeared choreographed to win approval from the "audience of one," but were knocked by some White House officials as unhelpful and even offensively provocative.

Aides felt powerless to do more than nudge the president from time to time. So Trump carried on, lighting political fires and barreling ahead without a clear plan to revive the economy or to keep more Americans from dying.

On Wednesday — the day the U.S. death toll surpassed 100,000 — Trump veered from disregarding a widower's pleas to again unleash a barrage of dark innuendo about Scarborough to threatening to shut down Twitter. He flew with his family to Florida to witness a space shuttle launch, only for it to be scrubbed 17 minutes before liftoff because of stormy skies. Night fell without the president acknowledging the number of dead, other than a statement in the name of deputy White House press secretary Judd Deere saying that Trump was grieving.

"He didn't want to talk about the number. He just didn't want to hear the number," said another longtime Trump confidant. "You know how presidents usually don't go to space launches because there is such a risk of something going wrong? Well, he took the risk. Anything was better than talking about that number."

Trump registered his grief the next morning with a tweet about the "very sad milestone."

'Treated worse' than Lincoln

As many states started lifting restrictions allowing businesses to reopen on May 1, Trump decided to mark the occasion in signature fashion. He had defined his role during the pandemic as "a cheerleader for the country," so he figured what better stage on which to perform his cheers than the Lincoln Memorial, and what better format than a prime-time Fox News Channel virtual town hall.

On the first Sunday evening in May, Trump climbed the memorial's hallowed steps and took a seat at the base of the imposing marble statue of Lincoln, dramatically lit for the evening's production. Under the watchful gaze of the country's 16th president, who worked to preserve the union during civil war, Trump looked inward, casting himself as the true victim.

"Look, I am greeted with a hostile press the likes of which no president has ever seen," Trump said. "The closest would be that gentleman right up there. They always said Lincoln — nobody got treated worse than Lincoln. I believe I am treated worse."

The disorienting scene set the tone for the month to come. The president focused on the crisis through the prism of himself — his image, his popularity, his election prospects. He complained to advisers about particular journalists he believed were out to get him.

One of these advisers posited that Trump struggled because a pandemic requires a leader to place his ego secondary to the crisis.

Trump calculated that reopening the economy was paramount, irrespective of the health consequences.

“The coronavirus conversation that had dominated the media for the couple months leading up to this was in large measure not favorable to him,” explained a former senior administration official briefed on internal discussions. “So continuing to have the same coronavirus conversations wasn’t good for him. . . . He made a decision that the most important thing for him, from a policy basis but also for his reelection, was to push to get the economy humming as quickly and as robustly as possible, and that he would be all-in on that.”

Health experts saw a jarring disconnect between Trump’s handling of covid-19 and the urgent calls, including from inside his own government, to stop the spread of the virus to prevent a second wave.

“Some people think, ‘Oh, we’re going back to how it used to be,’ ” said Marcus Plescia, chief medical officer at the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials. “If we do that, we’re going to have a surge in covid in no time.”

May also began with confusion over the discarding of the coronavirus task force in Trump’s day-to-day management of the pandemic, even as he insisted that it was not being disbanded. As he toured a Honeywell mask plant in Arizona on May 5, Trump — who wore goggles but no mask, despite signs on the factory floor urging any visitor to do so — told reporters that he was eager to see the task force wind down.

This caught Fauci by surprise. The longtime director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases wondered why he had not been briefed about the disbanding plan and privately asked several senior Trump officials variations of “What’s going on here?”

The aides reassured Fauci that Trump wasn’t unhappy with him personally, but wanted more command. “Welcome to Trump world,” one of the officials later said of how aides explained Trump’s behavior.

Fauci — who is known for citing the “it’s not personal, it’s strictly business” line from the “Godfather” film — went about his work. White House officials, however, knew Trump’s move was rooted in his aversion to sharing the spotlight, especially with a physician who was being lionized for his clear, factual explanations of the science and health risks.

“The killer for [Fauci] was when Brad Pitt played him on ‘Saturday Night Live,’ ” said another former administration official familiar with the president’s views. “Trump really can’t stand it when you get bigger and more popular than him. . . . Getting you off TV is the way he brings you down.”

Trump ribbed Fauci over his popularity in front of other aides, who said they did not see the president express jealousy or disapproval.

Governors on the front lines were startled. “People out there not only in Virginia but in this country, they need the truth,” Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam (D) said. “Dr. Fauci, he talks about the science, he talks about data, and he’s a straight shooter. And that’s what we need right now.”

Throughout March and April, a central part of Trump’s daily routine was the lengthy, often hour-plus briefings he led with Vice President Pence, Fauci, White House coronavirus response coordinator Deborah Birx and an evolving cast of officials.

Whatever helpful guidance was communicated to the public often was overshadowed by the president’s rambling, contentious and at times disjointed performances. White House officials came to regard the briefings as counterproductive — “like a truck stuck with its wheels spinning,” in the analogy used by yet another former official.

Trump’s advisers reimagined his communications strategy in May, orchestrating themed appearances — such as a Rose Garden announcement on testing or a State Dining Room meeting of restaurant industry leaders — to help him tailor a reopening message. And the task force faded away, with Fauci, Birx and other members making only irregular public appearances with the president.

Agency chiefs shifted their priorities from expanding testing and fortifying the supply chain to the development of therapeutics and a vaccine, including preparations for mass production and distribution of the vaccine once one is found.

Top officials, including at the Food and Drug Administration, began weighing serious ethical considerations on just how quickly to move on a vaccine. They are establishing protocols for mass distribution, even if there is not enough time to conduct standard safety studies. The stakes are high: If the government moves too quickly and people get sick or die taking the vaccine, it will be blamed for making a rash decision, and if it moves too slowly, it denies people access to a vaccine.

In addition, officials considered whether an eventual vaccine should go first to the most vulnerable citizens, such as older people with comorbidities or living in nursing homes. Similar discussions occurred about grouping the workforce by age and letting younger people return to work first because they are considered to have a lower risk of getting seriously ill from covid-19.

“Perhaps where we didn’t see that planning for test availability in February and March, there are promising signs for vaccine development,” said Mark McClellan, a former FDA commissioner in the George W. Bush administration. “People are starting to think about these issues now because there is absolutely no time to wait.”

These efforts were challenged by political pressures. Moncef Slaoui was appointed the vaccine czar, but a former senior administration official with knowledge of the inner workings of the operation speculated that he would have trouble succeeding because “he spends half the days fielding inquiries” from friends of Jared Kushner, Trump’s son-in-law and senior adviser. “All these people are sending their business plans for the cure for coronavirus,” the former official said.

'Cheerleaders and wingers'

By early May, more than 30 million Americans were out of work, but most remained hopeful. According to a nationwide Washington Post-Ipsos poll at the time, nearly 6 in 10 said it was “very likely” they would get their old jobs back. Businesses, however, remained far less certain, with little direction from Trump about what he would do next.

Clarity was difficult to find inside the West Wing as well. Business executives who were frequent presences around Trump early on during the pandemic lost influence as a cadre of economic conservatives on staff accumulated power — economist Kevin Hassett, Office of Management and Budget Director Russell Vought, and National Economic Council Director Larry Kudlow, known by some in Trump’s orbit as “cheerleaders and wingers,” a reference to their boosterism of the stock market and right-wing ideologies.

Some business executives named in April with great fanfare by Trump as members of advisory groups were no longer consulted. One prominent Washington lobbyist said the “business councils are dead” and that it was near impossible to get Trump’s attention unless “you have a personal relationship with Jared.”

Spencer Zwick, a Republican financier who is close to Sen. Mitt Romney (R-Utah), added, “People I know who are involved feel like they’re being underutilized. It’s like a lot of blue-ribbon panel-type groups that get put together and business leaders get asked for advice, but it isn’t sustained.”

Aides to governors in both parties said their bosses felt stymied and politely ignored by conservative players in the administration in terms of securing federal financial support. The Trump team, along with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), emphasized additional tax breaks and resisted pleas from states for billions of dollars in federal aid to support their budgets, which had been battered by collapsing revenue because of the economic shutdown.

Trump had also grown weary of some Democratic governors, such as Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker, who had rapped him over his leadership in the pandemic and his encouragement of protesters in their states. Several White House aides said Trump’s umbrage over those comments made him more inclined to “let them twist in the wind” about additional funds, as one official described his view.

Even New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy (D), a former Goldman Sachs executive and one of the rare Democratic governors Trump personally liked, received no guarantees from the president when they met on April 30 — not even after Murphy outlined his state’s commitment to fiscal discipline. Trump told Murphy any new funding would be “tough” and left it at that, according to officials close to Trump and Murphy familiar with the exchange.

A jolt came on May 19, when Federal Reserve Chair Jerome H. Powell testified before Congress that much more stimulus may be needed to revive the economy, and the White House vaguely signaled it could be open to supporting additional aid for states. But the moment did little to spark negotiations. Trump, who had farmed out past talks to Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and Pelosi, continued to all but ignore Congress as an available economic tool and turned his attention elsewhere.

While the conservatives at Trump’s side were effective in delaying any additional spending, they found themselves delicately navigating the president’s private rages over his bitterness that the economy he thought would secure him a second term had cratered so suddenly, as well as his public bravado that did not correspond to economic data. Trump predicted a “V-shaped” economic recovery, in which the economy quickly bounces back to its prior state, even though most economists forecast a far more gradual recovery.

In an Oval Office meeting in early May, Trump chastised Hassett for using the phrase the “biggest shock since the Great Depression” in a television interview and told him to stop using such dire and dramatic terms, according to two people familiar with the exchange. Hassett has since adopted a more positive tone.

Kudlow said in an interview that he agreed with Trump’s prediction of a V-shaped recovery, but also hedged his forecast by saying the “V” could come in different forms. “You can have your own V’s. There’s V’s. There are lesser V’s,” Kudlow said. “There are combos of U’s and V’s.”

Several Trump associates pointed to a May 19 exchange with CBS News correspondent Paula Reid as revealing of Trump’s mind-set throughout the month. The president snapped at Reid after she asked, “Mr. President, why haven’t you announced a plan to get 36 million unemployed Americans back to work?”

“Oh, I think we’ve announced a plan. We’re opening up our country. Just a rude person you are,” Trump said. “We’re opening it up very fast.”

The next day, the Labor Department reported that 3 million Americans had filed for unemployment insurance over the past week. And on May 27, another 2.1 million were reported to have filed jobless claims, bringing the total during the pandemic to more than 40 million.

'Kind of AWOL'

As Trump fixated on his domestic troubles, he retreated from the global stage. A meeting of the World Health Organization in mid-May that in any other pandemic under any other presidency probably would have served as a venue for global cooperation in defeating a common enemy instead was a testament to America's isolation under Trump.

Trump had made a punching bag out of the WHO, accusing the organization of favoritism to the Chinese and of not taking adequate actions early on to stop the spread of the virus to other continents. In a fit of pique, Trump cut off U.S. funding to the organization.

Anthony Scaramucci, a former senior administration official who is now an outspoken Trump critic, said, "What are his political instincts here? I want to distract you from what's going on. I want to deflect away from the reality. And oh, by the way, I want to remind you that the pandemic is not my fault, and it's us against them."

For nearly a century, the United States played a leading role internationally at moments of crisis by lending its considerable resources and knowledge in shared efforts to save lives. But Trump saw little use for international collaboration, leaving a void for China to fill.

Chinese President Xi Jinping piped into the WHO meeting by satellite and committed \$2 billion to the organization to combat the coronavirus, a move that exacerbated U.S.-China tensions and established China at the forefront of the world's pandemic response.

"The United States has been kind of AWOL," said William J. Burns, a career diplomat and former deputy secretary of state in the Obama administration. "It's not to say that we have all the answers and all the influence, but there is not a disciplined American leadership role like you saw after the global financial crisis and after previous global health challenges."

Trump's blaming of China paired neatly with his campaign strategy to go after Biden over the former vice president's outreach to China as part of the Obama administration's "pivot to Asia."

Trump was influenced on May 15 by two Fox broadcasters, Tucker Carlson and Lou Dobbs, who mused about reports that the Trump administration was on the verge of restoring its funding to the WHO. "Top WH Advisors are working for whom exactly?" Dobbs tweeted. "Surely not for our historic President or this great nation."

The next day, during a gathering at Camp David, a group of Republican lawmakers urged Trump to take a hard-line stance against the WHO and keep funds frozen, or cut off entirely, and Trump listened intently.

On May 18, Trump issued a scathing four-page letter to the WHO continuing the freeze and threatening to permanently withdraw U.S. membership if the organization's leadership did not agree to unspecified terms. The move revealed the power of Fox hosts and House Republicans to persuade the president to choose the more adversarial approach.

On Friday, Trump followed through on that threat, announcing from the Rose Garden that he was "terminating" the U.S. membership in the WHO.

Galvanizing his base

In the early months of the pandemic, the coronavirus felt to Trump like a distant threat. The president said he was healthy and that everyone around him was healthy. Surely, he must have figured, the virus could not penetrate the secure presidential bubble.

Until May 7. Officials revealed then that one of the president's valets, a military staff member who served meals to Trump and looked after his personal needs, tested positive for the coronavirus. The next day, Pence press secretary Katie Miller also tested positive.

In the tightly configured and cramped West Wing, where the president and his staffers had flouted health safety standards such as social distancing and mask-wearing — sometimes flagrantly so — the twin infections set off a frenzy.

In this moment, Trump's isolation was intensified. Aides took the rare step of closing the door to the outer area of the Oval Office to stop people from lingering. Common areas were cleaned five times a day. Masks were required for anyone other than the president. Meetings with Trump became smaller, and only attended by people who had been tested for the virus that day. And aboard Air Force One, the president told visitors to stay a bit back from his private cabin.

Trump took another precaution as well, one that the public and most of his staff did not learn about until he revealed it about two weeks later. The president said he started taking hydroxychloroquine, the antimalarial drug that Fox News host Laura Ingraham had talked up with him in a private White House meeting back in April.

The president knew that the FDA as well as Fauci and other physicians and public health officials had publicly warned of the heart problems it causes in covid-19 patients, but said he decided to take the drug because "I get a lot of positive calls about it."

"I have taken it for about a week and a half now, and I'm still here," Trump quipped to reporters.

Trump did not give a heads-up to FDA Commissioner Stephen Hahn about his personal use of the drug, though officials at the agency figured the president was acting out of concern of potential exposure from his valet.

Another way Trump sought to galvanize his political base was by stirring conspiratorial allegations under an umbrella he called "Obamagate," which advisers and friends said was as much an exercise in personal and political release for the president as it was a serious pursuit of justice.

Trump found comfort in vengeful discussions with allies about the Justice Department's move to dismiss criminal charges against his former national security adviser, Michael Flynn. And Trump sought without evidence to cast Biden, whom nearly every poll in May showed beating Trump in swing states and nationally, as a villain and criminal conspirator seeking along with Obama to sabotage his presidency.

When Trump visited the Senate luncheon on May 19, one Republican senator said the president talked "nonstop" about Flynn-related matters and the rest of the room was "pretty much silent" or nodding along.

Silence among many Republican lawmakers also greeted Trump's efforts in late May to malign Scarborough — whose critical commentary on his MSNBC show, "Morning Joe," has long infuriated the president — by spreading a baseless conspiracy theory implicating Scarborough in the 2001 death of Lori Klausutis, a 28-year-old aide in Scarborough's office when he was a Republican member of Congress from Florida.

A senior White House official said of Trump's fixation on Scarborough, "The president always decides on what he wants to focus on and when he wants to focus on it, but it's not at the exclusion of getting his objectives accomplished."

Trump's objective throughout was to position himself for the November election. His reelection campaign, led by Brad Parscale and guided by Kushner, was a near-constant interest of Trump, who saw himself not only as the candidate but the chief strategist — the conductor of tweets and the sole person who grasped exactly what to do, aides said.

Trump closely tracked polls daily and tested attacks on Biden with friends, while telling advisers that you can "always add 10 points to my polls." He toyed with changing the site of the Republican National Convention from North Carolina, where a Democratic governor determined pandemic restrictions, to a state with a Republican governor who was loyal to him.

But angst and exasperation remained. From time to time, officials said, Trump wondered aloud to aides, "Why am I not beating Joe Biden?"

By late May, in quiet talks with senior aides, Trump asked about whether Parscale was being effective in getting his message across. Lewandowski and Bossie in their meeting with Trump were frank: The campaign is struggling and your presidency is at risk. They told him to get back to rallies as soon as he can — and Trump agreed with July as his goal for when he can start having major events again.

"The president wants to get out and do what he does best, these rallies," said Sen. Lindsey O. Graham (R-S.C.), a Trump ally.

But Graham said arena shows can only go so far in drawing attention away from the collision of crises facing Trump.

"I think the president knows you're not going to change the subject when you have a virus that has affected our lives in such a dramatic way," he said.

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Last year, Gov. Andrew [Cuomo got a \\$71,000 raise](#) -- and New Yorkers weren't happy about it. (TU)

Obviously, much has happened since last year, but the governor's administration has [deferred raises for an estimated 80,000](#) state government employees for 90 days for a third consecutive time. (TU)

Here's the rest of your roundup:

State Attorney General Letitia James recommended the New York Police Department [stop performing routine traffic stops](#), saying it could prevent simple police encounters from turning fatal. (AP)

State Sen. Neil Breslin will chair a special committee examining the [influence of race on insurance](#) policies for a national legislative group. (TU)

The number of people testing positive for COVID-19 in New York has [gone over one percent](#) for a second time this week. (TU)

If New York gets hit with a second wave, what [will a shut down look like](#)? Business leaders have been trying to convince the governor that a second shutdown must be very different from the first. (Buffalo News)

[Republicans lost their power](#) in Albany two years ago, but now they're running on common themes with hopes of regaining it: the state's COVID-19 response, crime and nursing homes. (Newsday)

New York's lawmakers changed the [state's ballot-access laws](#) in April, prompting the state's third-party candidates to fight for survival. (WSJ)

A report from a nonprofit research group showed that [Albany is one of the worst cities](#) in America for racial and economic inclusion. (TU)

And lastly, [a podcast to start your Monday](#) -- why gun violence and poverty can't stop Zanief Washington, an Albany teen, from pursuing his dreams. (TU)



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75,260,264 votes later (and counting), [Joe Biden is heading to the White House](#) for a second stint - this time as president of the United States. (AP)

Biden's win has been a [cause for celebration](#) all over the world, including in the Capital Region. (TU)

Vice President-Elect [Kamala Harris made history](#) as the first woman and woman of color to hold the nation's second highest office. (AP)

What [does Biden's win mean for New York](#)? Well, if nothing else, Gov. Andrew Cuomo will have a working relationship with the president. Instead of an adversary, the [governor will have a friend](#) in the White House. (TU/Politico)

Cuomo [isn't the only New York leader excited](#) about the outcome of the election. State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins was among the many to weigh in, offering her congratulations to Biden and Harris. (C&S)

Of course, there are still a few months left before Biden takes office. Until then, Cuomo is worried the Trump administration will roll out a [flawed coronavirus vaccination plan](#). (Newsday)

On the bright side, the governor believes that with Biden in the White House, "you'll see [scientists speak with unmuzzled](#) voices now." (NYP)

And in case you were wondering, the sitting president has refused to concede and continues to peddle conspiracy theories about the election while pursuing frivolous lawsuits. New York Attorney General [Letitia James is monitoring those cases](#). (TU)

Here's the rest of your roundup:

As results began to trickle in, the two major political parties had [very different spins](#) on the outcome in the battle for the New York Senate. (TU)

New York is set to have the [most diverse delegation](#) to the House of Representatives in the state's history. (WSJ)

With the holidays quickly approaching, the state will [increase enforcement measures](#) at airports to ensure travelers have a negative COVID-19 test upon entry. (TU)

The state will use a ["microcluster" approach](#) to clamp down on coronavirus cases as upstate communities see infection rates climb to nearly 3 percent in some areas. (TU)



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Election 2020: GOP Celebrates, Dems Wait

State Senate Democrats were confident going into the 2020 election that they'd come out with a supermajority. But as the returns came in this week, it became clear that it wasn't as likely as they'd hoped. Instead, it was the GOP leaders who celebrated a potential increase in their ranks. But as Times Union Capitol Bureau reporters Amanda Fries, Chris Bragg and Edward McKinley observe in this episode of Capitol Confidential, the final outcome of the balance of power in New York is still being tallied.

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New York [climbed its way out of hell](#). Not long ago, the state was leading the country in COVID-related deaths, and an eventual return to normalcy appeared like an impossibility. (TU)

Now, after months of learning how to function during a pandemic, the state continues to increase its testing totals, and the [coronavirus rate remains controlled](#) at about 1 percent. (TU)

But despite the success of social distancing and masks, many considered a vaccine to be the light at the end of the tunnel -- a final hurdle before life returned as we once knew it. Gov. Andrew Cuomo, though, says he ["wouldn't recommend" trusting](#) a pre-election vaccine. (TU)

"I am not going to trust the federal government's opinion," the governor said, noting that [New York will do its own research](#) on the vaccine once it's developed. (Newsday)

Here's the rest of your roundup:

Republican [state senators are on a quest](#) to learn more about the COVID-related deaths inside nursing homes, as the [governor still hasn't revealed](#) the number of nursing home residents who died from coronavirus. (TU)

New York continues to experience a [rise in unemployment](#) claims, showing that extra \$300 in weekly benefits will only provide a short-lived assistance. (WSJ)

Former Rensselaer County District Attorney Joel [Abelove was acquitted of all charges](#) that he faced related to his handling of the Troy police killing of Edson Thevenin. (TU)

The state Department of Financial Services' investigation into the [MyPayrollHR scandal](#) is focusing on the banks and other lenders that worked with the Clifton Park payroll firm before its collapse a year ago.

Carl [Paladino got coronavirus](#), calling it a "terrible disease" ... yet he still opposes coronavirus restrictions. (Syracuse)

From experiencing the chaos of Eliot Spitzer's resignation to his time on SNL, former Gov. David Paterson has plenty of stories. [So he wrote a book](#). (TU)



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Lindsey Boylan, a former aide to Gov. Andrew Cuomo, [accused the governor of sexually](#) harassing her for years. (TU)

Boylan, who's currently a candidate for Manhattan borough president, said many within the governor's office had [watched Cuomo harass her.](#) (WSJ)

Earlier this month, Boylan had complained that the work environment [in the governor's office](#) was "beyond toxic." (TU)

The governor's press secretary, Caitlin Girouard, said "there is [simply no truth](#) to these claims." (AP)

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The COVID-19 data remains concerning and the governor is linking it to "[living room spread.](#)" (TU)

Trying to keep up with the ever-evolving situation, the [state released new metrics](#) for the microcluster zones on Friday. (TU)

In case you missed it: The FDA [authorized the Pfizer vaccine](#) and the distribution process to New York has begun. Last week, the governor outlined [how it will be distributed.](#) (TU)

[Capital Region nursing homes](#) will start to receive coronavirus vaccinations this week. (TU)

Michelle Hinchey is following in her father's footsteps and now [she's sharing her vision](#) for the 46th Senate District. (TU)

New York's [Electoral College](#) is placing its vote on Monday in Albany. (TU)

Assemblyman Robin [Schimminger will not report](#) to Albany for the first time since 1977, and is retiring because of family considerations. (Buffalo News)



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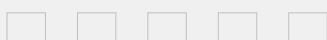
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Joe Biden and Kamala Harris' victory isn't just a win for Democrats -- it's [historically significant](#) and a source of inspiration for women all across the country, including New York politicians. (TU)

Despite the importance of Harris breaking another glass ceiling, Republican lawmakers, including Rep. Elise Stefanik, have yet to acknowledge the victory. [Stefanik has ignored requests](#) for comment since the race was called for Biden last weekend. (TU)

Here's the rest of your roundup:

The election might have pushed COVID-19 out of the news cycle, but make no mistake about it: [the threat remains](#), and the governor believes "we have definitely entered a new phase." Mayor Bill de Blasio believes the city is on the [verge of a second wave](#). (TU/WSJ)

To offer some good news, however, [Pfizer Inc. has developed a vaccine](#) that has been 90% effective based on early test results. (AP)

The rise in COVID-19 cases comes at a [particularly uncomfortable time](#), given that the holidays are around the corner and many planned to travel. (TU)

Along with a public health crisis, the pandemic has deepened the state's financial hole -- [but legalizing weed](#) could provide some much-needed relief. (TU)

The governor's office is pushing to retain the authority to greenlight the controversial practice of [burning toxic foam](#). (C&S)

At the end of this month, New York will say [goodbye to toll collectors](#) as the Thruway goes cashless. (TU)

Assembly Minority Leader [Will Barclay has tested positive](#) for COVID-19 despite having little to no activity outside of his home. (Syracuse)

With just two months remaining in his presidency, the Trump administration's turnover rate continues to increase, with Trump [firing Defense Secretary Mark Esper](#) on Monday. (AP)



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Election 2020: GOP Celebrates, Dems Wait

State Senate Democrats were confident going into the 2020 election that they'd come out with a supermajority. But as the returns came in this week, it became clear that it wasn't as likely as they'd hoped. Instead, it was the GOP leaders who celebrated a potential increase in their ranks. But as Times Union Capitol Bureau reporters Amanda Fries, Chris Bragg and Edward McKinley observe in this episode of Capitol Confidential, the final outcome of the balance of power in New York is still being tallied.

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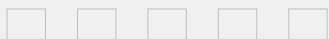
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Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo said he and the leaders of the state Legislature have reached "[a conceptual agreement on all issues](#)" related to the budget, but questions remain about how mobile sports betting will be implemented as well as a fund to provide stimulus payments to undocumented immigrants. (TU)

As Cuomo was touting the state's response publicly, behind the scenes, [the governor at times blurred political tasks with state resources](#), as did some key staffers in his office, according to documents reviewed by The Washington Post and people with knowledge of the situation. (WaPo)

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Albany County is due to receive a supplemental [allocation of 1,600 Johnson & Johnson](#) vaccines earmarked specifically for area college students this week, officials say. (TU)

Facing a cash crunch and getting badly outspent by the Democrats, the Donald Trump campaign begun last September to set up recurring donations by default for online donors for every week until the election. As the election neared, [the Trump team made that disclaimer increasingly opaque](#), an investigation by The New York Times showed. It introduced a second prechecked box, known internally as a "money bomb," that doubled a person's contribution. (NYT)

The New York State Capitol store is now open online, [offering items previously sold only at the Empire State Plaza Visitor Center](#) and Gift Shop in Albany. Face masks, tie tacks, ornaments and other souvenirs are available for purchase at nyscapitolstore.com as well as in person at the Empire State Plaza Visitor Center and Gift Shop in Albany. (TU)

The office of state Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli is [urging state transportation officials to adopt new protocols](#) recommended by the National Transportation Safety Board in a critical report on the causes of the 2018 limousine crash in Schoharie that killed 20 people. (TU)

With an appeal to think big, President Joe Biden [is promoting his \\$2.3 trillion infrastructure plan directly to Americans](#), summoning public support to push past the Republicans lining up against the massive effort they sum up as big taxes, big spending and big government. (AP)



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The Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge is a 3-mile span over the Hudson river that connects Rockland and Westchester counties, just 25 miles north of New York City. It's a major commuter route, and bears hundreds of thousands of vehicle crossings each day. It replaced the long-ailing Tappan Zee Bridge in 2017, amid much fanfare from state and local officials.

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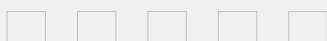
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Lee Zeldin? Marcus Molinaro? Elise Stefanik? Harry Wilson? Tom Reed? [With Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo in the midst of a political imbroglio over nursing homes, Republicans are beginning to jockey for position](#) over who challenge Cuomo in 2022. (TU)

Cuomo announced a relaxation of visitation rules for nursing homes, [a policy that critics had targeted in contrast to sporting events, casinos or other entertainment venues](#) being allowed to open. (TU)

Here's the rest of your roundup:

The relationship between New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo and leading lawmakers of his own party [has hit a nadir amid questions over the Democratic governor's handling of Covid-19 in nursing homes](#). Pressure tactics that normally happen in private are bursting into public view and, some legislators said, have only steeled their positions. (WSJ)

In the governor's budget proposal, the Enhanced STAR, or extra break for middle class seniors, [would no longer come in the form of an automatic reduction in school taxes for those who qualify](#). Instead, new Enhanced STAR participants, starting this year, would have to proactively sign up for the program. (TU)

President Joseph R. Biden said last spring that Cuomo represented the "gold standard" of pandemic leadership. [His press secretary was asked Sunday whether Biden still believes that, but she demurred](#). Read the full exchange here. (TU)

A controversial March 25 directive that required nursing homes to accept residents [discharged from hospitals even if they were positive for COVID-19 potentially increased deaths by "a few hundred to maybe over 1,000,"](#) a report by the Empire Center for Public Policy said. (TU)

[Read here about the exit of the chairman of New York's Joint Committee on Public Ethics](#), who resigned suddenly last week and was replaced with a Cuomo loyalist. (TU)

Cuomo and his top aide Melissa DeRosa [claimed that an international infectious disease expert routinely consulted with the governor. Then he went on TV](#) and said that was untrue. (TU)



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Nursing home scandal roils Cuomo administration

A recent admission by Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo's top aide, Secretary Melissa DeRosa, that they withheld nursing home coronavirus data to state legislators over fear that President Donald J. Trump would use the data against New York continues to roil the governor's administration. In turn, a federal investigation into Cuomo's handling of the virus in the long-term care facilities is on the docket and legislators are seeking to impeach the governor.

On this episode of the Capitol Confidential Podcast, Times Union Capitol Bureau Managing Editor Brendan Lyons and reporters Amanda Fries and Ed McKinley discuss the latest news surrounding Cuomo and his administration, and the legislature's unrest.

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The Point

Daily Point

Anti-vaxxers among those fighting to reopen early

As Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo prepares a reopening plan slated to begin May 15 in certain industries and regions of the state, others are pressing for a full reopening to happen far sooner.

But these aren't just businesses eager to generate revenue. Among the most vocal supporters of such a movement are those who oppose vaccination. It's their latest battleground.

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A "Rally to Free New York" is planned for Friday, at locations around the state, including at 1 p.m. in Hauppauge and at 3 p.m. in Mineola.

In flyers shared on social media, the rally has been labeled as a way to "exercise your rights to life & liberty." While the posters don't say who's sponsoring or organizing the rally, the hashtags on the posters provide some light into where the support is coming from: #OpenNY #NOIMMUNITYCERTIFICATE #NOMANDATORYVACCINE #NOMANDATEDTESTING .

Another flyer asks whether residents are "furious that the government has decided how you must live your life" or "sick of NOT being able to attend your house of worship freely."

Some advocates are using the same phrasing anti-vax supporters have used for years: "My body, my choice." Those on Twitter are pairing #NOMANDATORYVACCINE with #ENDTHELOCKDOWN .

"We can't wait til May 15!!!" wrote Blue Point activist Rita Palma in a public Facebook post earlier this month. In separate posts, Palma focused on experts who've suggested that widespread use of the flu shot could help the United States come fall, by limiting flu cases at a time when a second wave of the coronavirus is possible. Advocacy to the White House, she wrote, should include opposing a mandated flu shot, along with addressing issues of "vax safety, vax choice [and] vax liability."

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Meanwhile, a Facebook group called REOPEN NY has more than 11,500 members, and its posts about the rally have been shared among other supporters, including groups and individuals who are anti-vax. Supporters in the group regularly express concern about mandated vaccines, in addition to their desire to reopen the economy.

Meanwhile, anti-vax activists also are looking forward, backing candidates who support their efforts. Among the latest: Bronx State Assembly candidate Chantel Jackson, who posted on Facebook last year: "We believe in democracy and requiring children to be vaccinated in order to attend school is more like a dictatorship."

Wrote anti-vax activist John Gilmore, in a post highlighting Jackson's views: "This is a courageous candidate."

—Randi F. Marshall [@RandiMarshall](#)

Talking Point

Those bluegrass bailout blues

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's diatribe against a legislative "Blue State Bailout" last week may

have been a negotiating strategy, but it opened the door to an analysis of the financial relationship between his own Kentucky and the federal government.

Monday morning, both President Donald Trump and Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo jumped in the fray. First, Trump tweeted, “Why should the people and taxpayers of America be bailing out poorly run states (like Illinois, as example) and cities, in all cases Democrat run and managed, when most of the other states are not looking for bailout help? I am open to discussing anything, but just asking?”

Then Cuomo, asked about Trump’s tweet, went on a prepared rant that first argued we should all be in this together and then laid out the numbers that matter if the states decide to bicker. His takeaway: “If you want to go to who’s getting bailed out and who paid what, nobody would be bailing out New York State,” Cuomo said. “If you want to do an analysis of who is a giver and who is a taker, we are the number one giver.”

Late last week, Rep. Thomas Suozzi tweeted, “@senatemajldr to NY & States: Drop Dead. Since ’15, NY taxpayers have given the fed gov \$116B more than we’ve rec’d back, while Ky has RECEIVED \$148B more in fed spending then they gave. NY subsidizes KY! @NYDailyNews@NYGov.”

A 2019 report by the Rockefeller Institute of Government makes the case in more detail.

Kentucky is second only to Virginia in reaping more from the federal government in spending than it pays in, however, Virginia only comes out on top because of the massive defense spending in that state. So Kentucky is No. 1 in pork.

Kentucky, with a state budget of just \$30 billion annually, gets almost \$40 billion more from the federal government than it pays in each year. Or, to put it another way, U.S. taxpayers give about \$9,145 a year to each Kentuckian, according to 2017 figures. It has one of the highest food stamp recipient percentages in the nation, with 14.1% of households getting the benefit, and one of the lowest median household incomes, at \$48,375 a year.

New York, on the other hand, sends the federal government an extra \$35 billion a year more than it gets back in spending, losing an average of \$1,792 per resident in 2017. And New York actually ranks fourth in giving more to Washington than it receives. First is Connecticut with a loss of \$4,000 per capita annually, followed by New Jersey with a loss of \$2,368, and Massachusetts, with a \$2,343 per capita loss.

So McConnell is really singing the “Bluegrass State Bailout,” endless and astonishing.

McConnell is no stranger to fighting against funding New York’s needs. He did it repeatedly by stymieing the Zadroga Act to pay the medical expenses of 9/11 workers, he did it by fighting against aid for New York after superstorm Sandy, and he continues to do it by fighting against SALT, or the restoration of an uncapped federal deduction for state and local taxes.

—Lane Filler [@lanefiller](#)

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Quick Points

- An analysis of data from more than 100 million cellphones during the week of April 13 shows Americans are staying home less and making more personal trips than earlier in the coronavirus crisis. Some analysts call that quarantine fatigue. Others call it stupid.
- White House coronavirus coordinator Dr. Deborah Birx says social distancing will continue through the summer, drawing attention for contradicting Vice President Mike Pence’s assertion that the epidemic will be “behind us” by the end of May. Here’s guessing she still was sugar-coating the end date.
- Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo has announced a phased reopening of the state in which attractions that would draw larger numbers of visitors from outside the local area cannot reopen. Does that mean the Mets will reopen before the Yankees?
- Wisconsin’s elected Republicans encouraged thousands of protesters to attend a rally against

Democratic Gov. Tony Evers' COVID-19-related lockdown orders, but how many of them do you suppose actually spoke at the rally where many attendees did not wear masks or practice social distancing? You get three guesses and the first two don't count.

- Experts say reopening America from its coronavirus-related shutdown will depend on a rigorous testing program, including for antibodies. So how good do you feel about that knowing that researchers just found that 11 of the 14 antibody tests on the market are not reliable?
- To stop people from gathering in large groups and spreading COVID-19, one city in Japan cut down thousands of lilies that are a popular attraction in a local park. So the best way to save life is to destroy life?
- The White House reportedly has decided to shift its messaging toward touting the economy and highlighting business success stories as they emerge and not focusing on health statistics. Wait, that's a shift?
- North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un hasn't been seen for weeks, provoking speculation that he is gravely ill or dead. Maybe he's just in quarantine.
- After watching the most recent "Saturday Night Live" edition, Brad Pitt playing Dr. Anthony Fauci inspires more confidence than Donald Trump playing president.
- As a fundraiser for hospital supplies, The National Bobblehead Hall of Fame and Museum is creating and selling bobbleheads of governors who have emerged as leaders in handling COVID-19 — Andrew M. Cuomo (New York), Gavin Newsom (California), Mike DeWine (Ohio) and Tony Evers (Wisconsin). Mirror, mirror, on the wall, who is the bobbiest of them all?

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NEW YORK (AP) — New York’s daily coronavirus death toll dropped to below 400, less than half of the deaths recorded at the height of the coronavirus crisis in the state’s hospitals.

Details on developments in the coronavirus outbreak in New York:

THE NUMBERS

Gov. Andrew Cuomo said the 367 deaths from the coronavirus that he reported Sunday were “horrific,” but the number was less than half the nearly 800 deaths that occurred in a single day during the pandemic’s peak in New York.

It is the first time this month that the statewide daily death toll has been below 400.

He also reported that the number of hospitalizations, which still topped 1,000, and the number of individuals put on a ventilator had dropped as well.

The deaths recorded Saturday and reported Sunday included 349 patients who died in hospitals and 18 individuals who died in nursing homes, the Democratic governor said.

On Saturday, Cuomo said there were 437 deaths on Friday.

“Short term, the numbers are on the decline,” Cuomo said. “Everything we’ve done is working. The policies are working. There’s no doubt that at this point, we’ve gone through the worst.”

In another sign of the improving numbers, the final patient on the USNS Comfort was discharged on Sunday. The 1,000-bed hospital ship, docked at a Manhattan pier since March 30, has treated 182 patients. Soon, it will depart for its homeport in Norfolk, Virginia.

RESTARTING THE STATE

Construction and manufacturing jobs that represent low risks for workers will be among the first to resume once New York state begins reopening after the coronavirus shutdown, the state’s governor said Sunday.

Retail jobs and workers in the hospitality and hotel industry may be among the last to return, Gov. Andrew Cuomo said at his news conference.

And sports such as baseball probably will have to figure out if the economics work without fans in the stands, he said.

“Everybody has to think outside the box because there is no box,” he said.

The Democrat said determinations of when reopening begins will follow federal guidance that says reopening should not begin until the state and regional hospitalization rate has declined for two weeks.

He said which businesses reopen after the restart of construction and manufacturing will depend on how essential they are and how safe they can operate.

Once those businesses reopen, a two-week period would follow before more businesses reopen.

“I don’t want to just reopen. We learned a lot of lessons here, painfully,” he said. “How do we take the lessons we learned and say when we reopen, we’re going to be the better for it? It’s not about a return to yesterday. There is no return to yesterday in life.”

He compared New York’s upstate communities to the Midwest, saying some areas might be ready to reopen sooner than other areas. But he said he had to consider the possibility that residents of areas that are still closed might flood toward any place that opens.

THE SANITY EQUATION

The reopening of New York state will be vital in the summer, particularly in crowded cities, Gov. Andrew Cuomo said Sunday.

“You can’t tell people in a dense urban environment all through the summer months: ‘We don’t have anything for you to do, stay in your apartment with the three kids,’” Cuomo said at his daily news conference.

“You know, that doesn’t work. There’s a sanity equation here also that we have to take into consideration,” he said.

He said people have reason to feel better, saying “the worst should be over” as long as social distancing and other policies remain in place.

“People need to know that there’s an opening, there’s a future, there’s hope, that somebody’s doing something. And then you need a relief valve just on a day-to-day basis so people have some relief in their lives, some vent,” he said.

Cuomo said trends indicate that the incidence of domestic violence, alcoholism and drug use and mental health issues were on the rise.

“Do not underestimate the stress that this situation has created, the abnormal circumstances that it has created,” he said, adding that a toxic mix of bad circumstances was pushing some people to the edge.

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NYC’S ROADMAP

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio said Sunday he hopes to have a roadmap by June 1 on how to rebuild the city after the coronavirus threat subsides.

The mayor, a Democrat, said at a news conference that city leaders he’s invited to help plan the city’s recovery should give him the roadmap by then. He said a full rebuild will take about 20 months.

He also said the latest statistics on people being treated for COVID-19 continued to be stable or decline.

The number of people in the city's hospital intensive care units had dropped from 785 to 768. De Blasio said the city can't begin reopening until decreases continue for 10 to 14 days. He said such a fall would signal it was time for the first steps in opening up.

"The health indicators have to give us the all clear," de Blasio said. "We restart when we have evidence. There's no on-off switch here. It's a series of careful, smart moves." ____

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

- Brad Pitt portrayed Dr. Anthony Fauci in the second at-home episode of "Saturday Night Live," where he tried to recast false assurances and misstatements pitched by President Donald Trump during the pandemic, for instance when Trump said there'd be a COVID-19 vaccine "relatively soon."

- Home care nurses, aides and attendants — who normally help an estimated 12 million Americans with everything from bathing to IV medications — are now taking on the difficult and potentially dangerous task of caring for coronavirus patients.

- A few states may have found a way to help slow the spread of the coronavirus in nursing homes by converting some of them into "recovery centers" set aside mostly for residents who have left the hospital but still might be contagious or lack immunity.

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ALBANY — Actor Ben Stiller came to the Capitol on Tuesday to seek funding in the state budget to support organizations that assist in refugee resettlement.

“It’s falling to the state right now because of the situation in our country,” said Stiller, a goodwill ambassador for the UN’s refugee agency. “These refugees are a part of the fabric of our country, and they contribute hugely to our economy, and it’s important to support them.”

Stiller stood with advocates who are requesting \$5 million for the New York State Enhanced Services to Refugees Program. The state created the program in 2017 to supplement federal aid to organizations that assist refugees. It has since spent \$2 million a year on it, but supporters argue that more money is needed in the face of federal cuts.

“The state needs to stand up and help with [funding] since it’s not coming from anywhere else, and New York has a great history of doing this,” Stiller said. “These programs, they need to keep going, there’s an institutional memory that needs to stay alive. And as the refugee flow right now is lower than it’s been, at some point it’s going to come back up, and these institutions need to be up and working when that happens.”

Refugee settlement has become [increasingly crucial for upstate cities](#), where the new residents have helped offset population loss.

“Our biggest problem in my small part of [Buffalo] was vacant houses — we had over 700 vacant houses,” said Assemblyman Sean Ryan, a Democrat. “Suddenly the housing started to fill up ... The refugees started coming into Buffalo.”

Shelly Callahan of the Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees noted that Utica, another struggling upstate city, also has benefited from the flow of refugees. “About 25 percent of our population is foreign-born, much of that is refugees,” she said.

Stiller, who [recently portrayed onetime state Senate candidate](#) Michael Cohen in an SNL skit, has become an increasingly common presence in New York politics. Gov. Andrew Cuomo [intervened to let](#) him direct “Escape at Dannemora” at the Clinton Correctional Facility, and Stiller [joined the governor](#) as he signed an election reform package last year. In 2018, Stiller [canvassed for](#) successful state Senate candidate Andrew Gounardes in a competitive race in Brooklyn.

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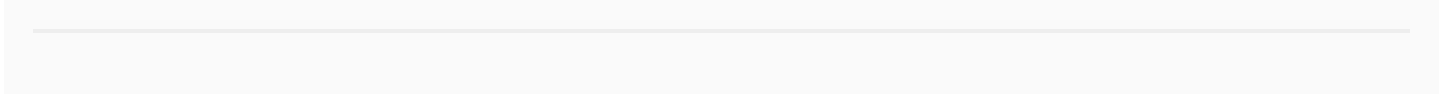
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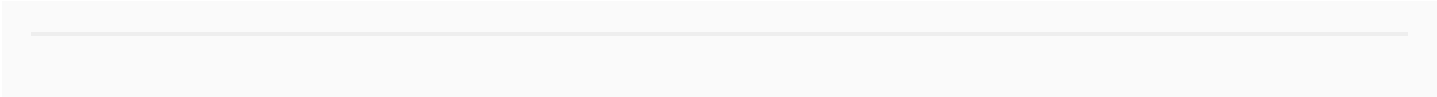
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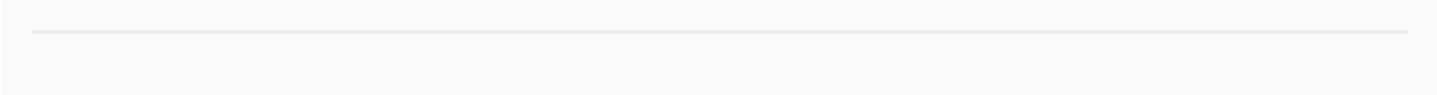
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— **Data shows non-white New York City residents** are less likely than whites to get vaccines, leading to criticism of the city's approach.

— **Gov. Andrew Cuomo** signed three bills on Sunday.

— **Mayor Bill de Blasio's jobs program** has fallen short of its ambitious goals.

IT'S MONDAY: Do you really want to know today's forecast? Have you looked out this window this morning? Yep, it's going to be cold and snowy in Albany and New York City. Both cities will be in the upper 20s, but it appears the downstaters will get the heaviest snowfall. Have a listing? Email PoliticoNYListings@politico.com. Or email Joe Anuta at januta@politico.com for general city news and Bill Mahoney at billmahoney@politico.com for Albany tips.

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[BLACK AND LATINO NYC RESIDENTS LESS LIKELY TO GET VACCINES](#) — **POLITICO's Erin Durkin:** Black and Latino New Yorkers are far less likely to have gotten the coronavirus vaccine than white residents, according to data the city released for the first time Sunday.

Among New York City residents who have gotten their first vaccine dose, 48 percent are white — compared to 32 percent white residents in the city population overall, Mayor Bill de Blasio said. Black residents are 11 percent of vaccine recipients, compared to 24 percent of the population. Latino residents are 15 percent of vaccine recipients and 29 percent of the population.

“We know we have a problem,” de Blasio told reporters. “We do see a profound disparity that needs to be addressed aggressively.”

[CUOMO SIGNS 3 BILLS](#) — **POLITICO's Bill Mahoney:** Gov. Andrew Cuomo has acted on the final three bills that were approved by the Legislature in 2020.

He signed one of these — a measure to give local governments the authority to let people [delay their property tax payments](#) or make those payments by installment for the duration of the pandemic.

Another was also signed but with an agreement to overhaul it. That bill would have had the state [develop a “Drug Assistance Demonstration Program”](#) to provide medicines such as insulin to uninsured individuals. It would also let pharmacists give insulin and other “life sustaining” drugs to patients whose prescriptions have recently expired.

The demonstration program portion of the bill, Cuomo wrote in an approval message, would cost money for which no source has been identified. The Legislature has agreed to make “changes to the bill that would address these fiscal issues.”

[DE BLASIO'S JOBS PROGRAM FALLS SHORT](#) — **POLITICO's Janaki Chada:** Four years after Mayor Bill de Blasio pledged to create 100,000 “good-paying” jobs over a decade, a \$1.35 billion effort rolled out by his administration has fallen well short of targets — a trend in place before Covid-19 hit — and has generated fewer than

10,000.

In his 2017 State of the City speech, the mayor called the initiative “the new front line in the battle to keep New York City affordable” and framed it as a way to bring well-paying jobs to New Yorkers left out of the long-running economic expansion of the last decade.

The full plan, unveiled a few months later, detailed ways the city would help create permanent, private sector jobs paying a salary of at least \$50,000, across industries including cybersecurity, health and life sciences, technology, culture and manufacturing.

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[FIVE THINGS LOBBYISTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT JCOPE’S NEW RULES](#) — **Bill:** There was a long and often fierce debate when the Joint Commission on Public Ethics wrapped up [a comprehensive rewrite](#) of the state’s lobbying rules three years ago.

But there was a lot less fanfare last week when JCOPE approved [a new set of rules](#). This round is less sweeping — it’s best characterized as an attempt to revisit the 2018 rules and clear up a few areas of confusion or newly arisen issues.

[CUOMO PROPOSES HIGHER FINES FOR TOLL EVADERS](#) — **POLITICO’s Danielle Muoio:** Drivers who obscure their license plates to avoid paying tolls will be subject to heftier fines under a new state proposal.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s budget proposal adds language that would make the infractions eligible for fines between \$100 and \$500. Currently, they range from between \$25 and \$200.

The proposal also beefs up language to address the issue, now stating it’s “unlawful” for license plates to be covered by plastic, glass or synthetic material and that the plates can’t be obstructed by any part of the vehicle.

[BIAGGI LASHES OUT AFTER NURSING HOME REPORT](#) — **Spectrum News’ Susan Arbetter:** The attorney general’s report on nursing homes is “a cover-up” and “a profound failure of executive leadership,” according to State Senator Alessandra Biaggi, a Democrat and critic of the Cuomo administration.

Biaggi, who represents parts of the Bronx and Westchester, told *Capital Tonight* that ground zero of the pandemic took place in her district, where thousands of New Yorkers fell victim to the virus.

When asked if the legislature might be emboldened by the attorney general’s report, she said, “When I speak about these things, I don’t do it because I hope everyone joins me, but because I know it makes it easier for people to call out what they often know to be true.”

[BUFFALO TEACHERS SUE TO HALT REOPENING](#) — **WKBW’s Paul Ross:** The Buffalo Teachers Federation [filed] a petition in Erie County Supreme Court against Buffalo Public Schools saying that schools are not safe enough to reopen on Monday, February 1st for in-person learning.

In the lawsuit, the Buffalo Teachers Federation alleges that it has not seen proof that, “any building modifications or other precautionary health and safety measures have been made that would sufficiently change their facilities from the self-described ‘volcano’ of December 2020 to a safe and healthy school environment by February 1, 2021.”

[CONCORDIA COLLEGE TO CLOSE](#) — **Inside Higher Ed’s Emma Whitford:** The Concordia University system must brace for yet another closure. Concordia College New York, a small, Lutheran liberal arts college in Bronxville, N.Y., will close this summer.

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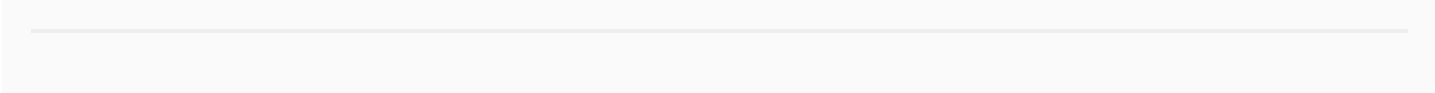
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Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the launch of NY PopsUp - an unprecedented and expansive festival featuring hundreds of pop-up performances, many of which are free of charge and all open to the public that will intersect with the daily lives of New Yorkers. This series of events, intended to revitalize the spirit and emotional well-being of New York citizens with the energy of live performance while jumpstarting New York's struggling live entertainment sector, is a private/public partnership overseen by producers Scott Rudin and Jane Rosenthal, in coordination with the New York State Council on the Arts and Empire State Development.

The Festival will serve as a "pilot program," creating the state's first large-scale model for how to bring live performance back safely after this prolonged COVID-related shutdown. The programming for NY PopsUp will be curated by the interdisciplinary artist Zack Winokur, in partnership with a council of artistic advisors who represent the diversity of New York's dynamic performing arts scene. NY PopsUp will launch on Saturday, February 20 and run through Labor Day. The Festival will reach its climax with the 20th Anniversary of the Tribeca Film Festival and The Festival at Little Island at Pier 55, bringing the total number of performances to more than 1,000. NY PopsUp is being coordinated in lock step with state public health officials and will strictly adhere to Department of Health COVID-19 protocols.

"Cities have taken a real blow during COVID, and the economy will not come back fast enough on its own - we must bring it back," **Governor Cuomo said.** "Creative synergies are vital for cities to survive, and our arts and cultural industries have been shut down all across the country, taking a terrible toll on workers and the economy. We want to be aggressive with reopening the State and getting our economy back on track, and NY PopsUp will be an important bridge to the broader reopening of our world-class performance venues and institutions. New York has been a leader throughout this entire pandemic, and we will lead once again with bringing back the arts."

The events produced by NY PopsUp, in addition to being free of charge, will be staged across every type of neighborhood and district in all five boroughs of New York City, throughout Long Island and Upstate New York, and in all regions of the state. As the current realities of COVID-19 make mass gatherings and large, destination-style events impossible, NY PopsUp will meet New York City and State residents where they are, infusing their daily lives with the surprise and joy of live performance. The hundreds of free, pop-up events that constitute NY PopsUp will make stages out of New York's existing landscapes, including iconic transit stations, parks, subway platforms, museums, skate parks, street corners, fire escapes, parking lots, storefronts, and upstate venues, transforming everyday commutes, local communities, and locations never used for performances into canvases of awe and exhilaration. Instead of there being masses of audience members at a handful of events, this Festival is a mass of events,

each for a safe and secure 'handful' of audience members.

As COVID restrictions begin to loosen, the model that NY PopsUp builds for holding safe live events will pave the way for the reopening of multidisciplinary flexible venues ("flex venues") throughout New York State to open and participate in the Festival. These will be the very first indoor performances since the pandemic began and will mark a major moment in New York's recovery efforts. Not only will these indoor events be a symbol to the entire world that New York is back, they will also be a key step in the long process of getting tens-of-thousands of arts professionals around New York State back to work; and a bridge to getting Broadway and all of the New York cultural world open. These Flex Venues are established performance spaces without fixed seating and are thus able to be adapted for social distancing. Examples of these venues would include The SHED, The Apollo, Harlem Stage, La MaMa, and The Glimmerglass Festival's Alice Busch Opera Theater. All indoor events will strictly follow Department of Health public health and safety guidance.

"Having artists call on other artists as a means to build this festival's giant creative community will spur opportunities for wild, bold, and intimate collaborations that would never otherwise have been possible. As a result, the work presented will represent a near limitless range, colliding disparate styles, disciplines, and points-of-view to infiltrate the daily lives of New Yorkers in genuinely surprising and unprecedented ways," **Zack Winokur said.** "Ultimately, this Festival is about using art as a means of reestablishing human connection. With NY PopsUp, there is no mediating force between artist and artist, or artist and audience. It's humans in direct contact with each other, and the context of this particular moment will make that connection all the more profound."

The council of artistic advisors, who are all collaborating and co-curating NY PopsUp, is comprised of a unique group of New York's premier artistic visionaries, all hailing from different disciplinary backgrounds and each a leader in their own field. These advisors are charged with inviting other artists to join the NY PopsUp community. The artists they engage will, in turn, engage their own networks, ultimately populating the festival with the broadest, most diverse coalition of performers ever united around a single mission. In short, NY PopsUp is being built by artists asking artists to participate.

The council includes renowned choreographer and MacArthur Fellow, Kyle Abraham; three-time Grammy Award nominated jazz musician, Jon Batiste; choreographer and Hooper Award-winning tap dancer Ayodele Casel; Grammy Award nominated singer, actor, and international opera star, Anthony Roth Costanzo; the playwright of *Slave Play*, the most Tony Award nominated play in history, Jeremy O. Harris; Tony Award-winning set designer Mimi Lien; the legendary nine-time Grammy Award-winning musician, Wynton Marsalis; two-time National Book Critics Circle Award-winning poet, essayist, and playwright, Claudia Rankine; Grammy Award-winning jazz vocalist, Cécile McLorin Salvant; leading member of the Punch Brothers and four-time Grammy Award winner, Chris Thile; acclaimed "Saturday Night Live" writer, comedian, and actor, Julio Torres; and acclaimed director and musician, Whitney White.

The public will encounter a range of artists representing all areas of performance - from theater to dance, from poetry to comedy, from pop music to opera, and so much more. Among the confirmed artists are Hugh Jackman, Renée Fleming, Amy Schumer, Alec Baldwin, Chris Rock, Matthew Broderick, Sarah Jessica Parker, Isabel Leonard, Nico Muhly, Joyce DiDonato, John Early and Kate Berlant, Patti Smith, Mandy Patinkin, Raja Feather Kelly, J'Nai Bridges, Kenan Thompson, Gavin Creel, Garth Fagan, Larry Owens, Q-Tip, Billy Porter, Conrad Tao, Bobbi Jene Smith and Or Schraiber, Tina Landau, Rhiannon Giddens, Aparna Nancharla, Anthony Rodriguez, Jonathan Groff, Savion Glover, Dormeshia Sumbry-Edwards, Chris Celiz, Christine Goerke, Kelli O'Hara, Dev Hynes, Phoebe Robinson, Sara Mearns, George Saunders, Caleb Teicher, Danielle Brooks, Jeremy Denk, Idina Menzel, Sondra Radvanovsky, Gaby Moreno, Davé Tines, Jerrod Carmichael, Taylor Mac, Sutton Foster, Jessie Mueller, and Courtney ToPanga Washington, among many others. The events themselves will ignite imaginative collisions of different artforms.

Mr. Rudin and Ms. Rosenthal said, in a joint statement, "As two lifelong New Yorkers, it has been utterly devastating to see our creative community brought to an absolute standstill for a year. It's inconceivable. We both spend our lives generating opportunities for artists, so we were both thrilled to be asked by Governor Cuomo to try to ignite a spark to bring art and performance back to life for the State. The passionate enthusiasm of every person we asked to join us in this incentive is going to make this a labor of both love and invention. We're honored to be spearheading this campaign. Frankly, our most profound hope is that by the time NY PopsUp culminates on Labor Day, New York will be fully on the way to being reopened and revitalized and that this initiative, having served its purpose, will no longer be necessary. It's the spark, not the fire --- the fire is the complete return of all the arts, in their full glory, standing as they always have for the rich, emotional life of the city and state in which we both live."

During the run of the festival, NY PopsUp will grow in its scale, volume of performances, and geographical footprint, with events throughout New York State, from the Bronx to Staten Island, from Buffalo to Suffolk County, from the Hudson Valley to the Capitol.

NY PopsUp will reach its apex over the summer, as we celebrate both the 20th Anniversary of the Tribeca Film Festival (June 9 through 20) and the opening of one of New York's most highly anticipated projects: Little Island (June).

The Tribeca Film Festival was founded by Rosenthal and Robert DeNiro in the aftermath of 9/11 to revitalize Lower Manhattan. Tribeca has come to symbolize the resilience of New Yorkers, the importance of our artistic communities, and their impact on the economic activity of our city. This year's 20th event will be the first in-person film festival in the entirety of North America since the pandemic began to host its filmmakers and their premieres in front of a live audience. With over 300 ticketed and non-ticketed events, the film festival will have screenings, panel discussions, concerts, and more, in parks, on piers, on buildings, and on barges. Tribeca will reach all five boroughs in celebration of the spirit of New York with a closing night celebration of Juneteenth.

The idea for Little Island, a soon-to-open, first-of-its-kind public park on the Hudson River that merges nature and art, was dreamt up as a solution to repair and reinvigorate New York's West Side after the destruction wrought by Hurricane Sandy. A Diller - von Furstenberg Family Foundation project, this is yet another example of the unique power of the arts to revitalize New York in the aftermath of crisis. Little Island, which will begin hosting performances in June, will serve as a permanent, year-round home for easily accessible, multidisciplinary programming, and it will continue bringing artists and audiences together long after NY PopsUp hosts its final performance. Little Island will host its own festival, The Festival at Little Island, in conjunction with the final weeks of NY PopsUp. The Festival at Little Island, which kicks off August 11, 2021 and runs through September 5, will host an average of 16 events per day, for a total of 325 performances by approximately 500 artists.

More details about NY PopsUp will be announced soon. Please note that, given the impromptu nature and surprise element of the pop-up format, not all performances will be announced in advance. Please follow @NYPopsUp on Twitter and Instagram for

the latest.

The first performances will include, among others still to be announced, the following:

Beginning Saturday, February 20 (Opening Day), members of the artists council will lead a performance at the Javits Center as a special tribute to our healthcare workers. The performance will feature Jon Batiste, Anthony Roth Costanzo, Cecile McLorin Salvant, Ayodele Casel, and additional special guests joining forces for a one-of-a-kind live performance.

Throughout the day, the performers will travel around New York City, meeting audiences at various locations throughout all five boroughs in courtyards, workplaces, parks, and street corners, at the footsteps of locations such as, Flushing Post Office, Elmhurst Hospital, and St. Barnabas Hospital. Saturday will conclude with one of Jon Batiste's signature Love Riots beginning at Walt Whitman Park and ending at Golconda Playground in Brooklyn.

On Sunday, February 21, legendary choreographer Garth Fagan's company will lead a special performance at the MAGIC Spell Studios at the Rochester Institute of Technology as a tribute for the staff who have made it possible for RIT to stay open and safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a statement, Mr. Fagan said, "I remember with great pride and pleasure receiving a NYS Governor's Arts Award from then Governor Mario Cuomo and his wife Matilda in 1986. It is fitting that during our 50th anniversary season, we work with their son, Governor Andrew Cuomo and the State of New York to revive the magic of live performance in Rochester, NY, simultaneously honoring our unheralded RIT essential workers. We look forward to NY PopsUp creating more opportunities for artists in New York State in the months to come!"

ALSO:

Patti Smith performing at the Brooklyn Museum in remembrance of the passing of Robert Mapplethorpe.

Partnership with "Works & Process" at the Guggenheim, that will take brilliant new performances beyond the famed Rotunda to locations around the boroughs. These collaborations include George Gershwin's anthem to New York City, Rhapsody in Blue, performed by New York's own pianist and composer, Conrad Tao, with new choreography by Caleb Teicher; The Missing Element, a beatbox and street dance collaboration, featuring Chris Celiz and Anthony Rodriguez's "Invertebrate"; and Masterz at Work Dance Family performing a brand-new dance by choreographer Courtney ToPanga Washington.

A series of performances in storefront windows, amplified out onto the street, from artists Gavin Creel, J'Nai Bridges, Dav◆ne Tines, Bobbi Jene Smith, Or Schraiber, and more.

A new live radio show hosted by Chris Thile, broadcast from stoops all over New York State, from Brooklyn and the East Village to the steps of Albany's Empire State Plaza across from the Capitol building.

A series of dynamic and participatory performances created by Ayodele Casel taking place in the lobbies of free museums throughout the City of New York, including the Brooklyn Museum and Queens Museum.

NY PopsUp, the Tribeca Film Festival, and The Festival at Little Island will together bring a total of more than 1,000 performances to New York State between February 20 and Labor Day, signaling an event unmatched in scale and unrivaled in scope.

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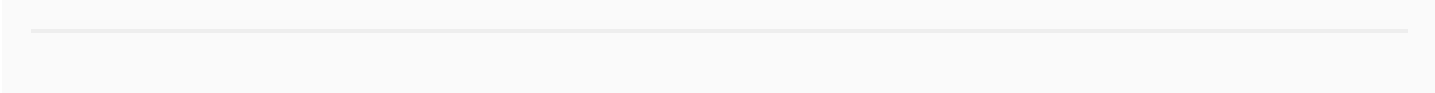
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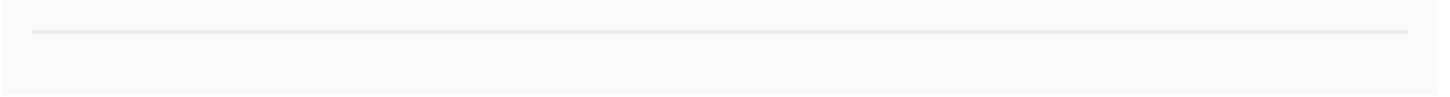
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In memoir, Paterson recalls shock of Spitzer scandal

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ALBANY, N.Y. — Former New York Gov. David Paterson found out that that he was about to become New York's top elected official via a phone call made from a bathroom, less than an hour before the New York Times reported that his soon-to-be predecessor, Eliot Spitzer, was a client of an expensive escort service.

Paterson was the Empire State's lieutenant governor at the time. Spitzer resigned shortly after the Times report was published in March, 2008.

"My overriding thought about Spitzer's departure and my elevation to the role of governor is that it's the best benefit I ever got from sex — and I wasn't even there," Paterson writes in a new memoir, entitled "Black, Blind & In Charge."

While the former governor has used [varieties of that one-liner](#) before, the book includes unprecedented detail about how the most consequential week of modern New York politics unfolded for one of the key players. As he tells it, the day of Spitzer's downfall seemed to be a fairly typical one for a lieutenant governor, although he kept having certain events, like a meeting with Cardinal Edward Egan, thrown onto his schedule while the governor was mysteriously stuck in Manhattan.

Paterson learned of the looming bombshell thanks to a surreptitious call from gubernatorial secretary Richard Baum, who contacted Paterson from Spitzer's bathroom. Upon the advice of his father, longtime political powerhouse Basil Paterson, he proceeded to call the state's other top officials so they wouldn't be upset about being left in the dark.

The first to call him back was Sen. Hillary Clinton, then in the midst of her 2008 presidential primary campaign.

"[T]he governor's health is fine but he is going to resign within the hour," he recounts saying.

"Well, what is the reason causing him to resign?" she replied.

"I started to speak and then held my breath because I thought, 'How do you explain a sex scandal to Hillary Clinton?'"

Spitzer did not resign that afternoon, choosing instead to see if he could hold onto power. He gave up, according to Paterson, after then-Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver told the governor he'd have no support in an impeachment trial. Paterson then persuaded Spitzer's team to make the resignation effective the following week so that he could fully prepare and avoid a rushed inauguration where he'd "look weak, alone, or unprepared ... standing in Albany, by myself."

He describes the rushed transition as "an orgy of cannibalism" where "a plethora of self-serving pariahs" seeking power tried to form connections.

One of the few people he characterizes as "magnanimous" during this time was then-New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg. When the incoming governor was overwhelmed on inauguration morning, Bloomberg pretended to be holding a meeting with Paterson, guaranteeing they'd remain unbothered while Paterson was able to rest.

His feud with Richard Ravitch

One of Paterson's lasting legacies was the discovery that New York governors can fill vacancies in the lieutenant governor's office.

There hadn't been precedent for that. Then-Attorney General Andrew Cuomo [argued it was unconstitutional](#). But Paterson moved forward and chose longtime civic leader Richard Ravitch for the post. (Paterson writes that Cuomo ultimately "seemed relieved" when he made his choice: "I surmised because it was not [Nassau County Executive] Tom Suozzi ... someone whom Cuomo deeply despised.")

But Paterson's recollections about his lieutenant governor are far from positive.

As his administration was enveloped in a series of scandals in early 2010, a stream of rumors involving his imminent resignation circulated through the halls of the New York's Capitol. They were fueled when Ravitch went off the grid for several days and held a meeting with Cuomo.

Plenty of theories have been offered about Cuomo's role in [the drumbeat against Paterson](#) in 2010. But in the ex-governor's narrative, Cuomo is generally treated very kindly, while Ravitch was the bigger problem during those troubled months.

He had been tasked by the governor with developing solutions to the budget woes of the Great Recession, coming up with the "[Ravitch Plan](#)" that would have entailed borrowing massive amounts of money to cover a shortfall. Cuomo ultimately persuaded Paterson that this was a backdoor way to undo recent court cases that shifted budgetary powers toward the executive.

"Ravitch, as Andrew Cuomo ... warned me, was doing the bidding of the legislative leaders, and his rotund frame, the only thing I know of that is

larger than his ego, was noticed in several of their offices while I was trying to pass the budget,” Paterson wrote.

... And Trump's feuds with Ravitch

Paterson wasn't the only one who seems to have a distaste for his lieutenant governor.

A certain New York City real estate developer warned him from the get-go that Ravitch was “incompetent and incapable of running government.” That feud seems to have dated to Ravitch's tenure as head of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority 40 years ago, when Ravitch said that Donald Trump would need to pay if he wanted a new subway exit built directly into the Grand Hyatt Hotel from Grand Central Station in midtown.

When Ravitch was promoting his budget fixes in 2010, Paterson got a call from Trump.

“Hey David, I warned you and look at this! This guy is an asshole, he is untrustworthy, and he is disloyal,” Trump proclaimed.

Trump quickly began telling reporters that Paterson had told him he regretted making his lieutenant governor pick.

“I never said that I'm sorry that I took Ravitch,” Paterson recounts telling Trump in a follow-up call.

“But it's the truth, it's the truth! You do wish you hadn't taken him. Look me in the eye and tell me that isn't the truth,” Trump said, according to Paterson.

The Ravitch pick apparently riled Trump as recently as a 2014 New Year's Eve lunch at Mar-a-Lago in Florida.

Trump, Paterson says, approached him to reiterate his thoughts on the matter:

“You know, Governor, I probably wouldn't have said what I did that day but I was completely frustrated that this Ravitch guy ... wanted to borrow \$6 billion and give it to the legislature to prolong the fact that they were continually refusing to cut the budget and I thought that was completely out of line for his position.”

The 2002 leadership fight in the state Senate

Leadership battles hold a special place in Albany lore, though Paterson's 2002 ouster of Senate Democratic Leader Marty Connor hadn't previously been detailed in any depth. But despite the lack of importance of the job at the time, it was a notable moment in recent Albany history, both because it made Paterson the first Black leader of a legislative conference and because of the players involved.

The plan was first developed over wine with fellow Sen. Eric Schneiderman near Paterson's home in Guiderland, near Albany. Schneiderman unveiled a list of 10 senators who would support Paterson, just shy of the 13 needed to make him leader.

Paterson demurred. But after then-Sen. Malcolm Smith subsequently gave a motivational speech about living up to the legacy of people like his father and fellow Harlem leader Percy Sutton, Paterson's imagination took him to lines uttered by Babe Ruth's ghost in the movie "The Sandlot" — “There are heroes and there are legends ... Heroes die and legends live forever” — and he decided to make a run for it.

Paterson eventually gathered a group of 13 senators in his Manhattan office. But one, then-freshman Martin Dilan, remained noncommittal.

He decided to trick a colleague, Carl Andrews, into thinking he had the 13 votes locked up — suggesting he'd be left out of any leadership team if he remained with Connor — and Andrews soon came from Brooklyn accompanied by another Senate colleague, Velmanette Montgomery, allowing Paterson to hold a news conference where he locked up support.

Gillibrand's appointment to the U.S. Senate

“Probably the most qualified person to succeed Hillary Clinton in the Senate was Andrew Cuomo,” Paterson wrote about the bitter and drawn-out selection process to replace Hillary Clinton after she left the Senate to become secretary of state under Barack Obama. “But providing I got an appropriately qualified candidate, I wanted to appoint a woman.”

Paterson spends dozens of pages summarizing backstabbing by supporters of Caroline Kennedy, who was a possible candidate for the appointment, and his own staff.

He confirms that his ultimate selection of then-Rep. [Kirsten Gillibrand](#) (D-N.Y.) was made partially due to an incident that was completely unknown at the time — [her kindness to the governor](#) after "Saturday Night Live" began using him as a vehicle to make jokes about the blind. (Paterson is legally blind.)

Gillibrand was in his office and overheard discussions about whether to respond. She urged him to “fight for people who didn't have a voice.”

“Congressman Gillibrand's voice was one of support and encouragement,” Paterson wrote. “It wasn't the sole reason I made the choice, but it was a contributing factor.”

Christie and Bloomberg

Paterson recalls an incident during Queen Elizabeth II's visit to the World Trade Center site in 2010, as he stood with then New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie awaiting the monarch's arrival.

Christie said to him: "I was told by the protocol people that nobody escorts the Queen but Prince Phillip, but I bet you that Bloomberg is going to try to stand in front of us both and escort her."

"Yeah, Chris, Michael always takes charge like that. I'm OK with it."

"Well I'm not putting up with it this time. If he tries it today, I want you to trip him and I'm gonna sit on him"

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New York restaurant and bar owners could be arrested if they refuse to abide by Mayor Bill de Blasio's executive order to restrict them to delivery and take-out only.

The measures come as the City That Never Sleeps takes drastic steps to stop the spread of coronavirus.

The governors of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut announced a ban Monday on gatherings of more than 50 people. They agreed to close casinos, gyms and movie theaters at 8 p.m. Monday, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said.

Patrons and operators who do not comply with the executive order could face a disorderly conduct summons and, in more severe cases, arrest for not complying, according to an advisory to NYPD.

Along with shutting down public gatherings and spaces, all schools in New York are to close by Wednesday until April 1, an executive order signed by Cuomo on Monday said.

"Every district will be required to submit a plan to ensure children of healthcare workers and first responders have access to child care so these closures do not strain our hospitals and that children who depend on school meal programs continue getting the support they need," Cuomo said in a statement.

Cuomo and de Blasio had pushed back against the possibility of closing schools in America's largest and most densely populated city because so many students get their only healthy meals of the day through school. In addition, closing schools means that parents have to stay home or organize child care, further throwing a wrench in normal life.

De Blasio said there will be special sites created for children of crucial health care workers and first responders. The city is working to supply technology to children who need it and is working to provide meals to children who depend on school breakfasts and lunches. This week, schools will be open for grab-and-go meals, he said.

Coronavirus cases have continued rising, even leading "Saturday Night Live" to halt production until further notice, an NBC spokesperson said Monday. The show's episode slated for March 28 will not air.

"The safety of our employees continue to be our top priority. We will monitor the situation closely and make decisions about future shows on an ongoing basis as further information develops," a spokesperson said to NBC News.

The state has 950 confirmed cases of coronavirus and New York City has a total of 436, Cuomo said Monday.

Two high-ranking New York Police Department officials, a chief and a deputy commissioner, tested positive for coronavirus Monday, according to a law enforcement official briefed on the matter. An NYPD school safety agent also tested positive, the official said. All three are recovering, the official said.

The New York Fire Department is switching to 24-hour shifts, meaning firefighters work one day, and have three days off, an FDNY official said. Two members of the FDNY have tested positive for coronavirus and 100 are under self-quarantine.

Emergency Medical Services, part of the FDNY, is switching to a platoon response. The purpose of the switch is so firefighters and EMS employees work with the same people every shift and do not come in contact with new people, not including patients, the FDNY official said.

In addition, New Jersey established a curfew that bans residents from being out between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m., with the exception of essential travel, Gov. Phil Murphy announced Monday.

“We want everybody to be home, not out,” he said.

New York’s mayor said city officials are considering “everything” in terms of “curfew” or other possibilities.

“It will get a lot worse before it gets better,” de Blasio said.

Restaurants move to takeout or delivery only

Already, New York has shut down large gatherings, including sports events, Broadway shows and the St. Patrick’s Day parade. The subway has remained open to transport those who still need to go to work.

In addition to the changes at bars and restaurants, de Blasio said nightclubs, movie theaters, small theater houses and concert venues must all close. The order will go into effect Tuesday morning, he said.

“This is not a decision I make lightly. These places are part of the heart and soul of our city. They are part of what it means to be a New Yorker. But our city is facing an unprecedented threat, and we must respond with a wartime mentality,” he said on Twitter.

The closing of seating areas at restaurants and bars is all part of the strategy of “social distancing,” or limiting social gatherings. The idea is to slow or stop the spread of the virus by cutting down on large gatherings where people could potentially infect new communities.

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention published interim guidance Sunday recommending “that for the next 8 weeks, organizers (whether groups or individuals) cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more throughout the United States.”

De Blasio said Sunday night that five people have died in New York City, all of whom were older than 50 and had underlying medical conditions.

Already, shoppers across the country have been rushing to grocery stores to load up on dried goods, cleaning supplies and toilet paper.

Steven Sloan, co-owner of the grocery store chain Morton Williams, told CNN the stores will remain open and have been taking care to disinfect. He said items such as eggs, milk, pasta and tomato sauce were being restocked and there were no issues in the supply chain.

“Yes, there will be enough food. We’ve got no sense that there’s a lack of food coming through the pipeline for your basic things,” he said.

Grocery stores, gas stations, pharmacies and medical facilities are considered essential and will be exempt from any shutdown, Cuomo said.

Hospitals prep for more patients

A second purpose of social distancing is to slow the speed of new coronavirus cases so that hospitals are not overwhelmed by a wave of patients in one period — also known as “flattening the curve.”

At the same time, New York officials are working to expand the number of hospital beds, ventilators and health care supplies to absorb these impending cases.

“I believe on any projection that that flattening of the curve is not going to be enough,” Cuomo said. “I don’t see it as a curve. I see it as a wave. And the wave is going to crash onto our hospital system.”

“We’re looking at an overrun in New York in the tens of thousands,” he added Monday morning.

De Blasio said the city is acting on a “war basis,” and residents will see a “massive mobilization to save lives, to help people through their suffering.”

Response will be on a scale New York City hasn’t seen before, de Blasio said. The city is “retrofitting facilities that have nothing to do with health care.” Officials are trying to add about 8,200 hospital beds.

Four new facilities will be brought online right away, which will be about 1,200 to 1,300 beds. Three hundred and fifty beds on Roosevelt Island that are not being used will be ready in about a week, de Blasio said.

Tents are also being brought in, de Blasio said.

The city will ask for the military medical units to come in as “we need all of that to get through this,” de Blasio said.

About 7,000 beds could be freed up with the cancellation of elective surgeries and expedited discharging of patients in the city’s hospitals, de Blasio said.

“This will be a race against time,” he said of expanding hospital capacity.

Cuomo told CNN Monday he did not have the capacity to build hospitals and called on the federal government to use the Army Corps of Engineers to build temporary medical facilities for that coming increase.

“This is what they do. They build. I’ll give them dormitories (to) build temporary medical facilities, but they have to do it,” he said. “I’m not shy but the state doesn’t have the capacity to build that quickly to that level.”

The governor also asked local governments Monday to “immediately identify a number of beds in facilities that are available.”

De Blasio said he would sign an executive order Monday requiring all hospitals in the city to cancel elective surgeries in the coming days. Ending elective surgeries will allow hospitals to devote more of their resources on treating the expected increase in coronavirus cases.

De Blasio said his power to do so exists under New York's state of emergency and that his executive order would be worded carefully to allow some flexibility in ending scheduled elective surgeries, but that all elective surgeries would cease soon.

Officials say there will be no citywide shutdown

Yet even as officials laid down strict limits on social life, they pushed back against the idea that New York would — or even could — be completely shut down.

Rumors of such a shutdown spread late last week and over the weekend, forcing rebuttals from de Blasio and Cuomo.

“By law, no city in the state can close down, can quarantine unless the state government allows it. I will not allow any quarantine of any city or any jurisdiction in this state, so that is not going to happen,” Cuomo said.

“There’s no discussion of closing down New York City, meaning quarantine geographic constriction,” he added. “Closing down schools, closing down large businesses, closing down places of density, that’s what we’re talking about. No one’s talking about closing off a geographic location.”

There has been, though, an increase in unemployment claims, according to a statement from the state’s Department of Labor.

“We are seeing a spike in volume that is comparable to post 9/11,” said Deanna Cohen, department spokeswoman.

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QUICK FIX

— **The final mayoral primary debate** was held, with candidates landing verbal blows as they seek to pull ahead of the field.

— **Rochester's mayor has had a very bad year.** But she's still on track for a third term.

— **New York City is seeking state authorization** to move homeless people back into shelters from temporary hotels.

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DRIVING THE DAY

DEBATE BLOWS — **POLITICO's Nick Niedzwiadek and David Giambusso:** New York City Democratic mayoral candidates took the stage Wednesday night at NBC's fabled studio 8-H Wednesday — the longtime home of "Saturday Night Live" — fixated on using that spotlight to leave an impression on voters in the last major event before polls close next week. The first hour of the debate — sponsored by POLITICO, WNBC and Telemundo 47 — focused on public safety and the persistent homelessness crisis as New York City sees a dramatic spike in shootings and hate crimes throughout the city as it emerges from the pandemic. Early voting is underway across the five boroughs, and more than 60,000 residents — in a city with 3.4 million active registered Democratic voters — have already cast ballots, leaving precious little time for candidates to vault ahead. The debate is of unusual consequence with such a large field of candidates all trying to take advantage of a new ranked-choice voting system, which has left no clear frontrunner with just days before polls close. The candidates on Wednesday evening piled on, trying to get in every possible attack line. Just one breakout moment or flub could scramble the field.

ROCHESTER TURMOIL — **POLITICO's Anna Gronewold:** It would be hard to imagine how Lovely Warren and the city she leads, Rochester, could have had a worse year. The city's beleaguered school district found itself in the red to the tune of \$117 million. Demonstrators took to the streets to protest Warren's role in a monthslong coverup in the death of Daniel Prude, who died in police custody while he was restrained and under mental distress. In October, Warren was indicted on felony campaign finance charges and last month, police searched Warren's home after her estranged husband was arrested for drug and weapons possession. Through it all, of course, a pandemic of historic proportions brought the city's economy to a halt. Despite all that, the two-term Democrat has a strong shot at clinching a third term. She is running with the backing of the city and county Democratic party and faces just one challenger in a primary later this month — and a victory would ensure her reelection in the heavily Democratic city.

Longtime upstate observers are quick to note that while a victory is far from certain, she does remain the favorite against City Councilmember Malik Evans. That Warren has maintained much of her support despite that trifecta of scandals and with little evidence that crime, poverty and deep racial disparities have greatly improved during her tenure would seem counterintuitive. But many Rochesterians — especially in its Black communities — see Warren as a fighter who is persevering despite relentless roadblocks and odds stacked against her. They see themselves in her, said

Adrian Hale, a native of Rochester who manages workforce development and education at the city's Chamber of Commerce. He pointed to job termination rates that are three to four times higher for workers of color and different treatment from law enforcement that the city's Black residents have come to expect.

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[MOVING BACK TO SHELTERS](#) — POLITICO's Amanda Eisenberg: New York City is seeking state authorization to move homeless people back into shelters from temporary hotels, Mayor Bill de Blasio said Wednesday. The details: The city moved about 8,000 homeless people into 60 hotels during the Covid-19 pandemic over virus transmission concerns. People in congregate settings, like homeless shelters and jails, were more likely to contract Covid-19 and also likely to have health conditions that the novel coronavirus could exacerbate. "All of our planning is in place. We know exactly which shelters we're going to bring people back to. They're being prepared. We're ready to go," de Blasio said. "What we need is authorization from the state of New York."

[ADAMS PROPERTY QUESTIONS MOUNT](#) — The City's Greg Smith and Yoav Gonen: "When he decided to run for state Senate in 2005, then-NYPD Captain Eric Adams confronted something new: For the first time in his life, he would have to reveal personal details on financial disclosure forms available to the public. In at least one regard, records show, he failed to do what was required. At the time he co-owned a co-op apartment in Prospect Heights, Brooklyn, with Sylvia Cowan — who today describes the two of them as "good friends." Because his co-owner was not a relative, Adams was required to disclose his financial interest in the property under guidelines of the state legislative ethics commission. But in his 2005 disclosure form filed as a candidate and in his 2006 form filed as an elected senator, Adams did not mention the co-op."

[NYCHA TENANT LEADERS OPPOSE GARCIA](#) — New York Post's Julia Marsh and Nolan Hicks: "Tenant association presidents of six public housing complexes are asking voters not to rank Kathryn Garcia for mayor — arguing that she misled the public about the extent of the lead paint crisis when she served as City Hall's interim NYCHA chairwoman. 'Kathryn Garcia failed our neighbors, families and friends when she had a chance to protect us from the dangers of lead paint poisoning,' the tenant presidents wrote in the new letter. 'If you care about public housing and the health of our children, please do not vote for Kathryn Garcia.' The letter was signed by six tenant leaders and is set to be made public during the last Democratic mayoral debate on Wednesday night."

[ADULT SURVIVORS ASK FOR MEETING](#) — Spectrum News' Nick Reisman: "Advocates who back a bill meant to aid adult survivors of sexual assault and rape on Wednesday urged top lawmakers in the New York state Assembly to meet with them to discuss the proposal. The letter to top Democrats in the chamber comes days after lawmakers concluded the legislative session without the measure gaining a vote in the Assembly. 'Our goal for this meeting is to share narratives and case examples that can help you better understand the complex dynamics of sexual violence and the need for impactful legislation such as the Adult Survivors Act to better serve survivors and the community,' the letter states."

[SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF](#) — Wall Street Journal's Rich Calder: The New York City Council is set to approve legislation Thursday that provides relief for small businesses, including easing code enforcement and slashing the cost of thousands of fines that mom-and-pop shops and restaurateurs were issued in the past eight years. The two-bill package to aid a business sector hit hard by the Covid-19 pandemic has more than enough council support to be approved at Thursday's meeting and eventually become law, city officials said. One bill, whose lead sponsor is Councilman Mark Gjonaj, a Bronx Democrat, will create a temporary amnesty program run by the city Department of Finance that offers a 75% discount on all unpaid code violations issued on or after March 7, 2020 — when Gov. Andrew Cuomo, a Democrat, declared a state of emergency because of the pandemic.

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- **State lawmakers are calling** for [stiffer penalties for electric scooter riders](#) who flee crashes in the wake of the June 4 hit-and-run that killed actress Lisa Banes.

- **New York City after school programs are facing** issues with [expensive permits to use school buildings](#).
- **Long Island's state parks are** competing to hire lifeguards for parks, beaches and pools after the [pandemic curtailed many training programs](#) and created a shortage.
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The concerns come after city schools delayed their reopening after months of planning.

-Nick Reisman

Judge Bars Census From Ending Early

By Nick Reisman

Gov. Andrew Cuomo has acknowledged the various paths New York's state budget can take are not pretty if no federal aid comes through from Washington.

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By Nick Reisman

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By Morgan McKay

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There was a protest Sunday outside the University of Rochester Medical Center over the treatment of Daniel Prude.

A rally against National Grid's proposed pipeline in northern Brooklyn was held on Saturday night.

New York City needs to hire thousands of teachers in order to bring students in all grades back to schools part-time next week.

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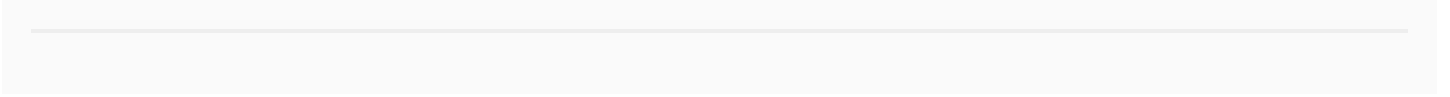
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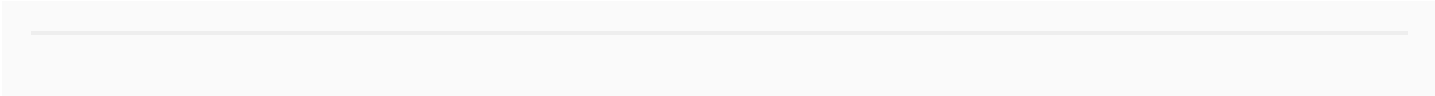
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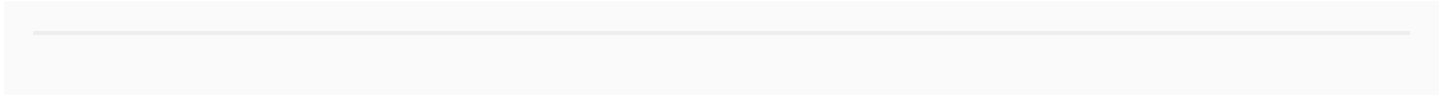
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By Frank Lovece:

"Saturday Night Live" star Michael Che says that in tribute to his recently deceased grandmother, he is paying a month's rent for each apartment in her former building.

"[I]t's crazy to me that residents of public housing are still expected to pay their rent when so many New Yorkers can't even work" due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 36-year-old Che wrote in a mostly lowercase and punctuation-free Instagram missive Thursday, after announcing in a since-deleted April 6 post that his grandmother had died of the coronavirus.

"[O]bviously I can't offer much help by myself," he continued. "[B]ut in the spirit and memory of my late grandmother, I'm paying one month's rent for all 160 apartments in the NYCHA [New York City Housing Authority] building she lived in. I know that's just a drop in the bucket. So I really hope the city has a better plan for debt forgiveness for all the people in public housing. AT THE VERY LEAST."

He ended with a plea to Mayor Bill de Blasio, Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo and rapper and music mogul Sean "Diddy" Combs to contact him, saying, "let's fix this!"

In response to a comment asking why his grandmother was apparently still living in NYCHA housing, Che clarified, "lol I guess that's a fair question. But she hasn't lived in public housing since like 1990, when she moved down south. But that building is very significant in my family's history, so that's why I chose it. I guess I just worded it weird."

Che grew up in NYCHA's 12-building Alfred E. Smith Houses apartment complex on the Lower East Side. It was unclear if this had been the home of his grandmother, whose name he gave as Martha on last weekend's episode of "Saturday Night Live."

According to multiple transcriptions of his since-deleted post announcing her death, Che, born Michael Che Campbell, had written, "Last night my grandmother passed away from the coronavirus. I'm doing OK, considering. I'm obviously very hurt and angry that she had to go through all that pain alone. But I'm also happy that she's not in pain anymore. And I also feel guilty for feeling happy. Basically the whole gamut of complex feelings everybody else has losing someone very close and special. I'm not unique. But it's still scary. I don't know if I'll lose someone else to this virus. I don't know if I'll be lost to this virus. Who ... [expletive] knows?"

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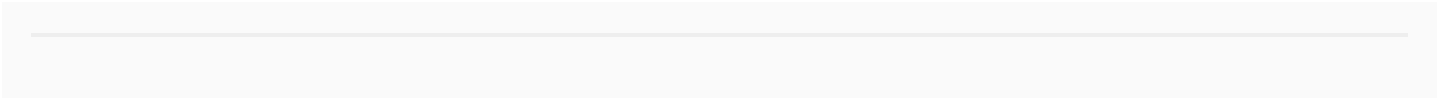
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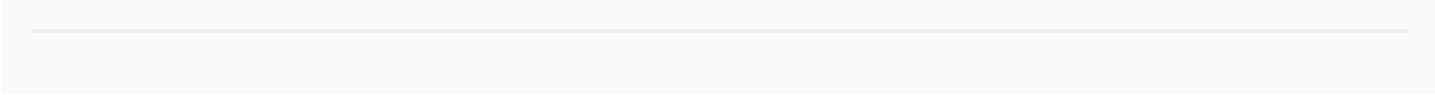
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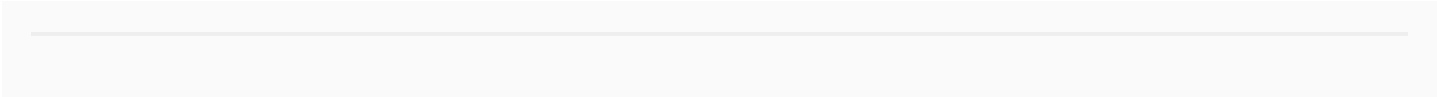
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By DAILY NEWS EDITORIAL BOARD:

We agree that "Saturday Night Live" hasn't been funny in a long time, though they've been saying that since the 1970s. But those who stayed up late last weekend to catch the final half-hour of the show saw a rare piece of inspired comedy about, of all things, LaGuardia Airport.

The eight-minute musical number, a medley of Broadway showtune parodies, flayed everything from the bad and overpriced food to the inaccessible cabs and app-hire vehicles to the impossibility of getting from one terminal to the next to the general dirt, disorder and disgustingness of the place.

It's funny because it's true. It's also infuriating because it's true.

The comedians did get it wrong in blaming Mayors de Blasio and Bloomberg, as the airports are run by the Port Authority, under control of the governor. (The governor also oversees the subways, by the way.)

To Gov. Cuomo's credit, he is rebuilding the airport Joe Biden once rightly called "Third World." The renovated swaths are quite nice, even though the rehab is making it still harder to get in and out. While Cuomo's proposed AirTrain is a \$2 billion waste, making the lightning-fast Q70 bus free at all times is a simple idea that won't cost a penny.

Speaking of blame: NBC was solely responsible for "The Apprentice," bringing a certain New York City con man into America's living rooms for 14 seasons. "Saturday Night Live" even let him host in the midst of his 2016 presidential run, which was even more stomach-sickening than airport sushi.

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By PETER SBLENDORIO:

One of New York's most prominent actors would want to portray Gov. Cuomo if there were to be a movie about the coronavirus pandemic.

Robert De Niro appeared on the virtual "Late Show" on Wednesday and, when he was asked by host Stephen Colbert who he'd like to play in a film about the pandemic, the actor selected Cuomo.

"He's doing what a president should do," De Niro said.

De Niro, 76, said he could envision Cuomo in the Oval Office in real life, but voiced his support for Joe Biden in the 2020 presidential race.

The "Irishman" star was also critical of President Trump's handling of the response to the COVID-19 outbreak, calling him an "idiot."

"There were many, many warnings, and we're all paying for it now," De Niro said. "It would've been bad, maybe, in some ways, but never like this."

De Niro laughed when Colbert said the role of Dr. Anthony Fauci was already taken by Brad Pitt.

Pitt portrayed the infectious diseases expert on "Saturday Night Live" last month after Fauci joked with CNN about the actor potentially impersonating him.

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By KARU F. DANIELS:

Roseanne Barr is weighing in on the coronavirus crisis like only she can.

The disgraced comedienne is back in the digital zeitgeist — with some more of her trademark eye-opening commentary.

On Sunday's episode of the YouTube talk show, "Quarantined With Norm Macdonald," the Emmy Award and Golden Globe Award-winning former sitcom star was the guest caller. The conversation naturally turned to the COVID-19, which the controversial comic claims the pandemic is a scheme "to get rid of all my generation."

"I think we're being forced to evolve," Barr, 67, explained. "I think they're just trying to get rid of all my generation, the Boomer ladies. The Boomer ladies that, you know, that inherited their, you know, are widows. They inherited the money so they got to go wherever the money is and figure out a way to get it from people."

"That would be a good thriller," Macdonald retorted.

At one point, Barr, who is quarantining in Hawaii, claims the island is out of toilet paper and white rice. She also said there is only one case of the virus in the state.

"Wow," the "Saturday Night Live" alum responded before joking, "[Is there] any talk of killing him?"

The latest figures from Hawaii's Department of Health, says there are 387 confirmed cases of the illness as of Tuesday.

Elsewhere on the profanity-laced, cackling chatfest, Barr revealed to the Canadian stand-up comic that she is considering filing a lawsuit over her 2018 firing from ABC for her tweet comparing former White House adviser Valerie Jarrett to "The Planet of the Apes."

Social distancing has given her a lot of time to consider legal actions after she torpedoed the success "The Conners," the 2018 "Roseanne" reboot.

"I have the time now to research and come up with the perfect lawsuit," she said, adding, "The lawsuit I'm going to wage against Hollywood."

Barr was fired from the network's much anticipated sequel of her 1990s sitcom after tweeting, "muslim brotherhood & planet of the apes had a baby=vj," in response to another user's claim that suggested Jarrett helped former President Barack Obama hide secrets.

Barr infamously blamed her racially charged tweet on the use of the sleep aid Ambien, and later screwed things up further during later interviews designed to do damage control.

It's not sure what aids, if any, she took before her latest appearance with Macdonald.

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By BRIAN NIEMIETZ:

Gov. Cuomo is down with Robert De Niro portraying him in a movie about the coronavirus pandemic, should there be one, and he also took a moment to play the role of the Manhattan-born actor.

The governor appeared on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" Thursday where the host told him the show's previous night's guest, De Niro, said he'd want to portray Cuomo, whose pandemic response has gotten good reviews.

"De Niro? I am a big De Niro fan. He is just phenomenal," Cuomo said of his fellow New Yorker.

The governor, 62, praised the 76-year-old Oscar winner's extensive body of work as well as his range. He then made an attempt to recreate De Niro's famously frightening monologue from "Taxi Driver" in 1976.

"I'm going to do 'Taxi Driver,' the next press conference when a reporter asks me a question," he said. "You talkin' to me? You talkin' to me? Oh boy, that would be a treat."

Cuomo, earlier in the interview, seemed to take issue with Colbert mentioning that Brad Pitt would play pandemic expert Anthony Fauci if a movie were made about the coronavirus crisis, which has claimed more American lives than the war in Vietnam and seen rabid right-wing activists bringing assault rifles to state capitols to protest safety measures being taken to contain the pandemic. Security around Fauci was reportedly stepped-up last month as the medical expert became increasingly unpopular among pandemic skeptics.

"How do we get (from) Brad Pitt to Fauci?" Cuomo demanded. "How do you see that?"

Colbert explained that Fauci said he'd like to see Pitt play him if a film were made about the pandemic and Pitt responded by playing the 79-year-old Brooklyn native in a "Saturday Night Live" skit. Cuomo then accepted that casting decision.

President Trump has not said who would play him in such a production, though he once posted a Twitter photo of his head on Sylvester Stallone's body. Alec Baldwin's "Saturday Night Live" impression of the president has been a big hit with comedy audiences, but not with Trump.

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By Miranda Devine:

There's a moment in the new Hillary Clinton hagio-documentary on Hulu when the former presidential candidate complains that it took her an hour every day to have her hair and makeup done during the 2016 campaign.

"It's a burden, believe me," she says in Episode 2 of 'Hillary.'"

"I calculated it, and I spent 25 days doing hair and makeup, and I knew that the men I was running against don't have to do any of that. Get up, take a shower, shake their head, they were ready to go."

But no one forced her to endure high-maintenance grooming. She could have jumped out of the shower and been good to go, too. She just chose not to.

This is the problem with too many liberal women. They campaign as trailblazers, but at the first sign of trouble, they cry victim.

So when Sen. Elizabeth Warren dropped out of the presidential race, having failed to inspire Democrat voters, Clinton blamed "unconscious bias and . . . gendered language."

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi also tried to explain away Warren's failure: "I do think there's a certain element of misogyny that is there."

Rather than lament that by throwing in the towel, she was breaking a promise she made to girls, Warren should have said she had no regrets. Instead, she emulated Hillary by claiming victimhood.

Blaming sexism is pathetic, not to mention illogical, as pollster Frank Luntz pointed out on "Fox News Sunday": "About 55 to 57 percent of the Democratic primary and caucus electorate are women, so if women aren't voting for her, by definition, how can it be sexist?"

On Super Tuesday, in her home state of Massachusetts, Warren lost women to Joe Biden by 10 percentage points. Even Sen. Bernie Sanders beat her among Bay State women, 26 percent to 24 percent.

Clinton similarly failed to win over her sisters. In 2016, Donald Trump won 53 percent of white women, causing Clinton to attack them as the victims of domineering husbands.

Both Clinton and Warren share a stunning lack of humility. It doesn't occur to them, in their self-congratulatory, liberal feminist self-image, that voters, male or female, just don't want what they are selling.

Warren's fatal mistake was to embrace identity politics, claiming victim status by being a member of various oppressed groups — when in reality, she was a privileged white professor. In the end, the woke parasite devours its own.

She started with baggage from her claim of being partly Native American. She allowed President Trump to bully her into taking a DNA test, which proved she had very little Native-American ancestry, and spent the rest of the campaign trying to apologize.

Then she tried to earn victim points by claiming she once had been fired for being pregnant.

Finally, she revealed herself as cravenly unserious when she declared she would recruit a “young trans person” to vet her potential Cabinet appointees.

It was a stunt so out of touch with the real lives of American families, it might well have been a comedian’s parody.

She accused fellow socialist Sanders of sexism in one debate; and when Michael Bloomberg entered the race, she did the same to him.

She won plaudits from “Go Girl” media types, but out in the real world, where decent men suddenly are being held to new, amorphous standards, she just looked unreasonable. She morphed into the schoolteacher who empowers little girls in the classroom at the expense of little boys. It’s not just men she antagonized, but the mothers of sons.

On “Saturday Night Live,” Warren boasted about besting Bloomberg on the debate stage. “Not only did I not accept money from billionaires, I got to give one a swirly on live TV!” Invoking an image of dunking Bloomberg’s head in a toilet bowl as it is flushed is beyond mean. What did Bloomberg do to deserve such hatred, apart from lavishing money on candidates on her side of the spectrum?

Warren’s supporters complained last week that Sanders should have stepped down after his heart attack to give her a chance. “Poor me, do me a favor” is not a winner’s motto. But it is a classic MO of liberal women. They stomp all over the so-called patriarchy, and then the minute the going gets tough, they demand chivalry. Life doesn’t work like that.

Warren took the wrong lesson from Clinton’s 2016 defeat. There is no honor in playing the victim.

The most revelatory part of the Clinton film comes toward the end, when Hillary reveals that she was cheered on election night by the despair of Democrat voters: “People crying on the sidewalks, holding their children up. [It was] like a death.”

“What I loved was the reaction to the loss and the Resistance that grew up because of it.”

“It began to sprout almost immediately. There was a very big silver lining which made me feel somewhat better.”

This is not the reaction of a person who should be president. It’s sociopathic.

The destructive political polarization in America since the 2016 election owes a great deal to Clinton’s gracelessness. She embarrassed women by being such a sore loser, and she poisons any Democratic candidate who emulates her.

Pregnancy is NOT a ‘tragedy’

It’s a sad indictment of our culture’s attitude to motherhood that a talented young musician would describe her pregnancy as “a sort of tragedy.”

Claire Boucher, aka Grimes, 31, who is pregnant by her boyfriend, Tesla founder Elon Musk, told Rolling Stone: “Even though it’s this great thing, for a girl, it’s sacrificing your body and your freedom. It’s a pretty crazy sacrifice, and only half of the population has to do it. . . . I have sacrificed my power in this moment. I have, like, capitulated. . . . I have never capitulated to anything.”

When her baby is born, let’s hope she realizes what an immense privilege it is to be a woman, uniquely gifted to nurture a life for nine months and become a mother.

There’s no future for a society that tells women pregnancy is an impediment to their empowerment and a burden on the planet.

Liberals show true colors

The Twittersphere was delighted by news that an attendee with the coronavirus had attended CPAC, the conservative conference in Maryland, where Donald Trump and Mike Pence spoke a week ago. “Karma is a b*tch” was the refrain from people hoping the infection would engulf the White House and take out the “Orange Man.” Trump detractors claim to want to restore civility and decency to our discourse yet leap on any chance to wish harm on the president.

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By Carl Campanile and Aaron Feis:

Less than half of Brooklynites are wearing masks to stop the spread of the coronavirus, comedian Chris Rock estimated Thursday in his guest appearance at Gov. Andrew Cuomo's press briefing, saying it's seen by some as a "status symbol" to go bare-faced.

"In Brooklyn, I'm seeing probably 40 percent of people wearing masks," said Rock. "It's the kids who really aren't wearing a mask, and you know, it's sad.

"It's sad that our health has become, you know, a sort of political issue. ... It's a status symbol, almost, to not wear a mask."

The former "Saturday Night Live" star, who was raised in Bedford-Stuyvesant, and Brooklyn native Rosie Perez joined Cuomo for his daily coronavirus briefing at the Madison Square Boys and Girls Club in hard-hit Flatbush, where it was announced that they would partner with the state to promote wearing masks, getting tested, social distancing and other precautions.

"We're soldiers for New York," said Cuomo. "It's 100,000 dead Americans."

Rock, 55, who actually lives in Alpine, NJ, now but still has family in Brooklyn, said that while most people "try to mind their business" when they see someone not wearing a mask, he'll occasionally shoot them "a nice side-eye."

Perez, who lives in Clinton Hill, said she tries a different approach, trying to win over those who flout the rules.

"I try to bring some levity into the equation. I say, 'Hey, do the right thing,'" said the actress, in a nod to the title of the Brooklyn-set 1989 Spike Lee film that launched her career.

Perez, 55, said that while the coronavirus has particularly ravaged low-income communities of color, what "really boggles my mind" is the lack of compliance in more well-off neighborhoods.

"When you step into the communities that are affluent, when you see hipsters and yuppies walking around without a mask, I go, 'What is it? Is it arrogance? ... Do you think that you are not going to be affected?'" she said.

"OK, fine, that's your thing. But you're affecting me, too."

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By Carl Campanile and Aaron Feis:

Gov. Andrew Cuomo recruited a pair of Brooklyn superstars Thursday to promote coronavirus testing, social distancing and the use of common-sense precautions, including wearing a mask: Rosie Perez and Chris Rock.

Perez and Rock — both masked and gloved as they took the podium, taking them off to speak — joined Cuomo at his press briefing at the Madison Square Boys and Girls Club in hard-hit Flatbush, to speak directly to their fellow New Yorkers.

“Spreading love the Brooklyn way means respecting your neighbors, respecting your communities, and the way you can do that is by getting tested, wearing a mask,” said Perez, the Brooklyn-born star of quintessential borough flick “Do The Right Thing.”

“Get tested, wear a mask,” stressed Perez. “Brooklyn, stand up, New York, stand up!”

Added Brooklyn-raised funnyman Rock, “If you love your grandmother, you love your elderly mother, elderly anybody, you should get tested.”

The comedian, who rose to fame on “Saturday Night Live,” admitted missing the stage amid the lockdown, and cracked that he barely passed his own COVID-19 test taken before the briefing.

“I just got tested to come out here,” he said with a playful grin. “I got a 65.”

The pair will partner with the state in a series of new ads promoting the efforts, Cuomo said.

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By Sara Nathan and Emily Smith:

Following their dismal debate performance, a tense Gayle King and Norah O'Donnell were left to face the music.

The pair presided over a shambolic Democratic debate on CBS Wednesday night that multiple TV insiders described as "a train wreck."

O'Donnell, with a palpable sense of relief, announced that the debate was over at 10 p.m. But King, her co-moderator, immediately jumped in: "Time for one more break, Norah. Time flies when you're having fun!" O'Donnell looked surprised. The moderators reappeared following the break, only to say that the show was over.

A TV source inside the Charleston, SC, venue told us the pair, who were once co-anchors on "CBS This Morning," left the Gaillard Center on tense terms following the broadcast, although other insiders deny this, saying they later got together with the crew for drinks.

A source said, "There has been a lot of finger-pointing going on. There were issues with the teleprompter and the cues." Another said, "It was a glimpse into the dynamic between Gayle and Norah." A third source added, "This debate really got out of control because there were too many cooks in the kitchen. Everybody had their own producers. It was a total train wreck with too many egos. Nobody was in full control."

One source added that CBS News president Susan Zirinsky held a call with the news division and said they should all be proud of their work on the debate, and that it was the candidates who were really fired up. Another debate source also blamed the candidates, saying, "Tom Perez at the DNC has to rein in the candidates. It was a disgrace. It was like 'Saturday Night Live' on steroids."

Meanwhile, TV pros watched the debate in disbelief. Meghan McCain weighed in on Twitter: "These moderators need to get this under control. This is way worse than any bad day @TheView hot topics table. At least Whoopi has the bell." Mika Brzezinski tweeted: "Does CBS have a buzzer or something to organize this??? What's going on?" CBS reps didn't comment.

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By Nikki Mascali Roarty:

Martha would be very proud of her grand baby.

Michael Che is paying homage to his grandmother, Martha, who recently died of coronavirus complications, in the kindest way possible.

The “Saturday Night Live” star will pay one month’s rent for 160 residents in his grandmother’s public housing complex in NYC.

“It’s crazy to me that residents of public housing are still expected to pay their rent when so many New Yorkers can’t even work,” Che wrote on Instagram Wednesday.

“Obviously I can’t offer much help by myself. But in the spirit and memory of my late grandmother, I’m paying one month’s rent for all 160 apartments in the NYCHA building she lived in,” he continued.

“I know that’s just a drop in the bucket so I really hope the city has a better plan for debt forgiveness for all the people in public housing, at the very least.”

Earlier this week, the city announced a \$10 million initiative that aims to slow the spread of the deadly coronavirus in hard-hit areas. The measure comes on the heels of a report that showed how the pandemic was disproportionately affecting minorities.

But perhaps Che won’t have to make his kind donation alone — the funnyman urged a few choice New Yorkers to “page” him to help fix the situation.

“PS: De Blasio! Cuomo! Diddy! Let’s fix this! Page me!”, he wrote.

During “SNL’s” “At Home” episode this past Saturday, its first filmed remotely with show regulars amid coronavirus lockdowns, Che addressed his grandmother’s death during his “Weekend Update” segment in typical Michael Che fashion.

“As you know, Colin, I lost my grandmother this week,” he told co-host Colin Jost. “And coming back to work really made me feel better, especially with you.”

He asked if Jost would do his grandmother’s “favorite part of the show,” their recurring “Joke Swap” segment in which they say a joke the other wrote for them. The bit usually ends up with Jost warily saying something inappropriate, exactly as Che hoped.

After Jost plays along, Che said with a laugh that his grandmother “has never seen this show. I just wanted you to do that.” He ended the segment by signing off as “Martha’s grand baby.”

Che originally announced her death in a since-deleted Instagram post on April 6.

A rep for Che did not immediately respond to Page Six's request for further comment about the rent payments.

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By Bob Fredericks:

Roger Stone suggested Monday that Bill Gates may have had a hand in the creation of coronavirus so that he could plant microchips in people's heads to know who has and has not been tested for COVID-19.

"Whether Bill Gates played some role in the creation and spread of this virus is open for vigorous debate. I have conservative friends who say it's ridiculous and others say absolutely," Stone told Joe Piscopo, host of the radio program "The Answer" on 970 AM, who had asked about conspiracy theories regarding the pandemic.

"He and other globalists are using it for mandatory vaccinations and microchipping people so we know if they've been tested. Over my dead body. Mandatory vaccinations? No way, Jose!" Stone told a fawning Piscopo, who referred to President Trump's longtime adviser as "a legend."

Gates has long been an outspoken advocate for preparing for a global health crisis like coronavirus.

Stone also weighed in on the presidential race, calling Joe Biden "an exceptionally weak candidate. The guy's just not all there."

Asked by the former "Saturday Night Live" star whether Gov. Andrew Cuomo would be a better candidate than Biden, Stone said a Cuomo candidacy was not likely to happen.

"I think he's done a very good job. He's enhanced his position with the public. He's a strong communicator, he speaks the people's language," he said of Cuomo.

"In order for Cuomo to emerge, Biden would have to get hit by a bus, [and] God forbid we're not for that. I think [a Cuomo nomination is] a fantasy by the Democrats who see Biden as an intrinsically weak candidate."

But he also said Trump was no shoo-in — especially if the economy remains in the toilet because of the pandemic.

"Anybody who tells you what's going to happen in 2020 doesn't know what they are talking about," he said.

"I believe the president will be elected, but I think it'll be a tougher fight than people think."

Stone, who was sentenced in February to 40 months in the slammer following his conviction last fall for lying to Congress and threatening a witness while working on Trump's 2016 campaign, said he prayed daily to cope with being cooped up at home under the Sunshine State's stay-at-home order.

"Like most Americans, we're hunkered down. It gives you time to spend with the family, time to write, and pray. It has its pluses, but every gym in Florida is closed, when I can't go to the gym, it drives me crazy," the 67-year-old Stone said.

“Praying is a big part of my daily ritual. You just put things in His hands and it takes a lot of pressure off you and you can see the path forward very clearly,” he continued.

“Not going to Mass on Easter Sunday, that’s the first time in my life I missed Mass. I watched the pope. I’m not particularly crazy about this pope’s politics,” he said, though he found the service moving.

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By Michael M. Grynbaum:

Chris Matthews, the veteran political anchor and voluble host of the long-running MSNBC talk show “Hardball,” resigned on Monday night, an abrupt departure from a television perch that made him a fixture of politics and the news media over the past quarter-century.

Mr. Matthews, 74, had faced mounting criticism in recent days over a spate of embarrassing on-air moments, including a comparison of Senator Bernie Sanders’s campaign to the Nazi invasion of France and an interview with Senator Elizabeth Warren in which the anchor was criticized for a condescending and disbelieving tone.

On Saturday, the journalist Laura Bassett published an essay accusing Mr. Matthews of making multiple inappropriate comments about her appearance, reviving longstanding allegations about the anchor’s sexist behavior. By Monday, his position at the news network he helped build had become untenable.

Accompanied by his family, Mr. Matthews walked onto the “Hardball” set inside NBC’s Washington bureau shortly before 7 p.m. to deliver a brief farewell. His longtime crew members, who had been told of his plans roughly an hour earlier, looked on stunned.

“I’m retiring,” Mr. Matthews told viewers in a solemn and brief monologue as his broadcast began at 7. “This is the last ‘Hardball’ on MSNBC.”

His sudden signoff took many colleagues by surprise — “Wait. What?” the MSNBC anchor Katy Tur wrote on Twitter — but it followed days of discussions with Phil Griffin, the president of MSNBC and one of the early executive producers of “Hardball.”

Mr. Griffin, who is close with Mr. Matthews, traveled to Washington over the weekend to discuss his future in person, according to three people who requested anonymity to describe sensitive conversations.

On the air on Monday, Mr. Matthews made clear that the timing of his exit was not entirely his choosing. “Obviously, it isn’t for a lack of interest in politics,” he said, going on to apologize for his past insensitive comments.

“Compliments on a woman’s appearance that some men, including me, might have once incorrectly thought were OK are never OK,” he said. “Not then, and certainly not today.”

MSNBC said a rotating series of hosts would fill Mr. Matthews’s time slot until a permanent replacement was named.

An eminence grise of television news, Mr. Matthews has a pugilistic and red-cheeked persona familiar to viewers from countless election nights and parodies on shows like “Saturday Night Live.” His rat-a-tat political commentary was informed by experience: Before his move into punditry, Mr. Matthews served as a speechwriter in President Jimmy Carter’s administration and spent years as chief of staff to Thomas P. O’Neill Jr., the powerful Democratic speaker of the House.

But the Matthews style was increasingly out of step with the times. In 2017, MSNBC acknowledged that the anchor had been reprimanded in 1999 after making inappropriate remarks to a female colleague, prompting a settlement. In 2008, he was quoted in a magazine profile declaring the actress Kerry Washington “a total knockout.”

MSNBC executives had discussed Mr. Matthews's looming retirement, with an exit after Election Day likely, according to two people familiar with internal network discussions. There was talk of shifting "Hardball," which ranked behind Fox News and CNN programming among crucial younger viewers, to a less prominent time slot.

Then came a painful 10-day stretch.

Commenting on the Nevada caucuses, Mr. Matthews compared Mr. Sanders's victory to Germany's takeover of France in World War II, drawing the ire of many liberals. He later apologized on-air, saying, "In the days and weeks and months ahead, I will strive to do a better job myself of elevating the political discussion."

A day later, he was under fire again, this time for repeatedly questioning Ms. Warren about her assertion that Michael R. Bloomberg had mistreated his female employees. Ms. Warren was referring to a widely reported anecdote, and Mr. Matthews's disbelief was criticized as sexist and dismissive.

On Friday, yet another faux pas: Mr. Matthews confused the identities of two African-American politicians, Senator Tim Scott of South Carolina and Jaime R. Harrison, a Democrat running for Senate in that state. "Big mistake; mistaken identity, sir, sorry," Mr. Matthews said after he was corrected on-air.

Then GQ published Ms. Bassett's article, which said Mr. Matthews, in a makeup room, had looked at her and asked, "Why haven't I fallen in love with you yet?" Ms. Bassett went on to describe other comments by Mr. Matthews that had made her uncomfortable, writing, "It undermined my ability to do my job well."

By Saturday, some of the anchor's confidants had grown concerned about his position at the network. Mr. Matthews had been set to appear that evening as part of MSNBC's coverage of the South Carolina primary. Instead, he was absent.

Mr. Matthews had been benched, according to a person briefed on private network conversations.

On Monday, Mr. Matthews concluded his MSNBC career by telling viewers that he would miss them and borrowing a line from "Casablanca." "We'll always have 'Hardball,'" he said. "So let's not say goodbye, but till we meet again."

When the show returned from a commercial break, Steve Kornacki, the MSNBC anchor tasked with hosting the remainder of the episode, seemed to struggle for words.

"Um, that was a lot to take in," Mr. Kornacki said, his eyes wide. "I'm sure you're still absorbing that, and I am, too."

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By Sheryl Gay Stolberg:

WASHINGTON — Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, the nation's top infectious disease expert and a central figure in the government's response to the coronavirus, plans to deliver a stark warning to the Senate on Tuesday: Americans would experience "needless suffering and death" if the country opens up prematurely.

Dr. Fauci, who has emerged as the perhaps nation's most respected voice during the worst public health crisis in a century, is one of four top government doctors scheduled to testify remotely at a high-profile — and highly unusual — hearing on Tuesday before the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee. He made his comments in an email to a New York Times reporter late Monday night.

"The major message that I wish to convey to the Senate HLP committee tomorrow is the danger of trying to open the country prematurely," he wrote. "If we skip over the checkpoints in the guidelines to 'Open America Again,' then we risk the danger of multiple outbreaks throughout the country. This will not only result in needless suffering and death, but would actually set us back on our quest to return to normal."

It is a message starkly at odds with the things-are-looking-up argument that President Trump has been trying to put out: that states are ready to reopen and the pandemic is under control.

In the Rose Garden earlier on Monday, Mr. Trump declared that "we have met the moment and we have prevailed," though he later walked back the comments and said he only meant to say the country had prevailed on increasing access to coronavirus testing — an assertion public health experts say is not true.

Dr. Fauci, who has served under Republican and Democratic presidents for more than three decades and has worked to master the art of contradicting Mr. Trump without correcting him, echoed the language of Mr. Trump's own plan, Opening Up America Again, which lays out guidelines for state officials to consider in reopening their economies.

But signs of opposition from parts of Mr. Trump's party appeared almost immediately. Shortly after Dr. Fauci's comments were published Monday night, Representative Andy Biggs, Republican of Arizona, pushed back on Twitter, and invoked another top scientist: Dr. Deborah L. Birx, Mr. Trump's coronavirus response coordinator.

"Dr. Fauci has continually used his bully pulpit to bring public criticism on governors who are seeking to open up their states," Mr. Biggs wrote. "The Fauci-Birx team have replaced faith w/ fear & hope w/ despair. The remedy is to open up our society & our economy. Trust & respect our freedom."

The White House plan recommends, among other things, that before reopening states should have a "downward trajectory of positive tests" or a "downward trajectory of documented cases" of coronavirus over two weeks, while conducting robust contact tracing and "sentinel surveillance" testing of asymptomatic people in vulnerable populations, like nursing homes.

But the guidelines are not mandatory. Even as the death toll mounts — more than 80,000 Americans have lost their lives to Covid-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus — many states are reopening without adhering to them, seeking to ease the pain as millions of working people and small-business owners are facing economic ruin while sheltering at home.

In more than half of states easing restrictions last week, case counts were trending upward, the proportion of positive test results was rising, or

both.

“We’re not reopening based on science,” said Dr. Thomas R. Frieden, a former director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. “We’re reopening based on politics, ideology and public pressure. And I think it’s going to end badly.”

Tuesday’s hearing will be Dr. Fauci’s first appearance before Congress since Mr. Trump declared the coronavirus pandemic a national emergency on March 13, and it will offer a chance for him to address lawmakers and the public without the president by his side. The last time Dr. Fauci appeared on Capitol Hill, on March 11, when he was still permitted to testify before the Democratic-controlled House, he made headlines by bluntly telling the nation, “Things will get worse.”

His return to the Capitol, though virtual, will be must-watch TV in Washington — one of the strangest high-stakes hearings in recent memory. Dr. Fauci himself is now in “modified quarantine,” he has said, after what he described as a “low risk” exposure to someone infected with the virus.

He will appear alongside Dr. Robert Redfield, the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Dr. Stephen Hahn, the commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration; and Adm. Brett P. Giroir, the assistant secretary for health. Drs. Redfield and Hahn are also in self-quarantine after exposure to the virus, as is the chairman of the committee, Senator Lamar Alexander, Republican of Tennessee.

All of the witnesses will testify remotely, and Mr. Alexander will lead the hearing from his home in Maryville, Tenn. But Dr. Fauci, who has been the director of the National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases since 1984, will be the star. He has been largely out of public view for the past two weeks, ever since Mr. Trump canceled his daily coronavirus task force briefings.

At 79, Dr. Fauci has become both a sudden celebrity during the pandemic and a target for the far right. His face, with his wire-rim glasses and neatly parted gray hair, has been commemorated on sweatshirts, knee socks and mugs. A petition has circulated to name him People magazine’s “Sexiest Man Alive,” and someone who has actually garnered that title — the actor Brad Pitt — has portrayed Dr. Fauci on “Saturday Night Live.”

Some conservatives, though, see him as a media hound who is undermining the president. After Mr. Trump said drug companies would make a coronavirus vaccine ready “soon,” Dr. Fauci amended the president’s timetable, giving a more accurate estimate of at least a year or 18 months.

When Mr. Trump said a “cure” might be possible, Dr. Fauci explained that antiviral drugs were being studied to see if they might make the illness less severe. In March, he gave an extraordinarily candid interview to Jon Cohen, a writer for Science magazine, in which he confessed that he knew Mr. Trump’s assertions that he had slowed the pandemic by banning travel from China did not comport with the facts.

“I know, but what do you want me to do?” he said. “I mean, seriously Jon, let’s get real, what do you want me to do?”

After that interview, many in Washington thought Mr. Trump might fire Dr. Fauci, and the president stoked those fears by retweeting a conservative hashtag, #FireFauci.

In fact, it would be very difficult for the president to fire him because he is not a political appointee. And Mr. Trump himself has dismissed such talk; he has called Dr. Fauci “a wonderful guy,” and last month, he joked that Dr. Fauci, who is from Brooklyn, is so popular he could run against Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, the liberal firebrand Democrat from New York, and “win easily.”

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By Luis Ferré-Sadurní:

Michael Che, a comedian who co-hosts “Weekend Update” on “Saturday Night Live,” has a close connection to New York City’s public housing system: He grew up in it, and last year, he organized a comedy show to raise money for its residents.

On Wednesday, Mr. Che made another offer to help as people were struggling through the pandemic: He said he would cover one month’s rent for the 160 families that live in the public housing building where his grandmother, who died this month after being infected with the coronavirus, once lived.

In a post on Instagram, the comedian said it was “crazy to me that residents of public housing are still expected to pay their rent” when so many New Yorkers were out of work.

He acknowledged that his contribution would be “a drop in the bucket” and urged the city to find a way to forgive the debt of residents who might owe rent during the outbreak.

“It’s a very generous offer, and we really think it will be a benefit to those households in the building,” said Gregory Russ, the head of the New York City Housing Authority, which oversees the city’s roughly 166,000 public housing apartments.

A spokesman for Mr. Che said the comedian was not available for an interview.

In a since-deleted post on Instagram disclosing his grandmother’s death on April 5, he wrote: “I’m doing OK, considering. I’m obviously very hurt and angry that she had to go through all that pain alone. But I’m also happy that she’s not in pain anymore.”

He added: “I don’t know if I’ll lose someone else to this virus. I don’t know if I’ll be lost to this virus.”

Last weekend, the comedian talked about her death during an episode of “S.N.L.,” saying that “coming back to work really made me feel better.” He joked about his grandmother not watching the show — “She woke up at like 4 a.m. to pray. You think she was watching Saturday Night Live? Never.” — and paid a tribute to her in his signoff: “I’m Martha’s grandbaby.”

His grandmother, Martha, once lived at 182 South Street, in the Alfred E. Smith Houses on Manhattan’s Lower East Side, but moved out in the 90s.

“That building is very significant in my family’s history,” Mr. Che wrote on Instagram.

Mr. Che, 36, was raised in a housing complex nearby on Allen Street.

In an interview with The New York Times last year, Mr. Che said he spent countless summers hanging out at the Smith Houses and was subject to many of the living conditions still plaguing the housing authority, such as leaky roofs and widespread heat outages.

“This city is so rich and so vast and so powerful and so important to the fabric of the country that you would imagine that our public housing would be a lot more habitable,” he said at the time.

Millions of people have filed for unemployment benefits in New York, the epicenter of the pandemic in the United States, and thousands have struggled to make rent payments as a result of strict social-distancing measures that have shut down most workplaces.

In an attempt to protect renters, New York implemented a moratorium last month to halt evictions for 90 days, but renters are still expected to pay the rent they owe. Progressive politicians and liberal activist groups have been clamoring for a so-called rent freeze.

More than 400,000 low-income and working-class New Yorkers live in the city’s sprawling and deteriorating housing complexes, which have exposed residents to health hazards including peeling lead paint and mold.

Residents there pay up to 30 percent of their income in rent, while the rest is subsidized by the federal government.

If a resident loses or gains income, the rent is adjusted accordingly to reflect that change, offering a level of protection for residents who have lost their jobs during the pandemic. If a resident’s income goes down to zero, so does the rent.

The housing authority has been underfunded for decades and urgently needs more than \$40 billion to repair faulty boilers and fix up dilapidated apartments. The agency is currently overseen by an independent federal monitor after years of mismanagement.

Mr. Che’s rent relief offer came as a welcome surprise to residents of the towering, red brick apartment building at 182 South Street.

“It’s very kind of him and generous and very appreciated,” said Amy, a resident of the building who declined to give her last name. She said she paid about \$1,500 a month for the two-bedroom apartment she lives in with her husband and two children.

Amy, 30, used to work part-time. Her husband, a waiter, has been out of work since restaurants were all but shutdown, forcing them to dip into their savings to make rent. They still have not reached out to the housing authority to readjust their rent.

“So far we’ve been fine,” she said. “But we’re still trying to get by.”

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Joe Biden is worrying a few Democrats who feel his rather quiet and low-key presidential campaign is a recipe for electoral disaster. Yes, the pandemic is hampering Biden's efforts, but the critics believe the presumptive Democratic nominee must find ways to inject himself into the national conversation.

They may be right as a matter of strategy, or, given that Biden is [more than a bit gaffe-prone](#), they may not. But here's hoping that a quiet Biden campaign leads, if he wins, to a quiet presidency. I'll explain.

An unfortunate development of the Trump era -- one of many -- is that the president is a nearly constant presence in our lives. Love him or hate him, everyone is talking about Trump or thinking about him. We can't escape him! That's the way Trump likes it, of course, even though he would have been a more popular president if he'd laid low and stayed off Twitter.

Trump's oversized presence in our lives seems to be the culmination of long-term trends that lead us to view the president not simply as the manager of the federal bureaucracy or the head of one branch of government but as an icon of almost religious proportions. Barack Obama was certainly seen that way by many on the left and Trump is obviously viewed that way by many on the right.

I'm tepid on Biden, as I've said here before, but I'm happy, at least, that he's just Joe. Unlike Bernie or Trump, it's hard to imagine that many people will see Biden as a symbol or anything more than a guy who happens to be president. That's a good thing, in my book.

Biden, who would be the oldest president in American history, also seems likely to be a low-key president. He doesn't tweet his every thought, for one thing. Wouldn't it be nice to go days, or even weeks, without giving the president any consideration at all?

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What you said

Predictably, I received A LOT of email after [my column](#) detailing how some customers (or former customers) of Meadowbrook Farms, the dairy in Clarksville, are angry that the owner flies Trump flags. Here's a sampling:

"I don't eat at Chick-fil-A I never buy Vanity Fair napkins or other products made by the Koch Brothers. I'd never sleep on a My Pillow. And now, thanks to your column, I'll never buy Meadowbrook milk. Here's why: Trump and the Republicans, aided by the Supreme Court, have been fighting furiously to suppress the vote — kicking people off the rolls, cutting back on polling locations, enacting onerous ID laws, and placing fraudulent robocalls, just to name a few of their tactics. But they can't stop us from voting with our pocketbooks. That's a power we have that they can't take away, and it gives us pleasure to exercise it." -- Sheila

"We have enjoyed milk delivered by Meadowbrook for 35 years and known the Van Wie family personally. Politics aside, they are family-centered, do-for-others and passionate about the cows, the farm, the milk! While I may not agree with their stance on the greatness of Trump, your point about where all our food comes from and supporting local is well taken! As my kids have peeled off I to their own homes with milk delivery, they always ask about those political leanings and my response has always been, they are good people!" -- Barb

"I'm a life-long Albany resident, nearly 60 years old and have been fortunate to have had Meadowbrook Dairy milk delivered to me and my family for about 50 years. I can remember as a kid when my father first bought milk from Red. We lived in the south end of Albany on Alexander Street and Red would drop off a number of those beautiful bottles of milk. My dad was a kid during the Depression and I can remember his delight at having that fresh, creamy whole milk. It's a little more expensive than market milk but it is worth it. I know of and respect Red's political opinion as he has shared his viewpoint to me on many an early morning while I was out shoveling snow. I view Red and the dairy as a wonderful part of Americana. Where would we be without our farmers? His work ethic is undeniable to me. I hope I will always have Red and his milk in my refrigerator." -- Mike, Albany

"If the flag over Meadowbrook said 'Vote for Bush' or 'Vote for Molinaro' or 'Repeal the SAFE Act' or any other conscientious, constructive political opinion I would completely agree with your column today, but with Trump I'm not buying it. He goes far beyond the bounds of political discourse and is instead slowly destroying our democracy for his

own personal benefit." -- Martin, Albany

"I'm 50 years old, and have fond memories of Chuck (Van Wie) the milkman coming to our house from the time I was five. That's 45 years, and EIGHT presidents. Who cares what flag they fly? God Bless America." -- Anne

"I'm sure in 1930's Germany there were voices framing the new political tensions with the same tweedle-dum, tweedle-dee metric. Were all Nazis evil? I mean when you get to know them as individuals? No. Did they not have families they loved? Friendships they cherished? A loving God in whom they believed? Of course. Still, as we learned, there was something very, very wrong back there; something very dark that needed to be confronted, and stopped, something that couldn't be framed as a matter of opinion ... For Trump and his supporters, there is no disrespect too great, no insult too vile, no dark wish too ugly. I made it past Vietnam without being ashamed of the uniform I wore, and of my country. I am now, and I hate them for it." -- Michael

"I am a staunch anti-Trump person but you gave excellent points and I am reevaluating how I look at those flags and their fliers. I'm sure I will still cringe when I see them as a knee-jerk reaction but I will try to withhold judgement. Lesson learned for the day. I still can't figure out how farmers and women can stand by him." -- Denise, Sand Lake

"It is not wise to pick on the political leanings of any small business. Our economy sits on a cliff at the moment and small businesses are struggling to stay afloat with the Democrats' lock down of our businesses and economy. The Democrats, you see, want the economy to tank so President Trump looks bad. President Trump is the greatest president in my lifetime. History will repeat this. I used to be a lalaloopsy liberal but then I grew up and realized that murdering infants and infanticide is not something I can believe in. So please do us all a favor and keep your liberal thoughts about small businesses to yourself." -- Bonnie

Thanks to everybody who wrote. As always, I appreciate the thoughts and comments.

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This and that

I'm not Norm: For whatever it's worth, my wife thinks the cartoon at the top of this newsletter looks like Norm MacDonald, from Saturday Night Live fame, and therefore does not look like me.

Andy and Bill: This [exhaustively reported piece](#) by ProPublica, a highly regarded news outlet, examines why New York has suffered so many COVID-19 deaths while California has had so few. The story is unflattering to Bill de Blasio and Andrew Cuomo, arguing that their egomaniacal bickering got in the way of sound policy decisions. [This story](#) from the New Yorker makes many of the same points. Might it be time to remove the governor's halo?

Coming Sunday: This morning, I spent an hour or so looking through the Times Union's recent obituaries and discovered that at least 35 World War II veterans from the Albany area have died since the start of April, many from COVID-19. As my column on Sunday will note, we're saying goodbye to one of the country's most iconic generations and closing an important chapter in American history.

Have a great holiday weekend everybody. Until next Friday...

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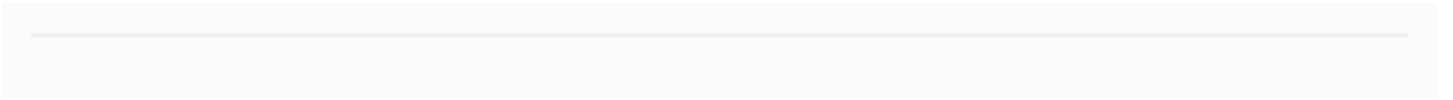
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Unexpected — Raise your hand if you expected the Republican-controlled Florida Legislature to push back against the Citizens United decision and other campaign finance rulings and side with Democrats such as former President Barack Obama.

Coming soon — But this week GOP leaders in the state House and Senate are moving ahead with a measure that would put in place a cap on donations to political committees that are pushing proposed state constitutional amendments. The initial proposal called for a \$1,000 cap, but the plan is to set it at \$3,000 — the same limit in place for statewide candidates, such as governor.

Crackdown — When asked about it on Sunday, state Sen. Ray Rodrigues, who sponsored the bill, said that “the goal is for citizen initiatives to show demonstration of widespread support rather than one out-of-state billionaire writing a check.” For the record, both the House and Senate proposals apply the donation cap to anyone regardless of whether they live in Florida or not. And the cap is only in place while organizers are trying to get the amendment on the ballot.

Not a complete surprise — Over the years, top business groups such as the Florida Chamber of Commerce have pushed legislators to make it harder to pass constitutional initiatives. This effort has come amid a backdrop of voters approving everything from limiting class sizes, approving medical marijuana and raising the state’s minimum wage. Two of those initiatives were bankrolled largely by wealthy trial attorney John Morgan.

Constitutional law time — This latest effort appears likely to run into smack into a court challenge, including the plethora of federal rulings that have been praised by Republicans such as Sen. Marco Rubio and denounced by Obama. “The courts have said money is speech, and that type of legislation is going to have a problem,” said Mark Herron, a Tallahassee-based attorney who deals with campaign laws and routinely works with state Democrats.

Law lesson part 2 — There’s also an additional hurdle. The Citizens United case dealt with money spent attacking a candidate for office. The bills up in the Legislature are aimed at groups advocating issues, which makes it harder to argue that unlimited contributions have a corrupting influence, Herron noted.

Pressing on — When these rulings were pointed out to Rodrigues, he said, “We’ll see whether the committee shares that interpretation.” Ok then.

— **WHERE’S RON?** — Nothing official announced for Gov. DeSantis.

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TIME TO GET A NEW JOB? — [“Redistricting disarray nudges House Democrats toward statewide bids,”](#) by POLITICO’s Sarah Ferris, Ally Mutnick and James Arkin: [Rep. Stephanie] Murphy is among two Democrats who won their seats thanks to a court-mandated redistricting in 2015 and might be most at risk in the upcoming redraw this cycle, thanks to a shift in the partisan lean of the state’s judges. The second, Rep. Charlie Crist, is openly mulling a return to the governorship, which he held for one term after winning the 2006 election as a Republican. In a brief interview, Murphy rejected any concerns about the upcoming redistricting process and said it would not influence her decision to run for Senate. “I’m not worried about it. When you do your job well, the rest will take care of itself,” Murphy said. “You don’t run for the Senate because you’re worried about that. That’s just not a factor.”

Coming soon — With Florida on track to gain two new districts in reapportionment, thanks to explosive population growth, some Democrats fear Republicans may try to restore the seats they lost in 2016. “There’s no doubt in my mind that the Republicans will again try to gerrymander the district lines to their advantage,” said Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-Fla.) “Now, we have a much different state Supreme Court.”

GETTING READY — [“DeSantis hires top GOP operative for 2022 campaign,”](#) by POLITICO’s Alex Isenstadt: Gov. Ron DeSantis has tapped a veteran national Republican political operative to help spearhead his 2022 reelection race. Phil Cox, a former executive director of the Republican Governors Association, has joined the DeSantis team as a senior-level adviser. The Florida governor had been in talks with several candidates for the post but ultimately settled on Cox, who has established close relationships with a number of Republican governors over the years. Until now, DeSantis had yet to build out a 2022 political apparatus.

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis attends an event with President Donald Trump on the environment at the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and Museum, Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2020, in Jupiter, Fla. (AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

INTERNATIONAL COVERAGE — [“He’s riding a crest’: Ron DeSantis positions himself as a keeper of Trump’s legacy,”](#) by The Guardian’s David Smith: “Covid’s over, baby!’ So proclaims a bare-chested man, wearing face paint like the Joker, nemesis of Batman, as he stands atop a car and waves the American national flag. This was the scene last weekend in Miami, Florida, a state that moved quickly to lift lockdowns, reopen schools, shelve mask mandates and become, in the words of its governor, Ron DeSantis, as ‘an oasis of freedom’ during the coronavirus pandemic. This approach has dismayed health experts but delighted Republicans and cemented DeSantis’s reputation as perhaps the most high-profile keeper of Donald Trump’s legacy as a swath of party figures jostle to become his political heir.”

HEATING UP — [“State attorney. Florida Democrats call for feds to investigate Artiles, NPA candidate,”](#) by Miami Herald’s Mary Ellen Klas, Samantha J. Gross and Alex Daugherty: “Florida’s Senate Democrats on Friday called on U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland to investigate what they called “illegal activity perpetrated by former Sen. Frank Artiles and his co-conspirators” by propping up a sham candidate in an attempt to influence the outcome of a South Florida state Senate race. ‘We believe that there is significant evidence that the criminal activity crossed state lines and therefore violated federal laws including federal tax laws,’ Farmer said a week after Artiles, a former Republican state senator from Hialeah, was arrested on felony charges of offering no-party candidate Alexis “Alex” Rodriguez \$50,000 to run as an independent in Senate District 37.”

— [“Elections officials in Sarasota and Manatee concerned about bills restricting mail voting,”](#) by Sarasota Herald-Tribune’s Zac Anderson:

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THE LATEST DEAL — [“Florida Senate gives DeSantis outline of \\$1B gaming plan,”](#) by POLITICO's Arek

Sarkissian: The state Senate has given Gov. Ron DeSantis an outline detailing a new gambling deal with the Seminole Tribe of Florida, but the deal may already be in trouble. The deal, which was detailed in a memo on which DeSantis' staffers were briefed Thursday night, would generate more than \$1 billion in recurring revenue for the state. It would also settle a seven-year beef between the tribe and Florida's poker room operators over a rule allowing the operators to offer popular, fast-paced games.

A turn of the card — State Senate President Wilton Simpson, who has been personally involved in talks with the tribe and the state's gaming industry, which operate the poker rooms, said on Friday that a compact may be finalized in the next “week to two.” He said those talks include an agreement where the tribe would end its fight against the state's designated player rule if it receives a share of the revenue from the poker rooms. “Anything can change as these talks go on,” Simpson said, stressing the deal was far from final.

DIVIDED — [“Florida House passes DeSantis backed ‘anti-riot’ bill,”](#) by POLITICO's Giulia Heyward: The state House on Friday passed a controversial anti-riot legislation after a marathon five-hour floor session, but the top priority for Gov. Ron DeSantis and GOP legislative leaders faces an uncertain future in the Senate. The contours of the debate over HB 1 have dominated much of this session, with Republicans insistent that it is needed to stamp out violent and destructive riots. Democrats and a long line of activists argued that GOP lawmakers pushed the bill as a reaction to the Black Lives Matter movement and demonstrations over the summer. “When people are mistreated, and their elected, or appointed, leaders aren't helping them, protesting is their voice,” Democratic state Rep. Kamia Brown said. “Marching and protesting is just as American as the right to vote.”

WHO CARES WHAT VOTERS SAY — [“Rough waters in Key West as city, cruise industry and state lawmakers tangle over its future,”](#) by Washington Post's Richard Morin: “By decisive, even overwhelming margins, the voters approved ballot measures to immediately slash the number of passengers who can disembark daily as well as ban the biggest ships. But several months later, in an end-around that has incensed locals, the cruise industry is fighting back. Two state lawmakers with broad industry backing are pushing bills to nullify the vote and prohibit Key West from regulating such activity in its own port. ‘I am so furious that I can hardly see straight,’ said Kate Miano, owner of the luxe Gardens Hotel, where century-old brick walkways wind past orchid-festooned trees. ‘We battled the big cruise ship companies, and now they're taking away my vote? I can't understand how they can possibly do that.’”

— [“Florida House passes bill allowing guns in religious institutions attached to schools,”](#) by Tampa Bay Times' Kirby Wilson

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PALM BEACH STORY — [“Trump helped the GOP raise \\$2 billion. Now former aides and allies are jockeying to tap into his fundraising power,”](#) by Washington Post’s Josh Dawsey, Ashley Parker, Michael Scherer and Anu Narayanswamy: “One day before the Republican Party’s elite donors are slated to gather for their April retreat in Palm Beach, Fla., a nonprofit group aligned with onetime aides to former president Donald Trump is hosting an “investors meeting” a few miles away for major GOP contributors. The keynote speaker is Trump himself, and his gilded Mar-a-Lago Club is hosting the event. The group, the Conservative Partnership Institute, now has former White House chief of staff Mark Meadows on its payroll and has partnered with other former Trump aides, such as Russ Vought and Stephen Miller. It has planned a slate of events that buttress Trump’s agenda, including a dinner titled “An America First Future” and a panel on ‘Fighting Big Tech,’ according to an agenda obtained by The Washington Post.”

— [“‘Psychological burden’ of jail is too much, says Sarasota County man who stormed the Capitol,”](#) by Sarasota Herald-Tribune’s Timothy Fanning

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LOOKING AT THE DATA — [“Analysis: When COVID-19 vaccines were most scarce, seniors in Florida’s wealthiest counties got them at higher rates,”](#) by Fort Myers News-Press’ Dan DeLuca: “An analysis of Florida Department of Health data through February showed residents age 65 and older in the top third of counties ranked by median income were vaccinated at a rate more than 4 percentage points higher than seniors in the rest of the state. That equates to about 290,000 more vaccine doses delivered to wealthier seniors. Gov. Ron DeSantis says he’s directing doses to counties with the highest senior populations and denies that the wealthy are getting preferential access.”

Doesn’t add up? — “It’s the age that matters. Black, white, rich, poor, Republicans, Democrats, that doesn’t matter,” DeSantis said at a recent news conference in Lehigh Acres. ‘If you’re 65 and up, we want to get you the shot.’ But the data show it’s wealthier counties that are getting more doses, and those counties are only slightly older.”

ROUGH WATERS — [“Florida to feds: Allow cruise ships to operate or we’ll sue,”](#) by Associated Press’ Terry Spencer: “Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis ripped into the federal government’s continued pandemic ban on cruise ships using U.S. ports, threatening Friday to file a lawsuit if one of the state’s biggest tourism sectors is not allowed to resume operations soon. Appearing at Port Canaveral with leaders from Carnival, Norwegian, Disney and Royal Caribbean cruise lines, DeSantis and Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody said they are exploring the state’s legal options if the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention does not allow U.S.-based cruising to resume by summer.”

‘THIS TOWN GOT SLAMMED’ — [“How Florida left farmworkers out of COVID-19 pandemic response,”](#) by Naples Daily News’ Janine Zeitlin: “A month earlier, the 68-year-old farmer had pulled into the same Winn-Dixie lot in Immokalee and, to his shock, found a mass of well-heeled coastal retirees on a vaccination pilgrimage to the small inland town. But no spot for him. Immokalee is a hub for surrounding fields that produce America’s tomatoes and oranges and Izaguirre’s lifelong home. ‘I’m looking at all these people that I’ve never seen in my life and all these expensive cars out there. Mercedes. I mean, Bentleys. Corvettes, brand-new Corvettes! And I’m like, man,’ [Armando] Izaguirre recalled. ‘\$300,000 cars!’”

— [“After spring break, coronavirus cases appear to surge in young Floridians,”](#) by Palm Beach Post’s Chris Persaud

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WAITING — [“Biden under pressure to spell out Cuba policy,”](#) by The Hill’s Rebecca Beitsch: “I think it would be foolish for [Biden] to spend a lot of political capital on something that is really not going to please a lot of people and is more of a loser than a gainer in the political sense,” said Dario Moreno, a professor who works at the Cuba Research Institute at Florida International University. ‘You would tighten already slim margins in an important state, and there’s a midterm coming up,’ he said, warning that ‘if Democrats do something rash, they’re going to have another 20 years in political wilderness in Florida.’”

— [“U.S. Attorney Ariana Fajardo Orshan resigns after more than two years of prosecutions in South Florida,”](#) by Sun Sentinel’s Wayne K. Roustan

☐ PENINSULA AND BEYOND

FALLOUT — [“As spring break crowds fade in South Beach, residents demand change,”](#) by Miami Herald’s Douglas Hanks, C. Isaiah Smalls II, and Martin Vassolo: “As spring breakers gathered in South Beach on Saturday, about 80 residents held a rally outside Miami Beach City Hall with a broad complaint that the city’s nightlife industry has gotten out of hand and elected leaders need a better approach before the party crowds return for Memorial Day weekend. ‘We’ve had enough!’ the crowd chanted as Kristen Rosen Gonzalez, a former city commissioner, began her remarks on a shared megaphone. ‘We are a tolerant community,’ Rosen Gonzalez said. ‘But enough is enough.’ She called for a city crackdown on hotels and bars along Ocean Drive, one of the city’s most popular nightlife destinations.”

Punchline — The scenes of crowds in Miami Beach – and the decision by authorities to impose curfews – attracted national attention – and mockery. Saturday Night Live’s cold open featured a skit called [“Snatched! Vaxed! Or Waxed!”](#) which opened with the line “You’re watching MTV Live Spring Break at Miami Beach: Where the party don’t stop until the government-mandated curfew.” Miami Beach Mayor Dan Gelber was [name-checked by Steven Colbert last week in a segment](#) as the “party-poofer in chief.”

‘WE HAVE FAILED YOU’ — [“FSU Askew School faculty challenge administration on sexual misconduct probe,”](#) by Tallahassee Democrat’s Byron Dobson: “Still reeling from an investigation last year into allegations of sexual misconduct by a former colleague who retired rather than face possible dismissal, faculty at Florida State’s Askew School of Public Administration and Policy now are pushing back. In a letter sent Thursday to students and faculty in the school and FSU President John Thrasher, 10 faculty members tell students they apologize for any confusion or anger students are feeling, promising to support them. In their own letter, however, Thrasher and top administrators said the faculty letter was ‘a misrepresentation of our actions and reflects a misunderstanding of the scope of our institutional authority.’”

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— [“Howard Schnellenberger, 87, Miami, Louisville coach, dies,”](#) by Associated Press’ Steven Wine: “Howard Schnellenberger was a pipe smoker with a push-broom mustache and gruff baritone, and he paired his grandiloquent manner with grandiose visions for football at Miami, Louisville and Florida Atlantic that caused snickers. At all three schools, Schnellenberger disproved doubters. He revived the sport at Miami and Louisville and started the program at Florida Atlantic during a coaching career that spanned a half century. Schnellenberger died Saturday at 87 in Boca Raton, Florida. FAU announced his death and said he recently had been in a care center.”

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By DANA RUBINSTEIN and RYAN HUTCHINS:

On Monday morning, a woman and child boarded the M79 crosstown bus wearing loose-fitting plastic gloves. Masked straphangers rode the subways and PATH trains. Coronavirus had arrived in the land of mass transit.

Though localities besieged by the virus have restricted public gatherings, New York and New Jersey are not there yet, and officials say it's still safe to travel to and through city the way most do — in densely packed subways, and on crowded buses and railroads. The disease is hard to spread by casual contact, they insisted.

“We want New Yorkers to go about their daily lives, ride the subway, take the bus, go see your neighbors,” said New York City Health Commissioner Oxiris Barbot, who on Monday participated in the rare press conference to feature both Gov. Andrew Cuomo and Mayor Bill de Blasio.

New York's first confirmed Covid-19 case involves a 39-year-old health care worker who'd just returned from Iran, a coronavirus epicenter. Unlike the Ebola doctor of 2014, she did not ride the subway. But she did arrive on an airplane and take a car home.

Cuomo said the city's health department would reach out to fellow airline passengers and the woman's driver. It remains unclear which car company the driver worked for. The city's taxi and limousine commission had no information. A spokesperson for the governor had no comment. Uber, the city's largest for-hire car service, said it had no idea if the health care worker used its services, since she has yet to be formally identified.

But the virus is likely already spreading in the community, and the community in the New York City area takes mass transit.

On Monday, the governor said MTA workers would more stringently clean subway cars to quell transmission. MTA officials said they are using digital screens in several languages to urge their 8 million daily riders to wash their hands assiduously, cough and sneeze into tissues that they quickly dispose of, and avoid touching their faces.

No additional details on the subway system's new cleaning regimen were released by Monday evening.

“Many [workers] will use bleach, which is a good protocol in the flu season anyway,” Cuomo said. “So if it smells like bleach when you get on a bus ... it's not bad cologne or perfume, it is bleach.”

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey runs all three of the region's major airports (contrary to this weekend's viral Saturday Night Live LaGuardia sketch) and will continue to follow federal guidance on passenger quarantines, chief security officer John Bilich said Monday during a Ewing press conference with Gov. Phil Murphy.

Every day, Customs and Border Protection workers “scrub” travel data and screen about 75 passengers for the virus.

“Of those, only one has been identified as requiring quarantine and that happened on Feb. 4,” Bilich said. “We haven't seen in Newark and or Kennedy a quarantine condition since Feb. 5.”

In instances where a quarantine might be called for, he said the Port Authority police quickly isolate and escort the individual to medical authorities.

New Jersey Transit, which operates a sprawling network of 250 bus routes and is the third largest commuter railroad in the nation, says it is working with the state health department and other state and federal officials to ensure it is ready to respond to a virus outbreak.

The agency's trains and buses, many of which terminate at New York Penn Station or the Port Authority Bus Terminal in Manhattan, are a key link between the two states and could become a key front in containing any outbreak on either side of the Hudson River.

NJ Transit formed an internal task force on Feb. 6 that includes staff from its medical, emergency management, environmental, safety and communications teams.

The agency has "clear protocols and procedures for the cleaning and, if needed, disinfection of our rolling stock, vehicles and public facilities," spokesperson Nancy Snyder said in an email.

"These procedures detail the cleaning method and equipment, including cleaning agents, to be used to effectively clean and disinfect areas that the public and our employees come in contact with regularly," she added.

If anyone who traveled on an NJ Transit train or bus is confirmed to have the coronavirus, she continued, "additional protocols would be employed" to disinfect the vehicles involved.

A spokesperson for Uber, the city's largest car service, said that the company has "formed a dedicated global team of Uber operations, security and safety executives, guided by the advice of a consulting public health expert, to respond as needed in each market where we operate around the world."

It's also advised drivers to stay home if they feel sick (even though independent contractors don't generally get paid sick leave) and to disinfect their vehicles.

Scott Weisenberg, an infectious disease and travel medicine specialist at NYU Langone, told POLITICO he will continue to take the bus to work. Like many New Yorkers, he doesn't have many other options.

"I could do that or go for an hour-and-10 minute-walk in the morning," he said.

But Weisenberg will be paying closer attention to his surroundings and recommended that riders distance themselves three-to-six feet from anyone who appears ill.

He'll also "try to avoid touching my face, which all of us do more frequently than we realize, and wash my hands and probably carry some Purell on the bus and subway, since we are always touching things on the subway."

Lisa Daglian, the self-described "germophobe" who runs the MTA's Permanent Citizens Advisory Committee, plans to approach New York City commuting in a similar way, once she returns this week from baseball spring training in Florida.

"I'm going to continue to ride the subway," she said. She will also continue washing her hands "till they're raw."

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Geoff Herbert:

Hollywood is shut down during the coronavirus pandemic, but eventually someone will make a movie about the coronavirus pandemic. Who would play Gov. Andrew Cuomo?

The New York governor appeared on "The Late Show" Thursday night with Stephen Colbert to discuss the state's COVID-19 response and late-night hosts who are "desperate to get in front of an audience again." Colbert, who's been broadcasting from his home for weeks, said that Robert De Niro was on the CBS show Wednesday and the actor said he'd like to play Cuomo if (and when) the COVID-19 crisis gets adapted into a film.

"De Niro, I am a big De Niro fan," Cuomo told Colbert. "He is just phenomenal. The breadth of his ability, I mean, just look at all the roles he's played. He can do anything, right? 'Deer Hunter,' 'Cape Fear,' he can do comedy ... how about 'Taxi Driver?'"

Cuomo even offered to recreate a famous scene from De Niro's Oscar-nominated performance as Travis Bickle in 1976.

"I'm going to do 'Taxi Driver.' The next press conference, when a reporter asks me a question: 'You talkin' to me? You talkin' to me?' Oh, boy, that'd be a treat. I'm a big De Niro fan. He's a genius."

Cuomo, 62, was previously portrayed by "The Sopranos" actor Michael Imperioli in Ben Stiller's Showtime series "Escape at Dannemora."

De Niro, 76, is a born-and-raised New Yorker like Cuomo and has experience playing real-life figures, including Jake La Motta in "Raging Bull," former FBI director Robert Mueller on "Saturday Night Live," and mobster Frank Sheeran in "The Irishman." On Wednesday, De Niro said that he's supporting Joe Biden in the 2020 race but hopes to see Cuomo in the White House someday.

"He's doing what a president should do," De Niro said of Cuomo's coronavirus response. "He's doing a great job."

Colbert also asked about Cuomo's newfound popularity with women and his brother Chris Cuomo's recent "angry" haircut from the CNN host's wife, plus more serious issues like the Empire State's \$13 billion deficit and efforts to get Congress to help states in its next relief package.

"If you want to get the economy back running, you have to fund states," Gov. Andrew Cuomo said. "The federal legislations (help) small businesses, airlines, et cetera. The states fund police, fire, schools, teachers so you have to fund the states. The bailout argument is just nonsensical. If you look at who pays the bills in this country, who contributes more money — New York contributes more money to the federal government every year than it gets back. We, in essence, have been subsidizing the federal government and other states to the tune of billions of dollars. We put in about \$30 billion more every year than we get back. So if anything, New York has been bailing out the nation for many, many years."

"But look, this is not a Democratic or Republican issue. It's just not. The virus does not discriminate ... It's not a red state-blue state issue. It's a national issue. It is a red, white and blue issue."

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On Monday morning, a woman and child boarded the M79 crosstown bus wearing loose-fitting plastic gloves. Masked straphangers rode the subways and PATH trains. Coronavirus had arrived in the land of mass transit.

Though [localities besieged by the virus have restricted public gatherings](#), New York and New Jersey are not there yet, and officials say it's still safe to travel to and through city the way most do — in densely packed subways, and on crowded buses and railroads. The disease is hard to spread by casual contact, they insisted.

"We want New Yorkers to go about their daily lives, ride the subway, take the bus, go see your neighbors," said New York City Health Commissioner Oxiris Barbot, who on Monday participated in the rare press conference to feature both Gov. Andrew Cuomo and Mayor Bill de Blasio.

New York's first confirmed Covid-19 case involves a 39-year-old health care worker who'd just returned from Iran, a coronavirus epicenter. Unlike the Ebola doctor of 2014, she did not ride the subway. But she did arrive on an airplane and take a car home.

Cuomo said the city's health department would reach out to fellow airline passengers and the woman's driver. It remains unclear which car company the driver worked for. The city's taxi and limousine commission had no information. A spokesperson for the governor had no comment. Uber, the city's largest for-hire car service, said it had no idea if the health care worker used its services, since she has yet to be formally identified.

But the virus is likely already spreading in the community, and the community in the New York City area takes mass transit.

On Monday, the governor said MTA workers would more stringently clean subway cars to quell transmission. MTA officials said they are using digital screens in several languages to urge their 8 million daily riders to wash their hands assiduously, cough and sneeze into tissues that they quickly dispose of, and avoid touching their faces.

No additional details on the subway system's new cleaning regimen were released by Monday evening.

"Many [workers] will use bleach, which is a good protocol in the flu season anyway," Cuomo said. "So if it smells like bleach when you get on a bus ... it's not bad cologne or perfume, it is bleach."

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey runs all three of the region's major airports (contrary to this weekend's viral [Saturday Night Live LaGuardia sketch](#)) and will continue to follow federal guidance on passenger quarantines, chief security officer John Bilich said Tuesday during a Ewing press conference with Gov. Phil Murphy.

Every day, Customs and Border Protection workers "scrub" travel data and screen about 75 passengers for the virus.

"Of those, only one has been identified as requiring quarantine and that happened on Feb. 4," Bilich said. "We haven't seen in Newark and or Kennedy a quarantine condition since Feb. 5."

In instances where a quarantine might be called for, he said the Port Authority police quickly isolate and escort the individual to medical authorities.

New Jersey Transit, which operates a sprawling network of 250 bus routes and is the third largest commuter railroad in the nation, says it is working with the state health department and other state and federal officials to ensure it is ready to respond to a virus outbreak.

The agency's trains and buses, many of which terminate at New York Penn Station or the Port Authority Bus Terminal in Manhattan, are a key link between the two states and could become a key front in containing any outbreak on either side of the Hudson River.

NJ Transit formed an internal task force on Feb. 6 that includes staff from its medical, emergency management, environmental, safety and communications teams.

The agency has "clear protocols and procedures for the cleaning and, if needed, disinfection of our rolling stock, vehicles and public facilities," spokesperson Nancy Snyder said in an email.

"These procedures detail the cleaning method and equipment, including cleaning agents, to be used to effectively clean and disinfect areas that the public and our employees come in contact with regularly," she added.

If anyone who traveled on an NJ Transit train or bus is confirmed to have the coronavirus, she continued, "additional protocols would be employed" to disinfect the vehicles involved.

A spokesperson for Uber, the city's largest car service, said that the company has "formed a dedicated global team of Uber operations, security and safety executives, guided by the advice of a consulting public health expert, to respond as needed in each market where we operate around the world."

It's also advised drivers to stay home if they feel sick (even though [independent contractors don't generally get paid sick leave](#)) and to disinfect their vehicles.

Scott Weisenberg, an infectious disease and travel medicine specialist at NYU Langone, told POLITICO he will continue to take the bus to work. Like many New Yorkers, he doesn't have many other options.

"I could do that or go for an hour-and-10 minute-walk in the morning," he said.

But Weisenberg will be paying closer attention to his surroundings and recommended that riders distance themselves three-to-six feet from anyone who appears ill.

He'll also "try to avoid touching my face, which all of us do more frequently than we realize, and wash my hands and probably carry some Purell on the bus and subway, since we are always touching things on the subway."

Lisa Daglian, the self-described "germophobe" who runs the MTA's Permanent Citizens Advisory Committee, plans to approach New York City commuting in a similar way, once she returns this week from baseball spring training in Florida.

"I'm going to continue to ride the subway," she said. She will also continue washing her hands "till they're raw."

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DESANTIS VS. NOEM — You should take the Conservative Political Action Conference straw poll with a shaker of salt. Rand Paul won it the year after Mitt Romney lost the 2012 election. By the time the next election rolled around, Donald Trump — the eventual president and, now, [CPAC idol](#) — finished third in 2016.

But even if it's not a predictor of future success, the CPAC poll still offers a glimpse of where GOP passions burn today. And what the popularity of Ron DeSantis and Kristi Noem demonstrated in Orlando, Fla., over the weekend is that, among conservative Republicans, there is an appetite for a standard-bearer who is an anti-lockdown, anti-Anthony Fauci Covid skeptic.

"Welcome to our oasis of freedom!" DeSantis, the governor of Florida, said at the convention, where he finished second in the straw poll in which Trump's name was included — and first in the one that assumed Trump doesn't run again in 2024.

Noem, who finished behind DeSantis in both polls, trumpeted the state she governs, South Dakota, as "the only state in America that never ordered a single business or church to close." And in a ballroom where CPAC organizers had been heckled for asking people to put on masks, she added that South Dakota never mandated them.

"My guess is that a year ago, most of you had no idea who I was," Noem said.


South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem addresses the Conservative Political Action Conference in Orlando, Fla. | Getty Images

Yet thanks in no small part to their handling of the coronavirus pandemic, Republicans are paying more attention to Noem and DeSantis now. The two Republicans' ascent in part reflects a sincere difference of opinion between Republicans and Democrats about what values to elevate during the pandemic — to what extent a reduction in caseloads merits a restriction on economic and religious liberties. Florida's death rate is slightly lower than the national average.

Both DeSantis and Noem highlight positive economic indicators in their states. As of December, South Dakota (along with Nebraska) had the [lowest unemployment rate](#) in the country.

But the praise heaped on DeSantis and Noem by the Republican base is also about something more instinctual: owning the libs. And in that crusade, DeSantis and Noem, who had once been sharply criticized for their pandemic response, are benefitting from the misadventures of two big-state Democrats who were once widely hailed as Covid heroes.

In New York, Gov. Andrew Cuomo is confronting accusations of sexual harassment and, separately, scrutiny over his administration's handling of Covid-related deaths at nursing homes. In California, Gov. Gavin Newsom is facing the prospect of a recall election spurred in large part by his management of the pandemic. Even if the prospects of California tossing him out are low, Newsom's [approval rating has plummeted](#). He has become a subject of mockery on [Saturday Night Live](#).

At CPAC, the crowd booed when Noem mentioned Cuomo, and it broke into applause when she said that Fauci is

“wrong a lot.”

“Noem and DeSantis are popular because they’re doing what Trump did at the local level, and they got treated like Trump, like Covid villains,” said Jim McLaughlin, the pollster who conducted the straw poll. “And what did the media make them Covid villains compared to? Cuomo and Newsom.”

Noem has been criticized by public health experts — [and some Republicans](#) — for her refusal to issue mask mandates and for allowing a [massive motorcycle rally in her state](#), an event [linked to widespread infection](#). Deaths per capita in her state rank [eighth-highest in the country](#).

But for a crucial segment of the electorate, her rhetoric works.

“This is part of the Trump lane,” said Tony Fabrizio, who conducted the CPAC poll for years before McLaughlin. “They’re acting like Trump and being treated like Trump. These are high-information voters and they’re paying attention.”

Fabrizio said DeSantis enjoyed a home-field advantage because the conference was held in Florida. Even so, he said, DeSantis is ascendant in the estimation of Republican voters because of the negative press coverage of his coronavirus response (something [POLITICO explored two weeks ago](#)).

Covid villainy did not play well in 2020. Many establishment-minded Republicans believe that, had Trump taken the coronavirus more seriously last year, he would still be president. Instead, his handling of the pandemic was a [persistent drag on his campaign](#).

But the CPAC poll is for Republican activists, not general-election undecideds.

And Noem, McLaughlin said, is “a rock star.”

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FIRST IN NIGHTLY

ALL ROADS LEAD TO MENENDEZ — In just six short weeks in office, President Joe Biden has bombed Syria, sanctioned Saudi Arabia and Myanmar, and taken steps to reenter the Iran nuclear deal. But if Biden [thinks he can make foreign policy decisions without consulting New Jersey’s Robert Menendez](#), he’s got another thing coming, [Andrew Desiderio](#) and [Nahal Toosi](#) write.

The chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee has been in this role before, and didn’t much like the way the Obama administration conducted international affairs as if it were the sole discretion of the White House. As a result, he often made things more difficult for Obama, especially in areas that required congressional approval.

The 67-year-old third-term senator and former longtime House member told POLITICO that he was often frustrated by Obama, who would simply notify Congress of his decisions rather than consult with lawmakers beforehand. Menendez ultimately came down on opposite sides of the White House on several issues, including the Iran nuclear deal and Obama’s bid to reset relations with Cuba.

He’s hopeful, though, that things will change under Biden — and that he can be the person to get Congress to fall in line. “Beyond the realities of a 50-50 Senate, when we talk about foreign policy, whenever we can get a bipartisan basis for

something — maybe not absolute, 100 members — we are stronger in the world,” Menendez said in an interview. “And I believe President Biden believes that.”

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— **De Blasio suggests Cuomo should resign if allegations substantiated:** New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio suggested today that Cuomo [will have to step down if an investigation into sexual harassment allegations by two former aides corroborates the accusations](#).

— **More Cuomo fallout:** One of the former aides who has accused Cuomo of harassment is [encouraging others to come forward if they've had similar experiences](#).

— **Senate set to take up \$1.9T Covid aid bill as soon as Wednesday:** [Democrats are racing to pass the Covid aid package](#) into law before March 14, when boosted federal unemployment benefits expire.

— **Duckworth urges Biden admin to release intel on Russian bounties:** Sen. Tammy Duckworth is [urging the White House to declassify and release intelligence](#) regarding Russia's alleged offer of bounties to the Taliban to target U.S. troops in Afghanistan.

— **WH: Biden not considering sharing Covid vaccine with Mexico:** Press secretary Jen Psaki said today that Biden would not consider Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador's expected [request that the U.S. share its coronavirus vaccine supply](#) with its neighbor to the south.

— **Sarkozy sentenced to jail in corruption trial:** Former French President Nicolas Sarkozy was [convicted today on corruption charges](#), shaking his conservative allies and diminishing hopes for a political comeback.

— **Newsom strikes school reopening deal with lawmakers:** Newsom and state lawmakers [struck a deal Sunday that would push school districts to open classrooms](#) to the youngest students by the end of March while stopping short of new requirements regarding vaccines and collective bargaining.

ON THE ECONOMY

AMAZON IN ALABAMA: POLL TIDE — Biden offered up [his support Sunday for Amazon workers](#) in Alabama organizing to form a union, though he stopped short of endorsing an actual union. Labor reporter [Rebecca Rainey](#) told Nightly's Renuka Rayasam today over Slack that it's still a "huge messaging boost for the labor movement as a whole." The two chatted about what the moment means for the future of unions in the country. This conversation has been edited.

Just how big a deal is Biden's message to Amazon workers?

Organized labor is billing this as the "most pro-union statement from a president in United States history." One union leader I spoke with broke into tears in reaction to the message. Arguably, the last time a president demonstrated so much support for a union drive was in 1944, when President Franklin D. Roosevelt ordered the seizure of Montgomery

Ward's properties after the merchandising giant repeatedly refused to comply — ironically — with labor agreements brokered with the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union (which is the union Amazon workers are voting to join.)

So why not offer a more full-throated endorsement?

Biden appears to be walking a fine line here. He's not explicitly calling out one of the most powerful companies in the world, that also notably contributed to his campaign and has volunteered to help with vaccine distribution. But he's also touting the benefits that a union could provide and broadly endorsing unionization.

That move seems to check both boxes when it comes to keeping business interests and labor interests happy. While he didn't call out Amazon directly in his video, some labor officials said that this was intentional, because Biden was encouraging workers to exercise their collective bargaining rights.

By not explicitly telling workers to vote yes on the union, some union leaders say Biden was truly promoting the ideals of the National Labor Relations Act, by allowing workers to decide for themselves. However, Biden was sure to remind workers of what he said were the benefits of holding a union card, such as higher pay, increased safety and better benefits.

Will this message translate into anything concrete?

Beyond just the Amazon election, union leaders argue that this message could promote Biden's labor agenda, which calls for a broad overhaul of federal labor law that would expand worker's ability to unionize. This isn't the first time Biden has flexed his muscle in favor of organized labor. In his first days in office, he ousted two Trump-era general counsels from the National Labor Relations Board who were opposed by organized labor for several pro-management moves at the board. The firings marked the first time a president has removed the top lawyer at the NLRB since Harry Truman did so in 1950.

More: Rebecca breaks down what the president's statement means for the union push — and for Amazon in the [latest POLITICO Dispatch](#).

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ASK THE AUDIENCE

Nightly asked you: What moment marked the beginning of the pandemic for you? More of your lightly edited responses are below:

“In late February 2020, I flew to Denver for what I thought would be the first of many trips to the offices of the company that had just acquired my employer. Covid was a topic that people were just starting to discuss seriously. As some co-workers and I waited in the terminal for our return flight to Chicago, we saw a dollar bill that somebody had dropped on the floor. People walked by it, looked at it and exchanged embarrassed glances with strangers, but not a single person was willing to pick it up. That was the moment that I really knew something big was happening. I haven't been back to Denver.” — **Scott Downing, senior content marketing manager, Skokie, Ill.**

“I had a flight to see my 81-year-old grandmother and chatter was rising about Covid. I decided to make the 8 hour drive and forgo the flight. After work on Thursday, I got in my car and drove halfway before stopping at a hotel. When I got into the car, the NBA season was in full swing. By the time I got to my hotel, the NBA season was cancelled, Tom Hanks and Rita Wilson had Covid, and the president had given a national address about the virus. I felt like the world had shifted in those four hours.” — **Autumn Hanline, nonprofit professional, Charlotte, N.C.**

“It really hit home for me when I saw the fatality projections to be 100,000 to 200,000 in the U.S. It was then I understood this was a ‘real’ pandemic and was likely going to affect me or someone I was close to.” — **Pamela Foster, project manager, Duluth, Minn.**

“My wife and I live in Celebration, Fla., on the edge of Disney World, so we are constant visitors to the parks for dinner, drinks, etc. By Sunday, March 15, it had been made known that the parks were going to be closing the next day. We had dinner that night in EPCOT and were among the last guests to straggle out at closing time. At the exit gate, Mickey and Minnie were lined up, holding sparklers and waving farewell. It was surreal. My sense of gloom was sealed when the guy behind me shouted, ‘Goodbye Mickey. See you in bankruptcy court.’” — **Michael Rothman, attorney, Celebration, Fla.**

“Jan. 3, 2020. In reading our clips, a mysterious new virus from a Chinese province told of a handful of instances of people with pneumonia-type symptoms. I printed the story and inquired during a senior staff meeting if anyone knew the numbers of passengers on average we had from that city. No one had even heard of it, much less what the passenger load was. Who knew within a few months it would be the greatest challenge our country and the world had faced in recent history? I kept the clip taped to my credenza until the day we departed, so everyone would realize what may be one very small event at the start can change the world as we know it.” — **Todd Inman, former chief of staff, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C.**

“March 13, 2020. My employer, American Girl, was way ahead of me in recognizing what was coming. Toward the end of that workday, they gave us a quickie seminar in setting up a computer in our home. On March 14, we all started working from home. It’s been a year and I’ve hardly left the house, but I can’t say I’ve suffered what so many others have. I’m having my second shot on March 13, 2021. Ironic.” — **Marg Sumner, retail support, Madison, Wis.**

THE GLOBAL FIGHT

LONDON (HOSPITALIZATIONS) FALLING — The chance of needing hospital treatment for Covid-19 [falls by more than 80 percent after a single dose](#) of either the Oxford/AstraZeneca or the Pfizer/BioNTech Covid jab, [according to new analysis in the U.K.](#)

U.K. Health Secretary Matt Hancock unveiled what he said were “very strong” findings at a press conference in London today, where he claimed a “vaccine gap” between older people who had been immunized, and younger patients yet to receive a vaccine, was emerging. It “shows the power of science,” he added.

The study suggests that a single dose of either of the two vaccines currently approved for use in the U.K. is more than 80 percent effective at preventing hospitalization, around three to four weeks after the jab. The Pfizer vaccine led to an 83 percent reduction in deaths from Covid-19, Public Health England’s [preliminary study](#) claims.

More out of the U.K.: Schools with controls in place to prevent the spread of coronavirus show [similar levels of infection among staff compared with the wider community](#), according to research on English schools released today.

JOIN WEDNESDAY FOR A PLAYBOOK INTERVIEW WITH NRCC CHAIR TOM EMMER : House Republicans surprised many observers in November flipping 15 seats and defeating several Democratic freshmen who delivered the House majority in 2018. Then the Jan. 6 insurrection set off an internal battle within the GOP, including among top House leaders. Join Playbook co-author Rachael Bade for a conversation with Rep. Tom Emmer (R-Minn.), chair of the National Republican Congressional Committee, to discuss his strategy for the 2022 midterm elections, President Donald Trump’s role in the party, and the continued fallout from the assault on the Capitol. [REGISTER HERE](#)

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The number of families [reunited by Biden's task force after being separated at the border](#), according to DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas.

PARTING WORDS

'DRESSED ALL IN BLACK, WEARING A TACTICAL VEST' — The Proud Boys gathered at the Washington Monument at 10 a.m. on Jan. 6 dressed “incognito” to avoid detection, and then fanned out across the Capitol to prevent law enforcement from identifying them en masse, [prosecutors alleged today in a legal filing](#) that provides the most detail yet about the group’s actions on the day of the insurrection, [Kyle Cheney](#) and [Josh Gerstein](#) report.

In one of the most detailed filings describing the violent nationalist group’s activities, prosecutors say the Proud Boys — bereft of their leader Enrique Tarrío, who had been arrested two days earlier — turned to new leaders, including Ethan Nordean, a Seattle-based Proud Boys leader, who helped orchestrate the group’s role in the assault.

In a [filing seeking Nordean’s detention](#) pending trial, prosecutors say he helped hatch a plan to provide Proud Boys with walkie-talkies — a Chinese brand called Baofeng — and communicated privately with individuals willing to fund and provide equipment for the Capitol siege.

But most notably, Nordean helped hatch the tactics the Proud Boys would use when they split up at the Capitol to avoid detection.

“Defendant — dressed all in black, wearing a tactical vest — led the Proud Boys through the use of encrypted communications and military-style equipment,” prosecutors allege, “and he led them with the specific plans to: split up into groups, attempt to break into the Capitol building from as many different points as possible, and prevent the Joint Session of Congress from Certifying the Electoral College results.”

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THE 266,000 QUESTION — This morning's April employment report held a shocking number: The country created about 266,000 jobs last month, about the quarter of the number that economists had expected. President Joe Biden tried to put [a positive spin on the report later in the day](#), arguing that the economy was back on track, but also saying that the numbers are [evidence that more stimulus is needed](#). Nightly asked chief economics correspondent [Ben White](#) to explain this morning's report and tell us what's ahead for jobs this summer in [three minutes or less](#). As Ben says, "The question is, Is it an outlier, or is it a real indication that the pace of jobs coming back from the Covid hit is slowing down considerably?"

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Illustration of Elon Musk

GARY GENSLER'S PRE-'SNL' READING — "The loathing Musk inspires from the left is uniquely intense and personal, not unlike that directed toward his fellow techno-optimists in the Democratic Party like Andrew Yang and Pete Buttigieg. Musk shares their cardinal sin: that of cringe, an obliviousness toward, or unwillingness to acknowledge, the tastemakers who define pop culture at its highest level — which increasingly includes policy positions, like police abolition or massive wealth redistribution. Musk has remained stubbornly committed to a brash and vague tech-bro libertarianism that was already wearing out its welcome among cultural elites in 2011, and seems fully retrograde in the world of 2021. And his arc as a public figure serves as a neat lesson in how and where the battle lines of our current culture wars came to be drawn." — **From Derek Robertson's "How the Internet Turned on Elon Musk," coming this weekend in POLITICO Magazine**

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— **California population drops for first time in state history:** California's population [declined in 2020 for the first time in the state's recorded history](#) due to Covid-19 deaths, federal immigration restrictions and declining births, state officials announced today. The nation's most populous state lost more than 180,000 people between January 2020 and January 2021, a decline of 0.46 percent, according to data released by the state Department of Finance. This was the first time California experienced an annual drop since the state began recording such data in 1900, according to Finance spokesperson H.D. Palmer.

— **Internal study highlights struggle over control of America's special ops:** The study, which has not been previously reported, is being conducted by Joint Special Operations University, the academic arm of U.S. Special Operations Command. The plan is to [review arguments for and against establishing a separate military branch for the special operations community](#), according to a slide deck dated March 21 and reviewed by POLITICO.

— **Virginia gubernatorial candidates push 'election integrity' in major post-Trump contest:** The first statewide Republican nominating contest since Trump left office [has added a new issue to the top tier of traditional GOP campaign messages: "election integrity."](#) All four of the leading Republican candidates for this weekend's "unassembled convention," where Republican delegates will vote for their nominee at 39 sites around the state, are talking about election and voting rules on the trail and in ads, with some putting forth detailed plans for how they would change Virginia's election rules.

— **Keisha Lance Bottoms exits Atlanta's mayoral race:** Bottoms said this morning that [she would not seek a second term as Atlanta's mayor](#), citing the tumultuous last four years. Bottoms alerted staffers and allies of her plans to exit the race on Thursday evening in a call first reported by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

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NIGHTLY INTERVIEW

'THEY HAVE TO GO FASTER' — Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-Ill.) is one of only four Indian Americans currently in Congress. Elected in 2016, he's been pushing the Biden administration for weeks to deliver vaccines and other supplies to India.

In 2000, only two South Asian Americans ran for Congress, according to [FiveThirtyEight](#). That rose to about 40 in the last couple of election cycles. And, Krishnamoorthi told Nightly, "The administration has about 20 senior officials of Indian heritage or South Asian heritage, including the vice president."

Nightly's Renuka Rayasam spoke with Krishnamoorthi today about the rise of South Asian political power in the U.S. and whether the administration is doing enough to help India. This conversation has been edited.

Are you in touch with the Biden administration about Covid aid to India?

We have been in regular contact with the administration. There are a lot of people in the administration who get it. But there are a lot of people who are overly cautious on this particular issue. They're worried about the technicalities associated with the agreements with pharmaceutical companies, and even some are concerned about maybe not having enough vaccine down the road.

They've started to make moves in the right direction. Honestly, they have to go faster. Why would we jeopardize the incredible progress we've made with vaccines here by allowing this five-alarm fire to rage? If there's anywhere where

you could have a mutation that could potentially defeat a vaccine, it could be there. Nobody's talking about not getting our own citizenry vaccinated.

How do you feel about the Biden administration's ban on travelers from India?

We have to defer to the CDC on this particular issue. That being said, it has to be uniformly applied across all countries. There should be some criteria that are set, not only for triggering a travel ban, but also for lifting the travel ban. A lot of my constituents and others are contacting us and saying, "We had plans to receive grandma, our grandfather and now we are very, very afraid for their safety and we don't know when we're going to be able to bring him or her."

Do you have family in India? How are they doing?

A lot of our family has unfortunately had Covid already or has Covid now. Fortunately, the elderly relatives have been somewhat segregated from everyone else in the family. They have kind of locked themselves down. One of our friends lost 10 family members. Another lost a brother, sister-in-law and younger daughter — all to Covid.

I've been to a lot of parties where the Aunties and Uncles love to argue about Trump or Biden. But I'm not sure if they actually vote.

I find that fascinating too, but I think it has to do with inconvenience. There's a large percentage who are small business people and sometimes work in situations where they feel they can't take time out to do this. There's also a myth that was circulating in certain communities that if you vote then you're going to get called to jury duty.

I hope it doesn't take tragedies to force people to come to terms with the old adage that if you don't have a seat at the table, you're on the menu.

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AROUND THE WORLD

MACRON SLAMS VAX 'BLOCKING' — French President Emmanuel Macron today [renewed his call for richer nations to share Covid-19 vaccine doses with poorer nations](#), and he criticized the U.S. and the U.K. for "blocking" such transfers.

France was the first member of the group of seven rich nations known as the G-7 to donate doses, but Macron has been under pressure recently for not clearly supporting a proposal to lift intellectual property rights for Covid-19 vaccines, an idea the U.S. backed on Wednesday.

Responding to a question by reporters upon his arrival to the EU Social Summit in Porto, Macron defended his position. "What's the issue right now? It's not really about intellectual property; you can give it to a lab that won't know how to produce it — the first issue is giving doses," Macron said. "The second pillar for the vaccines to circulate it's not to block ingredients and the vaccines; today the Anglo-Saxons are blocking a lot of ingredients and vaccines."

PUNCHLINES

CATCHING OUR BREATH — After a week that saw the GOP go after Liz Cheney; Facebook's Oversight Board keep Trump from posting; and the Bidens seeming to tower over the Carters, Matt Wuerker delivers the [Weekend Wrap](#) of the best political satire and cartoons to send us into Saturday and Sunday.

NIGHTLY NUMBER

107 percent

The rate of increase in threats against members of Congress compared to last year, [the United States Capitol Police said today](#). The disclosure comes as lawmakers debate additional funding to increase Capitol Police staffing and to address security needs in the aftermath of the Jan. 6 riot, including whether to install permanent fencing around the Capitol complex.

PARTING WORDS

LIVE FROM NEW YORK, IT'S \$DOGE — Elon Musk is hosting “Saturday Night Live” this weekend, and as the Tesla CEO said in the promo video, “There’s no telling what I may do.”

Wall Street is already betting on what Musk might do. Dogecoin, one of Musk’s favorite cryptocurrencies, was trading up today at around 65 cents ahead of Musk’s SNL appearance. That’s just short of its all-time high of 69 cents.

Last week, when Musk promoted his May 8 SNL gig on Twitter by [labeling himself “The Dogefather.”](#) Dogecoin spiked more than 30 percent.

Nightly’s [Myah Ward](#) talked to [Brendan Greeley](#), a contributing editor at the Financial Times, about the crypto craze and what Musk could do to move the markets this weekend. This conversation has been edited.

Let’s say Musk makes a joke about buying cryptocurrencies on SNL tomorrow. What kind of effect would this have in the world of memecoins and other crypto assets?

I mean, it sounds like a lot of fun!

Look, this happens with more traditional currencies. Steven Mnuchin, I think it would have been early 2017 at Davos, made a comment about the value of the dollar. And I’m going to get this wrong, but he said something about how we should let the dollar do what it wants to do. And that was interpreted as, perhaps the dollar will sink in value.

Just that indicator of intent from him changed the value of the dollar against other currencies overnight. So it’s not that hard to believe that somebody who’s obviously invested in other coins could give a signal of intent and change the value overnight. That’s not novel.

You’re writing a book about the history of the dollar. What do you make of the crypto craze and the role these currencies play in the financial system?

I still think we’re talking a bit of fun. I think Dogecoin is hilarious. I don’t know immediately what it would be for. But that doesn’t mean we should dismiss it as inherently not money.

There’s this idea that all money is a meme. I don’t agree with that. I think it’s necessary for money to be a meme to survive, but it’s not sufficient. We can talk about Steven Mnuchin at Davos saying something about the dollar and in a meme-like way, affecting the value of it. But that doesn’t explain all of how it works.

I think one of the things that’s missing in a conversation about any of these other new kinds of currency is that, if you want a system where different kinds of money trade for each other at par, you’re not talking about technology. You’re talking about governments and social policy. That’s what makes money trade at par. If Elon Musk says something tomorrow night about Dogecoin and it affects the value of Dogecoin, that is an aspect of money. But it is not the complete aspect of how money works and how we think of it.

What do you think the is most market-moving thing Musk could say on SNL?

If he decided that he was going to convert Tesla's treasury into Dogecoin, that would be significant. I don't anticipate he would do that.

But look at what we're talking about. We're talking about a major American car manufacturer, the possibility of that company converting some of its treasury into a coin based on a dog meme that was invented as a joke a couple of years ago. I don't know, this is all too fantastical to take seriously.

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RUNNING ON EMPTY — Electric vehicles are the automotive vanguard of a greener world, and they've never generated more buzz.

Tesla is now the world's most valuable car company, worth more than its top four competitors combined. Its CEO, Elon Musk, now the world's richest man, just hosted Saturday Night Live.

General Motors has pledged to go all-electric by 2035, Volkswagen by 2027 and Jaguar by 2025. President Joe Biden's infrastructure plan calls for \$174 billion in electric vehicle investments. When the Colonial pipeline hack created a gas shortage this week, his energy secretary, Jennifer Granholm, slyly noted that it wouldn't affect EV owners.

But here's a less trendy factoid: In 2020, while Americans bought nearly 300,000 electric vehicles, they also bought nearly 800,000 Ford F-150 pickup trucks. The F-150 may be a gas-guzzling disaster for the climate, but it's been the nation's best-selling vehicle for 44 straight years.

Ford's all-electric F-150 Lightning.

Ford's all-electric F-150 Lightning will be revealed May 19 at Ford World Headquarters in Dearborn, Mich. | Ford

This is why Ford's decision to roll out an electric version of the F-150 is such a big deal, and why, on Tuesday, Biden will visit the Michigan factory that will manufacture it. Americans aren't going to stop buying big trucks to help Biden meet his aggressive greenhouse-gas goals. So if those goals are going to be met, big trucks will have to stop emitting greenhouse gases.

The question is whether the kind of consumers who crave two-ton Ford Tough behemoths forged from military-grade steel will buy the climate-friendly plug-in version, because they're not usually the kind of consumers who worry about their carbon footprints.

Like solar panels, plant-based meat and climate action in general, electric vehicles have become identified with the progressive/Democratic/metropolitan team in America's political cultural wars, the team of NPR and hip-hop and sushi. Unless electric vehicles can start to appeal to the conservative/Republican/rural team of Fox News and country music and Chik-Fil-A, they'll never reach the critical mass needed to slash transportation emissions and stop global warming.

It was interesting that [Ford's teaser video for the all-electric F-150 Lightning](#) featured a Black woman talking about innovation and ingenuity rather than Denis Leary rasping about toughness and power. Republicans used to dismiss EVs as impractical Obama-mobiles for eco-hippies, and President Donald Trump mocked GM for its all-electric ambitions: "Darling, where do I get a charge?"

But Chris Nelder, a carbon-free transportation expert at the Rocky Mountain Institute, believes the Lightning can help expand the appeal of plug-ins to consumers who probably won't be charging at Starbucks. "The mere existence of the electric F-150 will send a powerful signal to the entire truck-driving segment of the market," Nelder said.

The problem for the climate is the truck-driving segment is extremely large, while the EV segment is still less than 2 percent of U.S. sales. Americans currently buy three times as many pickups, SUVs and crossovers as

passenger cars, which is why U.S. transportation emissions have remained relatively flat even though passenger cars have gotten much more fuel-efficient. We love our rugged-sounding Yukons and Dakotas and Navigators and Expeditions, even if many of us just navigate them on expeditions to the mall, and there haven't been many all-electric alternatives.

That is starting to change, though, with Audi and Volkswagen debuting electric SUVs to compete with the Tesla X and Hyundai selling an electric crossover to compete with the Tesla Y, while the Chinese unicorns Rivian and Nio prepare to enter the global market as well. The F-150 may be the industry's most important test, because it's America's most popular vehicle.

So the Lightning better be good. Tesla made a splash not by appealing to the environmental consciences of the global community, but by making awesome cars. Electric vehicles are still a bit more expensive up-front than their fossil-fueled counterparts, but their minimal maintenance and fuel costs make them less expensive over their lifetimes. Their battery ranges are also getting longer every year, and Biden wants to invest \$15 billion in charging stations that will help reduce the Darling-where-do-I-get-a-charge problem.

Most truck buyers probably aren't looking for a climate-friendly truck or even a truck of the future. They just want a good truck. But even if the Lightning turns out to be an awesome truck, it won't sell in parts of red America if it's seen as a Bidenmobile. If electric trucks are going to get traction beyond early adopters, they can't be viewed as cosmopolitan cultural totems, like organic kale, Lululemon yoga pants or Whole Foods reusable bags.

The president's visit to Detroit will be a nice milestone for an electric-vehicle industry that didn't exist when he became vice president 12 years ago. But it might be best for the climate if America's truck buyers never hear a word about it.

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— **First known active-duty military member is charged in Jan. 6 insurrection:** Maj. Christopher Warnagiris of the U.S. Marine Corps, 40, was [arrested in Virginia after being charged with a number of federal crimes](#), including “assaulting, resisting or impeding certain officers” and obstructing law enforcement, according to charging documents. He's the first known active-duty military member to have been charged with a crime in connection with the insurrection.

— **Biden implores drivers ‘Don't panic’ as Colonial Pipeline ramps up deliveries:** Biden sought to calm drivers' nerves amid [expectations that fuel supplies will remain tight for up to two weeks in the Southeastern states](#) where pumps had run dry because of panic buying after ransomware infiltrated the computers of the pipeline company that

operates the 5,500-mile line that runs from Houston to New Jersey.

— **Teachers union leader calls for 'fully reopening' schools this fall:** American Federation of Teachers President Randi Weingarten [called for schools to reopen full time and in person this fall](#).

AROUND THE NATION

MEGA VACCINATIONS — Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine announced Wednesday that his state would give five people \$1 million each for being vaccinated as part of a weekly lottery. He also offered five full-ride scholarships to state schools for teens who get vaccinated.

The lottery will be paid for by federal coronavirus relief funds, the Republican governor said during a televised address. The first weekly drawing will be held on May 26, conducted by the Ohio Lottery.

Is it a crazy idea? Nightly's Myah Ward called Ken Resnicow, a professor of health behavior at the University of Michigan's School of Public Health and [an expert on incentives](#), today to get his take on DeWine's approach.

"He should be commended for being creative, thinking big and doing what he can to try to persuade the fence-sitters," Resnicow said. "The question is whether or not from a pure behavioral economics and gambling theory perspective — is he getting the maximum bang for his buck?"

DeWine's model rewards people retroactively for getting vaccinated. The winners are to be pulled from the voter registration database. More details about the rules for the drawing will be released next week.

Rewarding people right when they get the shot would be more effective, Resnicow said. "There may be some legal and other technical reasons he couldn't do this, so I have to be forgiving, but it may be much more powerful, for example, if you show up to your vaccine and they had a slot machine there where you got five free pulls, or you got five free lottery tickets," he said.

Your move, governor.

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On a damp Tuesday afternoon, about five dozen people stood in line at the Pacheco vaccination center in central Brussels, hoping to snag one of the leftover doses from the daily vaccination appointments currently open only to those 41 or over or those suffering from diseases. For most, it was a futile exercise as officials announced they had just a single leftover shot.

Others were luckier elsewhere. At the Forest center a week earlier, a software problem disrupted regular appointments, leaving officials to offer about 1,200 BioNTech/Pfizer jabs on a first-come-first-serve basis. As that news spread, around 100 young people queued for hours at the center on the following days, though only a handful managed to get a jab.

"We're seeing a growing interest among young people to get vaccinated, which is generally a good thing," said Inge Neven, Brussels' vaccine policy spokesperson. However, she stressed that only in "very exceptional" cases were doses

being given to people outside the priority groups. “We’re calling on people to still have a bit of patience. Soon everybody will get their turn,” she said.

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The number of Americans seeking unemployment benefits, a new pandemic low and the latest evidence that fewer employers are cutting jobs as consumers ramp up spending and more businesses reopen.

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[Nightly video player of transgender lawmaker event](#)

BOGEY — Caitlyn Jenner is the highest-profile transgender candidate running for office today. But her candidacy isn’t having a positive effect on transgender rights, transgender lawmakers told Nightly’s Renuka Rayasam today during a POLITICO Live event.

Rep. Stephanie Byers, a Democrat in the Kansas state legislature, said that state Republicans used Jenner’s support for a bill that would ban transgender girls from participating on women’s students sports teams to bolster their case.

Yet, Byers pointed out, when Jenner plays golf, she tees off with women. “Her comments and her actions don’t line up,” said Byers. Democratic Gov. Laura Kelly eventually vetoed the bill.

Still, Byers and other panelists said they welcomed more transgender candidates to the field, including Republicans, as long as they support trans rights.

“We can disagree how money is spent,” Byers said. “But we need to come to an agreement about human rights.”

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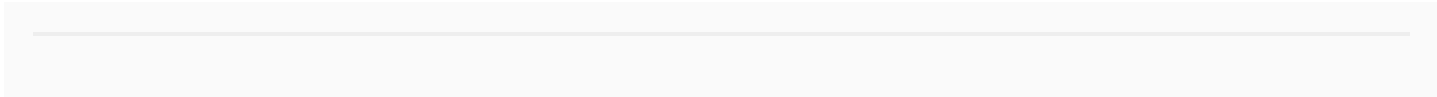
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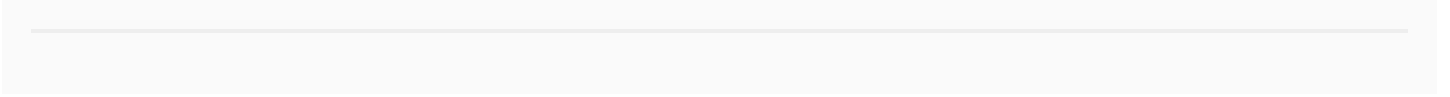
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GOVERNOR ANDREW M. CUOMO

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Governor Cuomo: *"The virus does not discriminate. You have Democrats dying. You have Republicans dying. It is not a red state, blue state issue. It's a national issue ... I don't wear a mask to protect myself - I wear a mask to protect you and you wear a mask to protect me and that's community at its best, you know, that's citizenship at its best and that's what I'm trying to do in New York."*

Yesterday evening, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo was a guest on CBS's The Late Show with Stephen Colbert to discuss New York's ongoing effort to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

VIDEO of the interview made available by CBS can be viewed [here](#).

AUDIO of the Governor's interview is available [here](#).

A rush transcript of the Governor's interview is available below.

Stephen Colbert: Thanks so much for being with us, Governor, and thank you for everything you're doing to keep our state safe and the public informed. How are you?

Governor Cuomo: I'm doing well. So far so good. As well as I can be doing under the circumstances anyway, Stephen. Thank you for having me - pleasure to be with you. I'm a big fan.

Stephen Colbert: Well, sir, I know you're sequestered right now with adult children. That's in your quarantine bubble. How is that, having the adult kids at home with you?

Governor Cuomo: That's actually cool. You know, my kids are 22, 25 and 25, twins, three girls. I normally can't get them to come home to visit me, Stephen. I normally have to pay them to come visit me. They want a check when they come so to have them with me has really been a silver lining in a weird way, you know, because they're out there living their lives. The last thing they want to do is go hang out with dad in Albany, you know. But they've been here and it's been very helpful to me because with everything going on it's just very grounding for me to go home and have them there and hear their abuse which I'm accustomed to and I know comes from a good place.

Stephen Colbert: Of course. How about the boyfriend? Is the boyfriend still with you?

Governor Cuomo: The boyfriend is still with us, yes. He is.

Stephen Colbert: And we like the boyfriend?

Governor Cuomo: Yes, we like the boyfriend. Official comment, we like the boyfriend. Personal comment, we like the boyfriend. I learned that lesson the hard way. You have to say you like the boyfriend whatever you feel because they're still in the rebellion phase. You say you don't like the boyfriend, they will marry that boyfriend just to spite you. So yes, I like the boyfriend.

Stephen Colbert: And here is why I think you actually like the boyfriend is because you're willing to talk about whether or not you like the boyfriend.

Governor Cuomo: Yes.

Stephen Colbert: Because if you actually didn't like the boyfriend you would never mention the boyfriend.

Governor Cuomo: I would never mention the boyfriend and the boyfriend has been in close proximity so if I really didn't like the boyfriend that would have communicated by now through various means and methods.

Stephen Colbert: Well, I want to talk to you about something that you talked about in your press briefing yesterday. New York State overall numbers are dropping but you reported yesterday that in a survey of 1,300 new COVID patients 66 percent of them had been staying at home. Do we know why these people who are staying at home are still getting sick?

Governor Cuomo: Yes, it's actually interesting, Stephen. The closedown has worked so well and what we feared didn't come true. I was afraid that the essential workers would have a higher infection rate - the health care workers, transit workers, police.

Stephen Colbert: Makes sense.

Governor Cuomo: Yeah, and that did not happen. Actually the health care workers, believe it or not, have a lower infection rate than the general population which just shows the PPE, the masks, et cetera, actually works. The infection rate is now down to an increase among those people who stay home, meaning the closedown is working. We're down to a level now where it's pure personal behavior and whether or not you're wearing a mask and you're using sanitizer because this is now people who are at home who are not working, not taking public transportation. That's the only area that we still see growth and that's actually good news.

Stephen Colbert: Now 30 states are either opening or close to opening but most of those states don't meet the federal guidelines, even the guidelines put out by the White House themselves. New York is not reopening yet but do you have a plan in place?

Governor Cuomo: We have a very specific plan, probably the most specific plan and the government philosophy here is I understand the emotion and the anxiety and the stress, and we all want to reopen as quickly as possible. Everybody does, myself included. But you don't operate out of emotion and passion. You stay with facts and data. So we have been doing that all along. We follow the science, we follow the facts, we follow the data, and we're going to reopen by the data. We know how many hospitalizations we have. We know what the infection rate is. We know what the testing rate is. Follow the data. And I think the CDC did have guidelines, and you're right, many states are reopening, even though the guidelines are not being followed. We're in the opposite place. New York, the numbers are all going down on every level. Many of the other states, the numbers are still going up, and they're reopening. That not only violates CDC guidelines, that violates common sense. And we're not going to do that. We're going to follow the data, we are on the way down. In a about one week, you'll see some regions in the state with lower numbers starting to reopen their economies, and as those numbers stabilize, you'll see more economic growth.

Stephen Colbert: Well, you made a good point that while nationally, there may be a flattening of the curve, if you take New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, if you take those numbers, where the numbers are going down, you take that out of the equation, for the rest of the country, we're still going up. What advice do you have for the other governors who are governing states right now that do not have the same crisis level of COVID infections that New York experienced, but are in no way exempt from it, just because it hasn't happened yet?

Governor Cuomo: No look Stephen, I think it is short term, I understand the short-term benefit of opening. The pressure to open is tremendous. The political pressure is tremendous. People want out. They want out of the home, people need a paycheck, they want to get back to work, they want to make sure they have a job, I get it. So I understand the short term pressure, but long term, we have seen what has happened in countries that open too quickly, and then they wound up closing again. To open and then close two weeks or three weeks later because that infection rate goes through the roof again makes no sense. Calibrate the opening and don't open until you have those numbers under control. Now you're right, New York, we're on the decline. The rest of the country is still on the incline when you take out New York. And in about one week, again, you'll start to see some regions open, but I think it is a mistake to respond to the emotion when you know the facts are saying something different. So I suggest communicate the facts to people. You know, I quoted Lincoln today in one of my press briefings. Lincoln really believed in the American people. And he said if you tell them the truth, they will keep the country safe. What I've been doing all through this is just giving people the facts, right. This is New York. I couldn't have said to New Yorkers, we're going to close your schools, close your business, you have to stay at home. New Yorkers would have told me the equivalent of pound sand, you know, no government has ever done that before. But I've been laying out all the facts every day. Here's just the facts, not my opinion, no politics, here are the facts. And if you lay out the facts think people get it. You know, people are paying attention to this. This is not a normal issue. This affects them. This is not about politics, this is about their health and safety, and their children. They've been following it. Lay out the facts and they will do the right thing. And that's what we're doing in New York and it has worked.

Stephen Colbert: How's the communication, the cooperation gone between, I'm not sure how many states it was in the northeast, you formed sort of a cooperative group of states, New York, New Jersey, Rhode Island

Governor Cuomo: Delaware, Massachusetts, Connecticut, yeah. That's going, we have about seven states that we work with, which are all basically contiguous, right. And it makes sense because the virus doesn't stop at a state boundary. And people get in cars, and they drive, and Amtrak goes through the states. So we're coordinating the best we can our closing policy and our reopening policy to make sure we know what each other is doing, because whatever one state does affects another state, right. We're seeing now some states that opens up and people from surrounding states are now going to that state. If Connecticut opens up beaches, you'll see New Yorkers going to Connecticut.

Stephen Colbert: Georgia allowed haircuts, and people flooded into Georgia to get their haircuts.

Governor Cuomo: Well you have such a pent-up demand, right. Think about it. People will go anywhere. People will get in the car and drive a couple of hours just to get out of the house for a couple of hours.

Stephen Colbert: Speaking of haircuts, your brother Chris got a very short haircut. Serious question, I thought the dog groomers were all closed in New York.

Governor Cuomo: Well, where he went was even worse than going to a dog groomer. He had the COVID virus, he then gave his wife the COVID virus, he was quarantined in the basement, she was quarantined upstairs. After he gave her the COVID virus, he said, he told me that she forgave him. He then gave her the shears to cut his hair. And she cut his hair like Delilah cut Samson's hair. And she gave it all back to him, so, you know, that was a passive-aggressive, still angry haircut. He has a shorter haircut, I told him it's like a prison haircut, you know.

Stephen Colbert: Exactly. When you've got a slight institutionalized look to it. He's got shoes without laces right now.

Governor Cuomo: Oh yeah.

Stephen Colbert: Governor, we have to take a little bit of a break but if you could please stick around we'll be right back with more Governor Andrew Cuomo

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Stephen Colbert: Hey everybody, we're back here with New York Governor Andrew Cuomo. Now, I'm asking this next question for a friend. When will late night shows in New York be allowed to have audiences again? Not that it's important to me, I don't care, I don't live for laughter. I'm asking for Fallon and Seth, I'm just curious, I'm sure it's hurting them.

Governor Cuomo: Yeah, well you can tell them to call me, because I can make that happen.

Stephen Colbert: You can? Okay, please.

Governor Cuomo: Fallon and Seth.

Stephen Colbert: I have a friend who's getting desperate to be in front of an audience again.

Governor Cuomo: Fallon and Seth, okay, I'll call Fallon and Seth.

Stephen Colbert: Okay good. Now, how've things changed in our preparedness and how will you respond if there is another wave in the fall, as some people caution?

Governor Cuomo: Well look, we learned a lot of lessons here the hard way, Stephen. First, we learned about tracking these global pandemics in the first place. We were all watching China because there was an outbreak in China. Turns out that the virus that came to New York came through Europe, and nobody was even aware of it. We did the China travel ban, the president announced the China travel ban, but we had people coming from Europe, and the virus had left China, gone to Europe and was coming from Europe. And we had two million people come in from Europe, and that's how the virus came to New York. Our healthcare system was not ready for this, we didn't have the equipment, we didn't have the PPE, et cetera. So we've learned a lot of lessons, and we won't make those errors again. It's the first time we've ever really had to deal with a global pandemic in this country, and I'm sure every state has learned a lot. We're anticipating a second wave. Some of the experts talk about a second wave, third wave, the 1918 pandemic had three waves, 18 months from beginning to end. So we will be in a better position and we'll be more prepared from a health system point of view, that I can promise you.

Stephen Colbert: Now, you have been very about trying to keep this apolitical and you have not risen to any of the President's bait about talking about the blue states not managing their own finances or their own COVID crises. But what do you say to the President when he says it wouldn't be fair to Republicans to be bailing out blue states right now who are the heavy, urban population states who are dealing with the COVID crisis at its highest levels?

Governor Cuomo: First, you are right. I try to stay away from the politics because this is such an ugly divided political environment to begin with. Once that political flag goes up, Stephen, people change the lens and everything becomes political. You are 50-50. And we need everybody on the same page here, we need all New Yorkers to work together so I stay 100 miles away from politics. But states do need funding and we do need federal legislation providing funding for states. You have the states in charge of reopening. The President has made that clear. It is up to the Governor's. I have a \$13 billion deficit. You know, my state has a terrible financial hole because of this virus, and all states are in the same position. If you want to get the economy back running, you have to fund states. The federal legislation does small business, airlines, etc. The states fund police and fire and school and teachers. So, you have to fund the states. The bailout argument is just nonsensical. If you look at who pays the bills in this country, who contributes more money, New York contributes more money to the federal government every year than it gets back. We in essence have been subsidizing the federal government other states to the tune of billions of dollar every year. We put in about \$30 billion more every year than we get back. So, if anything New York has been bailing out the nation for many, many years. But look, this is not a Democratic or Republican issue. It is just not. The virus does not discriminate. You have Democrats dying. You have Republicans dying. It is not a red state, blue state issue. It's a national issue - it is a red, white and blue issue, and I just refuse to get into that partisan fight because for me I'm trying to handle this situation in New York. I have Democrats, Republicans, I have Independents - I have everything in New York and I need everyone to know that I am not speaking out of any political tone. I have no politics in this. I'm not running for anything else. I'm not going anywhere else. I'm just Governor of New York and I represent them Democrat, Republican and we're all on the same page and we're all trying to accomplish the same thing. And that feeling of mutuality that we used to have in this nation, which is gone, I want to have that in New York. I want everyone to know we're on the same page, we have the same agenda. I'm trying to protect you while you're trying to protect me. You know that mask is a beautiful metaphor. I don't wear a mask to protect myself - I wear a mask to protect you and you wear a mask to protect me and that's community at its best, you know, that's citizenship at its best and that's what I'm trying to do in New York.

Stephen Colbert: Sire, we have to take one more quick break. If you can just give us a moment more we'll be right back with Governor Andrew Cuomo.

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Stephen Colbert: Hey everybody, we're back with Governor Andrew Cuomo. You've talked about your father and the lessons that you learn from him - how do you think your father would be handling this coronavirus right now?

Governor Cuomo: Better than I am that I can tell you. No, my father was the best.

Stephen Colbert: How does he inspire you and the lessons he taught you not only about governing as the State of New York himself but also about what it means to be an American and what it means to be community-minded - how does that influence the way that you're approaching this crisis?

Governor Cuomo: My father was always representative of our best selves. If our better angels needed a spokesperson, they would hire my father, right? That's where he came from, that's what he spoke to and I still hear my father every day, you know, his voice is still in my head and his love is still in my heart so he would be saying, "rise above." He would be saying, "rise above, don't get into the gutter with them, don't let them pull you down, don't go for the bait, rise above. This is a transcendent crisis and it's not about you and your ego and your personality, who cares what they say, rise above and lead people up, lead people up, the state motto Excelsior, ever upwards, Excelsior, ever upwards." I added another expression to the state seal which was one of his favorites "e pluribus unum," out of many one you put those two together, Stephen, you have everything Excelsior, ever upwards, aspirational, e pluribus unum, out of many one community, our founding premise. That's what he would be saying.

Stephen Colbert: Well, I got two very important questions to close out with here, Governor. I need to ask you about a recent survey - 2,000 people were surveyed and they found that the Cuomo Brothers, you and your brother Chris, tied as the most desirable men in New York. Now as an older brother can you abide by a tie? Do you want to do anything right now to push yourself over the top in terms of desirableness? Do you want to loosen the top button, want to give us a smoldering stare, anything? Put him in his place?

Governor Cuomo: Well first, smoldering stare, first of all, my brother has to be disqualified because he's not eligible. He is married so he's not eligible so he's out. First of all he's out.

Stephen Colbert: There it is.

Governor Cuomo: There it is, see? DQ. He's out of the competition. He's out of the running. I win.

Stephen Colbert: Okay, in the movie of this when it's finally made, who do you want to have play you because last night, we know Brad Pitt is already playing Dr. Fauci, but last night I had De Niro on the show and he said he wants to play you. Do you approve of that casting.

Governor Cuomo: Well first, how does Brad Pitt play, how do we get Brad Pitt to Dr. Fauci? How do you see that?

Stephen Colbert: Dr. Fauci asked that in the movie, he would like if Brad Pitt would play Dr. Fauci and Pitt showed up on SNL as Dr. Fauci so that's cast.

Governor Cuomo: All right, so that's great. Okay. Look—

Stephen Colbert: De Niro?

Governor Cuomo: De Niro, I am a big De Niro fan. He is just phenomenal. The breath of his ability. I mean just look at all the roles he's played. He can do anything, right? Deer Hunter, Cape Fear, he can do comedy. How about Taxi Driver?

Stephen Colbert: Sure.

Governor Cuomo: I'm going to do Tax Driver. The next press conference when a reporter asks me a question, you talkin' to me? You talkin' to me? Oh boy, that would be a treat. I'm a big De Niro fan. He's a genius. He's a genius.

Stephen Colbert: Well, Governor, thank you so much for talking to us today and thank you for keeping us informed and keeping us safe.

Governor Cuomo: Thank you, Stephen. All the best to you. Stay safe, you and your family.

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Governor Cuomo: *"LaGuardia Airport is going to be the first new airport in the United States of America in 25 years. Just think about that. 25 years. The last airport was Denver: 1995. This nation hasn't figured out how to build an airport. Why? It was too big, too complicated, too confusing. So we just didn't do it. Meanwhile, countries all around the world did it and you could fly into airports all around the world and they were brand new, and there were entertainment centers, and business centers, and they were magnificent. And then you'd fly into our airports here in the United States which were built in the '50s or the '60s or the '40s. And it was just so apparent how other nations were outpacing us. Who is going to change that? Who is going to lead? New York. And that's what LaGuardia Airport is all about."*

Cuomo: *"You know what, we needed this. We needed this today. We needed to see the light at the end of the tunnel, we needed to see possibility, we needed to see New York stand up and shine, we needed to remember how great a place this is, and how a great a people we are."*

Earlier today, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced the opening of the brand-new, state-of-the-art Terminal B Arrivals and Departures Hall at LaGuardia Airport, the biggest milestone to date in the airport's ongoing \$8 billion transformation into a unified 21st century facility. The project - one of the largest public private partnerships in aviation history - includes the demolition and replacement of every terminal and concourse except for the historically landmarked Marine Air Terminal.

The spacious, 850,000-square-foot, four-story Terminal B Arrivals and Departures Hall will provide New York's travelers with a 21st century airport experience that includes local concessions, large, modern restrooms and a New York-inspired shopping district. The new Arrivals and Departures Hall also showcases permanent public art installations curated by the Public Art Fund, enhancing the passenger experience and underscoring New York's global position as a beacon for arts and culture.

The new Terminal B will open to the public on Saturday, June 13th and serve American Airlines, United Airlines, Southwest Airlines and Air Canada. By virtue of its size, the terminal presents greater opportunities to move passengers more safely and efficiently with improved distancing during and after the COVID-19 pandemic, including more space for check-in, security and baggage claim, along with new innovations in contactless technology and an increased focus on cleanliness and disinfection.

VIDEO of the Governor's remarks is available on YouTube [here](#) and in TV quality (h.264, mp4) format [here](#).

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A rush transcript of today's remarks is available below

Good morning. It is a beautiful morning today. It's a pleasure to be in New York City. The weather is beautiful. We're at LaGuardia Airport, the new LaGuardia Airport. This is really breathtaking. I wish you all could get a full view of this really

magnificent facility, and the artwork, it really is breathtaking. Let me introduce the people who are here with me today. To my right, Melissa DeRosa, secretary to the governor, who has been working every day for 101 days, done a briefing every day. They calculated, she now has enough overtime to take off for the next four years, believe it or not, so I want to thank her for everything she's done. To my left, Rick Cotton, who is the executive director of the Port Authority, who has handled so many unprecedented situations, what we're going through with COVID at the airports, and in the meantime, doing more construction and development than anyone in the State of New York has done in over 50 years. He's really done an extraordinary job, let's give him round of applause, Mr. Rick Cotton.

In this beautiful new arrivals and departure terminal, which, to see it actually here and live is just so invigorating. You know it's like, when you're having a child, and you talk about it, and you see little scans of it, and you plan for it, but then it's indescribable when it actually happens. And to see this real, and alive, and all the drawings and the years of work come to life really is invigorating. And let's thank Richard Kennedy and Jane Garvey and George Casey and Magnus Eriksson and Stewart Steeves, the CEO of LaGuardia Gateway Partners, congratulations. You did a beautiful piece of work here, you should feel good. Let's give them a round of applause. I want to thank Gary LaBarbera, who represents the building and construction trades unions, and they have been fantastic working with us all through this, congratulations.

Let's talk about some facts and then we'll take a couple of quick questions and then we will cut a ribbon, and we will go from there. Today is day 102 dealing with the COVID crisis. You worked 102 straight days, I'm sorry, I said 101, but who's counting? And it is day 17 since we've been dealing with the situation of civil unrest after Mr. Floyd's murder. These are two very different situations. They actually intersect and they complicate one another, but they're two very different crisis that we're managing at the same time. On the murder of Mr. Floyd, which has generated civil unrest not only through this country, but internationally, literally, and I think that it's going to turn out for the good. I said when this first started, I understand what the protesters are saying and feeling, and I stand with the protesters. How many years have we heard about these situations? It's not just Mr. Floyd. It was Amadou Diallo, Rodney King, it goes back 40, 50 years. It goes back to Martin Luther King, and we've seen it, we've seen it, we've seen it, but we haven't done anything and now it's time to act. That's what people are saying.

And they're right and we're going to act in the State of New York and we're going to act this week. Carpe diem, seize the day. Carpe momentum, seize the moment. There's a moment for change, and we're going to make change. And we're going to pass legislation this week that I'm going to sign that is going to lead the nation in police reform, releasing disciplinary records, what they call 50-a, banning chokeholds, which should have been done a long time ago and that will be in the State law, having the Attorney General as a special prosecutor, if there is a questionable killing by police, where they kill an unarmed person. The most dramatic police reform in the country and it will happen in New York this week and we're proud of it.

On dealing with the COVID crisis, over the past 101 days, we're now at a different point. We're at the point of reopening the economy and moving forward on that. And that is an entirely different situation than everything we've done up until now. Everything we have done up until now has been fighting the virus, how do you contain it? How do you isolate it? How do you quarantine people? How do you do the medical research to find a vaccine or a treatment? Reopening says, how do you now restart the economy and control the virus at the same time? And all of this has never been done before. There is no blueprint, there's no book written on it. There is no expert on the globe who can say, "Yes, I know how this should be done." And I speak to all of them. The situations where you have seen reopenings, countries around the world, they're very mixed results. So, this really is going down a path that no one has traveled successfully, but if any place can travel it successfully, it's going to be in the State of New York.

Every region in the state is now reopening. New York City entered what we call phase one this past Monday. Westchester, Rockland, Mid-Hudson Valley started phase two yesterday and Long Island entered phase two today as the number of COVID cases came down. We did the reopening. We measured the reopening to a set of metrics we established from day one. As we now go forward in this new phase, there is a new focus and again, the focus is watching the data, watching the metrics, watching the numbers, we're not doing this by political ideology. We're not doing this by gut instinct. We're not doing this by feel. We're not doing this by political pressure. You're dealing with a virus. The virus does not know from Democrats or Republicans or liberals or conservatives. The virus is a virus and it spreads wherever it can. It is a pure opportunist. But you can measure this. It is public health. It is science. Measure it and follow the numbers.

What numbers are important now? The numbers to watch now are the daily testing results. New York tests more than any state in the United States per capita. It tests more than any country on the globe per capita. We do about 50,000 tests every day. Think about that. 50,000 tests every day. And you know exactly where you're doing the test and you know the result of those tests, so you have that data. You can monitor what is happening on a daily basis. Well, do exactly that. Watch those daily numbers and if you're going to get in trouble you'll see it in the numbers. You'll see them starting to increase that is exactly what we're doing. And we present them to every local official, we put them on the website. Every citizen should want to know what's happening their community and their region. Look at the number today, look at the number yesterday. Look at the number the day before. See if there's any movement; see if the movement is up, see if the movement is down and see if we have to worry. If there's a cautionary tale or see if the reopening is proceeding without increasing the viral spread. That's where we are and that will be the most informed reopening of any state in the country. Just have the discipline to follow the numbers.

These numbers, for example, on Long Island. Today, Nassau is .8, really yesterday. Monday was .1, Sunday was 1.1. There'll be slight deviations up and down. These are not the largest statistical examples when you break them down, but you'll be able to see movement and you'll know when there's an issue. All of us have a role to play. What determines the virus spread? We do. We do. Not government. Not state government, not city government, not the federal government. This has always been about what society does. It's been a social issue. Can people change their behavior? Can they learn? Can they learn quickly? Can they actually wear masks? Can they actually socially distance? Can they actually use hand sanitizer? Can they stay away from large gatherings? If they can, the virus spread will be contained. If they can't, you'll see an increase in the viral spread.

My role has been to inform people. To educate people. To motivate people about what can be done, what should be done and what are the consequences. It has worked brilliantly up until now. Now with reopening we have to actually double down on our diligence. Business owners, employers that are reopening like we see here today, provide the right equipment. Have employees socially distanced. Store owners have responsibility, employees themselves have responsibility. Each one of us as an individual has responsibility and the local governments have a responsibility to make sure their Department of Health is out and making sure things are working well.

Well, we're reopening we're out the woods, everything is fine. No. Reopening is actually much harder than closing. Closing was abrupt and disruptive, but it was simple. Everything is closed. Reopening is more delicate and more nuanced. If you look at the states and the countries that have been reopening, more of them have gotten into trouble than not. As we sit here today, states

are getting into trouble. Newspapers will tell you more than a dozen states are now seeing increases. Texas, 36 percent increase since Memorial Day. Reopen, reopen, reopen. Be careful, be careful, be careful. California, the cases are still going up. Florida, the cases are going up. Look at those curves around the nation. Why? Because if you just reopen, if you just increase activity, the virus spread is going to up compared to the virus spread when you were closed.

That is common sense. Well, we want to reopen. Okay, but you have to reopen smartly, and safely, and intelligently. Otherwise, you will see the increase, especially in a place like New York City with that density. People on sidewalks, people on buses, people on subway cars. It has to be done right and we have to stay disciplined and the evidence is all around us, what happens if we're not.

Going forward, we need to do two things simultaneously. Number one, monitor the reopening, what we've just been talking about. Watch the numbers, be smart, be diligent. Second, let's energize the reopening. Let's set the bar a little higher. Let's not just reopen, but let's have an affirmative strategy that reenergizes the opening. How do you do that? Stimulate the economy. Now is the time to do large scale development projects. Now is the time you want to see government investing, the private sector investing in building large scale developments that you know can help drive economic growth. You actually have an opportunity. Well, everything is closed down, there's less activity, there's less volume. Great. Great on one level. If there's less activity, then we can actually build more aggressively because there's less disruption. It's what LaGuardia Partners and Port Authority was smart enough to do right here. Well, there's traffic at the airport. That is a problem on one level, obviously. On another level it's an advantage. There's less traffic, there's fewer cars, well, now is the time to advance the roadway construction because there are fewer cars and there is less traffic. Because remember, what this reopening is about for us, many of the other states, they are just reopening. Our goal is to not just reopen.

Our goal is to stimulate this economy, to take this moment of pause as a moment to pivot and stimulate and regrow better than before. After everything we have been through, my goal is not just to reopen. It's not to go back where we were the day before the pandemic. Life is never about going backwards. Life is about going forwards. How do we learn? How do we grow? How do we take this moment? We were on pause, we reflected, we dealt with a crisis that we've never dealt with before and now we're stronger, and now we're smarter, and now we're better, and now we're going to come back more revitalized than ever before. Take these large-scale developments, accelerate them on Long Island. We're transforming Belmont, it's going to be a new Islanders arena. \$2.7 billion in economic activity.

Now is the time to double down. The MTA, there's less ridership, ridership was down at one point 92 percent. That is bad, for many reasons. It's also good for many reasons. Now is the time to accelerate the capital construction in the MTA, because you can take trains out of service and you can disrupt fewer riders. The MTA is accelerating \$2 billion in capital construction. Fix the tracks now, fix the tunnels now, fix the platforms now. When people get back on the subways and the commuter rail, they're going to be surprised. Those trains are cleaner than they have ever been in my lifetime. Those stations are cleaner than they have ever been in my lifetime. We are now disinfecting subway cars- look this is a situation where the MTA couldn't figure out how to get homeless people out of the subways for decades. Let alone get newspapers and coffee cups and garbage out of the cars. The cars are now disinfected. Homeless are getting the services they need and they are no longer living in a subway system. Yes, we went through hell, but it's actually going to be better when we reopen.

Upstate airports which many of them haven't been redone in decades now is the time to do it. And LaGuardia airport- now is the time to actually double down on our commitment and our effort. LaGuardia Airport is going to be the first new airport in the United States of America in 25 years. Just think about that. 25 years. The last airport was Denver: 1995. This nation hasn't figured out how to build an airport. Why? It was too big, too complicated, too confusing. So we just didn't do it. Meanwhile, countries all around the world did it and you could fly into airports all around the world and they were brand new, and there were entertainment centers, and business centers, and they were magnificent. And then you'd fly into our airports here in the United States which were built in the '50s or the '60s or the '40s. And it was just so apparent how other nations were outpacing us. Who is going to change that? Who is going to lead? New York. And that's what LaGuardia Airport is all about.

Don't tell me we can't. We can and by the way- we are. We are and we're doing it at LaGuardia which was challenging. This is not just a new airport, this is building a new airport while you're operating the old airport, right? This is, 'renovate your home while you're living in the home.' Operate the airport and build a new airport at the same time and by the way you're doing it on one of the smallest pieces of land of any airport in the country. This parcel is a veritable postage stamp compared to what most airports have. On that postage stamp- operate the airport without undue encumbrances and by the way build a new airport at the same time. You know how many people said it couldn't be done? Dozens and dozens and dozens. You know who said it could be done? LaGuardia partners and Rick Cotton. And they were right and we're here today because they were right. Mr. Rick Cotton-

Rick Cotton: Thank you, Governor. On the screen is where we're headed. A single integrated brand-new LaGuardia Airport. From worst airport in the country to the best. From appallingly substandard to 21st century best in class. From the laughingstock on Saturday Night Live skits to bringing into reality the extraordinary vision of Governor Cuomo to have a world class airport worthy of New York. That is what today is all about. I want to walk you through the highlights of this new Arrivals and Departures Hall, stunning, that will open on Saturday.

But first, a few acknowledgements to the key individuals who made this possible. Huntley Lawrence, director of aviation at the Port Authority. Rich Smyth, the LaGuardia project director, and his colleague Jessica Forse. Jim Starace, chief engineer and his colleagues, Saverio Leone and Carmela Cinciccolo. Tony Vero, interim General Manager at LaGuardia and hundreds of their colleagues. To LaGuardia Gateway Partners, my deepest thanks for their enormous efforts, including their investor JLC Capital. To Skanska-Walsh, who built this building— my deep thanks.

Our airline partners: American, United, Southwest and Air Canada— again, thank you for your help. And to the unions, and the union construction workers and the skilled tradesmen and women, who devoted six-days a week, double-shifts— they are the ones who built this airport and to whom we are enormously grateful. As well as to elected officials, including and in particular Assemblyman Jeff Aubrey and Community

Today we're announcing a truly major milestone in the construction. Governor Cuomo announced in 2015 his vision for a totally new 21st Century integrated LaGuardia— one airport. Since then the construction of the nation's first entirely new airport has progressed with great intensity. Four years ago, we broke ground on this terminal. Three years ago, we broke ground on Delta's eastern half of the airport. In the last 18 months, we've opened two of six brand new concourses with 25 new gates. A third of LaGuardia's passengers now, right now today, come into a new gate and a new concourse. Today we celebrate the opening of this new arrivals and departures hall— the most significant milestone to date toward the realization of Governor Cuomo's vision.

This spacious 840,000-square foot, four-story facility, paired with a new network of access roadways, will provide travelers with a 21st Century airport experience: a far cry from Joe Biden's famous condemnation of the old LaGuardia as "third-world." And it wouldn't have been possible without Governor Cuomo's vision, his continued support and his vigilant—and I might say intense—encouragement. The new spacious Terminal B is more than 50 percent bigger than the subpar legacy terminal it is replacing. The new LaGuardia has state-of-the-art security. The terminal's size and hand-cleaning routines, plentiful hand sanitizer dispensers, touchless entries and a mandatory face covering requirement are examples of multiple measures we have taken and will take to keep passengers safe and healthy in our post-COVID-19 "new normal" world.

The new Terminal B arrivals and departures hall creates a fundamentally different travel experience. It will feature extensive new concessions—most of them iconic local concessions, more than doubling the offerings available in the old facility. The Public Art Fund, a renowned leader in the civil and public art world, curated an outstanding collection of four permanent public art installations by four leading artists. The Public Art Fund selections bring creativity, energy, buoyancy and spirit to this new civic space. The ambitious groundbreaking scope and scale of LaGuardia's \$8 billion redevelopment is being delivered through two innovative public-private partnerships that harness private-skill to deliver this extraordinary new airport. And two-thirds of this project's financing comes from private sources. At LaGuardia, we are fully committed to a robust community development program. This project will generate more than 14,000 good-paying jobs both on and off the airport.

Indeed, at various times there have been more than 1,500 workers on this site at the same time. Thus far, the LaGuardia redevelopment program has awarded more than \$1.4 billion in contracts to minority and women-owned businesses, and more than a half-billion dollars in contracts to Queens-based businesses. To ensure that residents in the communities surrounding LaGuardia have access to job recruitment and placement services, we established a LaGuardia career center in Corona, Queens, partnering with two community-based organizations, as well as the Council on Airport Opportunity. To date, more than half of the new hires for airport jobs have come from the community. Today's milestone is only, of course, part of the story. The whole new LaGuardia will feature 72 brand-new gates across six new concourses, 2.7 million new feet of new terminal space, 9.2 miles of new roadway network, seamless access to ground transportation, and an improved curbside experience with separate levels for arrivals, departures, and buses.

Here on the screen is the footprint of the entire new airport with the new Terminal B arrivals and departures hall, where we are right now, highlighted in the middle of this slide. And here you see the entire, new, integrated, LaGuardia well on its way. Every single legacy passenger building torn down with the exception of the landmarked marine air terminal. In their place, a new state-of-the-art airport worthy of New York, with a wholly-new roadway network. Once complete, as the governor has said, LaGuardia will be the first totally new airport in the country in more than 25 years. Governor Cuomo's vision and master plan for a whole new airport launched this project. Today we take a major step forward to delivering on that vision.

Governor Cuomo: Thank you, thank you Mr. Rick Cotton, not just for this presentation, but for everything you've done for the State of New York. Rick worked in the governor's office and was primarily responsible for getting the new Tappan Zee bridge built, before he went to the Port Authority, but congratulations, congratulations. And I want to thank Jane Garvey, and I want to thank George Casey, personally. We sat in a conference room for many, many hours trying to figure out how to do this, and many said it was impossible, but they stayed with it, so good for you, and thank you for birthing this beautiful project for New York. I want to thank Governor Murphy and Kevin O'Toole from the Port Authority. Our partners, the Port Authority is a bi-state agency, and they've been very supportive. And I also want to thank Rick for letting me be involved. I actually installed the mosaic here personally. I did it on Saturday afternoons and evenings on my personal time. It's part of the Italian heritage, I did mosaic in my bathrooms, I did the backsplash in the kitchen, this was a little larger, but I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity and I'm glad I came through. Congratulations to all of you. And you know what, we needed this. We needed this today. We needed to see the light at the end of the tunnel, we needed to see possibility, we needed to see New York stand up and shine, we needed to remember how great a place this is, and how a great a people we are. And yes, we're gone through a rough 101 days, but you ain't seen nothing yet.

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VIDEO DOMINATES DAY 2 — The second day of the impeachment trial of former President Donald Trump brought the Senate to rapt attention, focused on never-before-seen video footage of the Jan. 6 insurrection at the Capitol, as House managers opened their formal trial arguments. Here's a rundown of what happened on the Hill today:

[Nightly video player of impeachment trial footage](#)

— **The three stages:** House Democrats said [they would prove that the former president's incitement occurred in three stages](#): Provoking his supporters, kick-starting the attack and sitting on his hands while the violence proliferated. "He told them to fight like hell, and they brought us hell that day," said Rep. Jamie Raskin (D-Md.), the lead House impeachment manager.

Rep. Joe Neguse (D-Colo.), another impeachment manager, initiated the arguments by laying out a post-election chronology of Trump's comments and actions seeking to undermine confidence in the 2020 election results. He played a series of clips of Trump vowing to "never surrender" in his fight to flip the election outcome.

— **The footage:** Managers [unveiled new footage of insurrection](#), including film of Capitol Police officer Eugene Goodman pointing Sen. Mitt Romney to safety and of former Vice President Mike Pence being evacuated.

The new videos, displayed next to a map of the Capitol building, underscore just how close rioters got to lawmakers during the deadly insurrection. Rioters were within 100 feet of Pence and his family and "just feet" from the Senate chamber, Del. Stacey Plaskett said.

The first new video shown, presented by Plaskett of the Virgin Islands, showed one officer trying to fend off rioters breaching the Capitol near the Senate chamber. The officer tried to pepper spray a rioter entering, but a surge of rioters quickly overcame him. Some were wearing body armor and some had riot shields, while one had a baseball bat, Plaskett said. Among them were members of the Proud Boys, she said.

Another new video showed Goodman sprinting to respond to the security breach and directing Romney to leave before the mob arrived. [Romney and his Senate colleagues sat solemnly](#) at their desks, watching the video. "It tears at your heart and brings tears to your eyes. That was overwhelmingly distressing and emotional," Romney told reporters just minutes after seeing the video for the first time.

— **"We've lost the line":** Police officers defending the Capitol were [subjected to bear spray, tasers and blows from metal rods](#), according to testimony shared by Rep. Eric Swalwell.

Swalwell (D-Calif.) played a series of police radio calls and videos showing officers in panicked voices asking for backup as rioters breached the Capitol complex. "We've been flanked and we've lost the line!" cried one Metropolitan Police officer heard in a radio recording.

— **Invoking Kelly:** The managers [used former White House chief of staff John Kelly's words](#) in the aftermath of the riot as they pressed their case. The day after the insurrection, Kelly said in a [CNN interview](#) that he believed Trump willfully riled up the mob that stormed into the Capitol. "The president knows who he's talking to when he tweets or when he makes statements," Kelly told CNN. "He knows who he's talking to. He knows what he wants them to do."

Key point: From senior politics editor [Charlie Mahtesian](#) in today's [POLITICO Live Analysis](#) of the proceedings: "One area where I think the Dem impeachment managers have been successful is in dialing back the partisan element of their presentations. They are sticking closely to the legal arguments and have been very disciplined in their approach. If you are a Trump supporter, you probably wouldn't agree. But keep in mind many of these managers are progressives who absolutely loathe Trump. Outside of a trial context, their words and criticism would not be so measured."

Today in 180 seconds: [Watch the key moments of Day 2 of the Trump impeachment trial.](#)



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FROM THE HEALTH DESK

TAKE AWAY THE VACCINE STICK — In Georgia, state health authorities [raided a rural clinic](#) that was vaccinating teachers against Covid. In Northern California, a [clinic](#) and a [hospital](#) were each denied additional supply after vaccinating people who didn't fall into the state's initial priority group. New York is threatening to heavily fine providers that vaccinate ineligible people. In Michigan, [line jumping](#) can be a criminal offense.

States and counties across the country are cracking down on health care providers that aren't following strict Covid vaccine prioritization schedules. It's an effort to make sure that those who are truly vulnerable — the elderly, health care workers — get first crack at the limited shots and that the well connected aren't skipping ahead.

But the state crackdowns are boneheaded and will backfire, argue many public health experts . "It's very rare that taking a punitive approach works in public health," Lawrence Gostin, a global health law professor at Georgetown University, told Nightly's Renuka Rayasam today. "This is pure arrogance on the part of our political leaders."

States should investigate outright fraud, but they should not punish providers making a good-faith effort to run a mass immunization campaign during a chaotic rollout, Gostin said. The punishments are slowing the vaccine rollout: The Georgia community with the raided clinic lost its biggest vaccine provider. New York providers have tossed precious unused doses for fear of facing penalties.

This was inevitable , Bruce Y. Lee, a health policy professor at the City University of New York and executive director of Public Health Informatics, Computational, and Operations Research, argues. The federal government left the vaccine rollout up to states and providers without clear guidance and oversight. "The failure was at a national level in December," he said. "The system is broken."

Priority levels make sense when there's a limited supply, Lee said, but the federal government should have laid out a consistent and clear message about who is eligible for the vaccine that applies nationally. The current approach — [a patchy, state by state approach to eligibility](#) — has created unnecessary chaos and confusion in an already complex task. In some states 65 year olds are eligible. In others teachers are. No wonder providers are confused.

A lack of information complicates an effort to take a less punitive approach to the vaccine rollout, Lee said. It's unclear where the bottlenecks are along the vaccine supply and distribution chain. There isn't one source of information tracking vaccine coverage levels, how long people are waiting, whether there's a gap between supply and demand and

the share of priority groups already vaccinated.

With that information, the Biden administration could ship doses directly to needy areas and use federal workers to vaccinate people — and bypass big health systems that might be prone to cronyism.

“It’s in everyone’s best interest to make sure coverage is equitable,” Lee said. “If Covid is a problem in any pocket of the country it will be a problem everywhere.”

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LOSING THE VIRUS — President Joe Biden took office with a clear plan to attack the coronavirus. Almost a year after the first recorded U.S. Covid death, the country still lacks enough testing, contact tracing and masks needed to fight a highly contagious disease. [Now it’s falling far short on genetic surveillance to track highly contagious new variants](#) as it also races to get millions of more Americans vaccinated, health care editor at large [Joanne Kenen](#) writes.

Scientists and health officials say sequencing is urgently needed to avoid a replay of what happened a year ago. There was an outbreak in China, and a reassuring myth promulgated by the Trump administration that there were only isolated cases in the U.S. In fact, the virus had already taken root from coast to coast — but no one was watching closely enough to prevent the disaster that’s claimed nearly a half-million lives. Now the nation needs to know in real time what versions are circulating, especially because it appears vaccines are less effective against the emerging strains.

Experts say the U.S. needs to sequence between 5 and 10 percent of all positive samples from Covid-19 testing to get a clear picture of the spreading variants. Currently, the rate is about one-half of 1 percent.

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COVID COURT STILL IN SESSION — Do you have an unresolved disagreement over Covid risk management with a relative or colleague? Or do you have questions about the virus or vaccine that haven’t been answered? Ask Renu to issue a ruling! Email your pandemic disputes to nightly@politico.com.

WHAT'D I MISS?

— **Biden announces Myanmar sanctions:** Biden urged Myanmar’s military to release elected leaders who were detained in a coup earlier this month. The [new sanctions on Myanmar](#), which is also commonly referred to as Burma, will target military leaders, their business interests and close family members.

— **New China task force launched:** Biden announced the [establishment of a China task force](#) during his first presidential visit to the Pentagon today, signaling his intent to make countering Beijing’s rise a top priority for the military.

— **WH reverses Trump support for Obamacare lawsuit:** The Biden administration is [withdrawing the federal government’s support](#) for a challenge to Obamacare, [telling the Supreme Court](#) that the law should remain on the books.

— **Tanden’s bumpy confirmation ride continues:** Neera Tanden’s ruthless tweets [continued to haunt her confirmation process](#) today as she faced the scorn of Senate Budget Chair Bernie Sanders, another target of her public criticism. In Tanden’s second confirmation hearing for her nomination to lead OMB, senators in both parties dredged up her longtime beef with Sanders, a political nemesis during her 2016 push to get Hillary Clinton elected president. Now the Vermont independent controls Tanden’s professional fate and made clear her nomination would not skate through the Senate without scrutiny. “You called Sanders everything but an ignorant slut,” Sen. John Kennedy (R-La.) told Tanden, invoking a sexist slur from a memorable “Weekend Update” segment featuring [Dan Aykroyd and Jane Curtin on 1970s-era Saturday Night Live](#).

— **Chinese spacecraft enters Mars’ orbit:** A Chinese spacecraft [went into orbit around Mars today](#) on an expedition to land a rover on the surface and scout for signs of ancient life, authorities announced in a landmark step in the country’s most ambitious deep-space mission yet.

— **Facebook to pilot new ways to reduce political content:** The social media giant said it will [begin testing ways to lessen the amount of political content](#) its U.S. users see “in the coming weeks” — the next stage in CEO Mark Zuckerberg’s plan to “turn down the temperature” of online debates after January’s deadly Capitol siege.

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THE GLOBAL FIGHT

VARIANT BLUES CONTINUE — The dominant coronavirus variant [in the U.K. is becoming more resistant to vaccines](#), scientific experts have warned.

Two leading scientists in the U.K. said today that the variant of the virus first identified in Kent has acquired the same E484K mutation on its spike protein that makes the variant that originated in South Africa so worrying for experts.

Public health authorities are keeping [two emerging U.K. variants](#) under close watch. The first of these two variants has mostly been found in Bristol and the South West, where experts have confirmed 15 cases, with a further six in other parts of England. The second variant is localized in Liverpool and the North West, with a cluster of 42 cases confirmed so far.

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The reduction in exposure to infectious aerosols caused by double masking or wearing tightly fitted masks, [researchers found in a new CDC study](#).

PARTING WORDS

TRUMP DEPARTING PARK PLACE? The New York state Assembly has [advanced a bill to rename New York’s Donald J. Trump State Park](#). Democratic legislators have been seeking to rename the park, [a dilapidated and unused](#) collection of more than 400 acres located about eight miles east of Peekskill, since 2015. A committee vote today was the first concrete step toward that happening, [Bill Mahoney](#) writes.

“Our parklands should be reflective of New Yorkers that we can be proud of, New Yorkers that have expressed our values,” said Assemblymember Nily Rozic (D-Queens), who sponsored [the bill](#) that was approved by the Tourism

Committee. “There are a lot of other New Yorkers who are worthy of the honor of having a park named after themselves.”

Rozic first proposed legislation on the subject four years ago, when she introduced a bill to rename the park after murdered Charlottesville protester Heather Heyer. The measure that moved today simply requires the state to come up with a new name.

The biggest hurdle to renaming the park has been the way the state obtained the land in 2006. When Trump, a Queens native, [donated the property](#) he obtained with the intent of building a golf course, he said one of his conditions was that his name “be prominently displayed at least at each entrance to each property.”

The Cuomo administration said at a recent budget hearing that it’s “looking at” changing the name of the park, and is examining factors such as “agreements with the donor.”

Mea culpa: [An edition of Nightly last week](#) mischaracterized when Democrats would be able to use budget reconciliation again. The fiscal 2022 budget resolution will be available in the spring of 2021.

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Subject : When presidential tweets cause unnecessary pain

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As a rule, I try to avoid Donald Trump's Twitter feed, for two reasons. 1. It is often alarming, and I prefer to sleep well at night. 2. It feeds the often dumb outrage loop that dominates Twitter, cable news and our politics overall.

But it has been harder to ignore Trump's tweeting in recent days as he's pushed the unfounded conspiracy theory that MSNBC host and former Florida congressman Joe Scarborough is a murderer.

The claim stems from the death of Lori Klausutis, 28, who, according to the medical examiner, had a heart ailment that in 2001 caused her to faint and fatally hit her head on a desk while working in one of Scarborough's district offices. As it happens, Scarborough was 800 miles away at the time.

Despite there being no evidence to support his claims, Trump has suggested Scarborough and Klausutis were having an affair that resulted in her supposedly suspicious death. As you can imagine, this is an upsetting insinuation for Klausutis' widower, Mark Klausutis, who says the president is adding to the family's pain and disparaging the name of his dead wife. So far, there's been no indication that Trump cares one whit about the unnecessary grief he's causing.

What, if anything, is Trump hoping to accomplish with all this? Is he merely trying to smear Scarborough, who frequently criticizes the president? Does he actually believe the conspiracy? Does he think it will help his reelection chances? (It won't) And why, in the midst of a pandemic and mass unemployment, does he think dwelling on this long ago tragedy is a good use of his time?

There is simply no reason, other than pure malevolence, for why Trump would be doing something that the conservative National Review called "grotesque even by his standards." Honestly, I don't see how any thinking person could read the tweets and believe Trump is fit for the presidency.

Radio host Rush Limbaugh is one of the few who have come to the president's defense on this controversy, but it wasn't much of a defense. Limbaugh said the president neither believes the conspiracy or cares whether Scarborough committed a crime; he just enjoys upsetting "leftist journalists" and his critics. "Trump is just throwing gasoline on a fire here," Limbaugh said, "and he's having fun watching the flames."

Swell.

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What you said

Following my column about the shine fading from his halo, many of my emails this week were about Andrew Cuomo. Here are a few:

"I have been following the news reports of Cuomo's misstep with his nursing home decision and COVID-19 patients. In retrospect, the way he handled this was probably not the best. However, I more concerned about the reaction of Elise Stefanik and others. Their reaction appears to be entirely politically motivated – stemming from President Trump. As Trump's ratings dropped because of his mismanagement of the pandemic and Cuomo's ratings soared, instead of rising to the occasion and doing the right thing, Trump attacked Cuomo for his one mistake. He then encouraged his supporters to pick up the attack. This has always been the way with Trump – deflect the criticism and place blame on someone else." -- Claire, Halfmoon

"Cuomo's briefings in this chaos bring some sanity or 'calm' to an otherwise insane situation. His willingness to speak the truth is refreshing compared to the insanity we get (or don't get) from the president. As far as I see it, Cuomo is one of the few leaders who is really leading, thinking, trying to have a vision of how to dig out of this hole and stay safe. Don't even get me started about the narcissistic incompetence that parades as our president and his spineless minions (the ones he hasn't fired for having spines) along with him. It is truly frightening as an American to realize what total, blathering, heartless, soulless idiocy (cruelty) is in charge of our whole country. In comparison to that (which is a lousy standard, for sure), Cuomo at least seems to have a heart and a soul and a brain." -- Betsy, Albany

"You might wish to suggest that the governor be nominated for an Emmy Award for best actor for his comment that he stayed '100 miles away from any political anything' during the pandemic." -- Tom

"I was glad to see you re-expose the true Andrew Cuomo today." -- Jeff

Also, I received this response to my mention last week that my wife thinks the cartoon at the top of this newsletter looks like Norm Macdonald of Saturday Night Live fame:

"The drawing looks nothing, NOTHING, like Norm Macdonald. I have just finished watching every comedy bit, every

interview, every Weekend Update I could find of Norm Macdonald's. His appearance has changed in forty years but at no stage does he look like that drawing. Not even close. Use this bit of information as you see fit. (Which, as a married man, probably means letting it drop and getting on with your life.)" -- Mark.

Thanks, Mark. I did mention your email to my wife, and let me just say that you two are going to have to agree to disagree.

As always, I appreciate the comments and email everybody. I'm a bit crunched for time this week, so I'm keeping the newsletter a little shorter than usual... See you next Friday!

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By The Editorial Board:

A hilarious Saturday Night Live skit from the 1980s had the late Phil Hartman playing Ronald Reagan as an amiable dunce in public but a devious mastermind behind closed doors. That routine came to mind Friday as we read the conspiracy theories on the left about Attorney General William Barr's public criticism of President Trump's tweets on criminal cases.

"Critics suggested Barr's comments to ABC News were simply a coordinated attempt between him and Trump to defuse the outrage sparked by his Department of Justice's botched sentencing recommendation for Trump's longtime ally Roger Stone," declared the Huffington Post, quoting a litany of liberals.

We suppose anything's possible, but the Journal reported the opposite on Friday. It said Mr. Barr had asked Mr. Trump to knock off the tweets in private meetings and didn't tell the President in advance that he was going to go public. That fits our experience with Mr. Barr, who plays it straight.

More amusing is the liberal depiction of Mr. Trump as a Machiavelli who is manipulating everyone in secret. Usually the line is that he's an idiot. Our experience is that with Mr. Trump what you see is what you get—in private and public, for better or worse. This White House can't keep a secret, much less run a conspiracy.

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