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## **BUSINESS**

**WITH VACCINES KICKING IN AND COVID CASES COMING DOWN IN SOME AREAS THIS QUARTER, MANY COMPANIES STARTED REOPENING AND BRINGING SOME EMPLOYEES BACK INTO THE OFFICES. WITH THAT, THE CUSTOMERS AND CLIENTS SOON FOLLOWED.**

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IT'S NO SECRET THAT THE NEWSPAPER BUSINESS HAS BEEN CHANGING IN RECENT YEARS AND NOT ALWAYS FOR THE BETTER. A NEW REPORT FROM THE PEW RESEARCH CENTER SAYS SUBSCRIPTION REVENUE FROM EITHER DIGITAL OR PRINT WAS AT \$11.1 BILLION IN 2020 AND ADVERTISING REVENUE WAS AT 8.8 BILLION MARKING THE FIRST TIME MONEY FROM CIRCULATION OUTPACED ADVERTISING REVENUE SINCE 1920. THE REPORT ALSO SAYS THERE WERE JUST UNDER 31,000 NEWSROOM EMPLOYEES AT NEWSPAPERS LAST YEAR LESS THAN HALF OF WHAT THERE WERE IN 2006.

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HAVE YOU BEEN CALLED BACK TO YOUR OFFICE IN THE CITY YET? A NEW REPORT OUT TODAY SAYS THE AMOUNT OF OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE FOR LEAST IN MANHATTAN HAS SOARED TO ITS HIGHEST RATE EVER. 18.7% OF ALL OFFICE SPACE IS OPEN, UP FROM 15% AT THE END OF LAST YEAR AND SAYS NEWMARK, A REAL ESTATE SERVICES COMPANY, THE RATE IS MORE THAN DOUBLE THE RATE BEFORE THE PANDEMIC. SEEMS A LOT OF BOSSES ARE GIVING WORKERS MORE FLEXIBILITY ALLOWING SOME EMPLOYEES TO CONTINUE TO WORK REMOTELY.

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ONE MORE BIG RESTAURANT CHAIN IS OFFERING REWARDS FOR VACCINATIONS. CHIPOTLE IS OFFERING A BUY ONE GET ONE FREE ENTREE TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO GET VAXXED. THE EVENT RUNS JULY SIXTH FROM 3PM TO CLOSING AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO SHOW PROOF YOU JUST HAVE TO USE THE CODE FRIENDS BO-GO. IN-STORE ORDERS AT PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS ONLY.

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LOW-PRICED BOLT BUS, IS SHUTTING DOWN INDEFINITELY. THIS, ACCORDING TO ITS PARENT COMPANY, GREY-HOUND, DUE TO LOW PANDEMIC-RIDERSHIP. WITH NO PLANS TO GET BUSES BACK ON THE ROAD. NO COMMENT, FROM GREYHOUND. BOLT BUS, WHICH STARTED SERVICE IN 2008 OFFERED AT LEAST ONE-SEAT ON EVERY TRIP FOR \$1, IN ADDITION TO A BOOKING FEE.

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A RECENT SURVEY OF RESTAURANTS AROUND THE COUNTRY FINDS THOSE THAT SURVIVED THE PANDEMIC ARE SEEING BETTER RESULTS NOW THAN THEY DID BEFORE THINGS SHUT DOWN. UBER EATS AND DOOR DASH COMMISSIONED THE POLL OF 300 RESTAURANTS. 85% OF THEM SAID THEY'RE IN A BETTER POSITION NOW AND 90% ARE PREDICTING THEY'LL DO VERY OR SOMEWHAT WELL FINANCIALLY.

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YOU'VE SEEN THEM THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC AND THOSE RESTAURANTS OUTSIDE ON SIDEWALKS AND STREETS WILL BE STICKING AROUND. GOVERNOR CUOMO TODAY SIGNED A BILL CONTINUING TO ALLOW THE USE OF MUNICIPAL SPACE FOR OUTDOOR DINING. THAT EXTENDS WHAT WAS AN EXECUTIVE ORDER TO KEEP BUSINESSES RUNNING DURING COVID-19. UNDER THE NEW LAW, RESTAURANTS WILL BE ABLE TO USE THOSE OUTSIDE SPACES FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

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THE GOVERNMENT REPORTED U.S. JOB OPENINGS HIT A RECORD 9.2 MILLION IN MAY REFLECTING A HUGE DEMAND FOR LABOR BUT BUSINESSES CAN'T FIND ENOUGH WORKERS TO FILL THEM. EXPERTS SAY THEY EXPECT MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WHO LEFT THE LABOR FORCE DURING THE PANDEMIC WILL EVENTUALLY RETURN TO WORK AS SCHOOLS AND DAYCARE CENTERS REOPEN.

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WELLS FARGO IS SHUTTING DOWN ALL OF ITS EXISTING PERSONAL LINES OF CREDIT. THE BANK SAYS IT CAN BETTER MEET BORROWING NEEDS THROUGH CREDIT CARDS AND PERSONAL LOANS. THE POPULAR CONSUMER LENDING PRODUCT THAT THE BANK IS SHUTTERING TYPICALLY LETS USERS BORROW UP TO \$100,000. IN NOTICES TO CUSTOMERS ABOUT THE CLOSURE, THE BANK WARNED THAT THE CHANGE COULD IMPACT THEIR CREDIT SCORES. THE NEWS COMES MORE THAN FOUR YEARS AFTER A SCANDAL ERUPTED IN WHICH THE BANK ADMITTED TO OPENING MILLIONS OF FAKE ACCOUNTS.

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WELLS FARGO GETTING OUT OF THE PERSONAL CREDIT LINE BUSINESS. THE BANK HAS BEGUN INFORMING CUSTOMERS THAT IT'LL BE SHUTTING DOWN ALL EXISTING PERSONAL CREDIT LINES IN COMING WEEKS AND THEY WARN THAT IT COULD AFFECT YOUR CREDIT SCORE. THE REVOLVING CREDIT LINES HAD BEEN POPULAR WITH CUSTOMERS ALLOWING THEM TO CONSOLIDATE HIGHER-INTEREST CREDIT CARD DEBT AND AVOID OVERDRAFT FEES ON CHECKING ACCOUNTS.

7/13

AMAZON'S HIRING. IT WANTS TO BEEF UP ITS STAFF WITH 84,000 VETERANS & 16,000 MILITARY SPOUSES BY 2024. AMAZON HAS 35,000 OPEN JOBS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO VETERANS WITH A STARTING MINIMUM WAGE OF \$15 PER HOUR, INCLUDING BENEFITS. AMAZON HAS HIRED MORE PEOPLE OVER THE LAST DECADE THAN ANY OTHER U.S. COMPANY.

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YOU'LL WANT TO ALERT THE NEWS MEDIA ON THIS NEXT ONE: A REPORT WHICH SAYS CEO SALARIES WERE 299 TIMES THE SALARY OF THE AVERAGE PERSON WHO WORKED FOR THEM. THE AFL-CIO'S "EXECUTIVE PAYWATCH REPORT" SAYS THE DIFFERENCE ACTUALLY WIDENED DESPITE THE COVID PANDEMIC AND ONGOING RELIEF EFFORTS LIKE THOSE STIMULUS CHECKS. BY COMPARISON, THE REPORT SAYS CEO SALARIES WENT UP BY MORE THAN A QUARTER MILLION DOLLARS OVER THE PAST DECADE. THE AVERAGE PRODUCTION AND NON-SUPERVISORY WORKER IN 2020 EARNED ABOUT AN EXTRA \$957 OVER THE PAST DECADE.

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AN END OF AN ERA IN NEW JERSEY. THE HISTORIC NABISCO PLANT ON ROUTE 208 IN FAIRLAWN CLOSES ITS DOORS FOR GOOD TODAY AFTER MORE THAN 60 YEARS IN OPERATION. IT PRODUCED BAKED GOODS INCLUDING OREOS, LORNA DOONES AND TEDDY GRAHAMS. MONDELEZ INTERNATIONAL, NABISCO'S PARENT COMPANY, ANNOUNCED IN FEBRUARY THAT IT WAS CLOSING THE PLANT BASED ON OUTDATED EQUIPMENT. IT HAD EMPLOYED ABOUT 600 PEOPLE. THE COMPANY SAID IT'S HELD SEVERAL JOB FAIRS FOR EMPLOYEES.

7/18

NYC RESTAURANT WEEK BEGINS TOMORROW. THE PROGRAM INCLUDES NEARLY 530 PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS OFFERING MORE THAN 50 DISTINCT CUISINES IN ALL FIVE BOROUGH. RESTAURANT WEEK IS ACTUALLY 5 WEEKS LONG, IT FEATURES SOME DISCOUNTS. FOR MORE INFO CHECK OUT NYCGO DOT COM SLASH RESTAURANT WEEK.

7/20

ANOTHER FAST-FOOD CHAIN IS WARNING OF FOOD INGREDIENT SHORTAGES. TACO BELL APOLOGIZED ON ITS WEBSITE, SAYING BECAUSE OF "NATIONAL INGREDIENT SHORTAGES AND DELIVERY DELAYS" ITS LOCATIONS MIGHT BE OUT OF SOME OPTIONS. IT DIDN'T SPECIFY EXACTLY WHAT WAS RUNNING LOW AND WHERE. CHICK-FIL-A RECENTLY LIMITED THE NUMBER OF SAUCES IT'S GIVING OUT TO CUSTOMERS BECAUSE OF LIMITED STOCK. STARBUCKS ALSO APOLOGIZED TO CUSTOMERS FOR BEING OUT OF SOME ITEMS, INCLUDING OAT MILK.

7/21

SOME NEW MONEY TO HELP SMALL BUSINESSES HAS BEEN FREED UP IN NEW JERSEY. GOVERNOR PHIL MURPHY SIGNED IT INTO LAW TODAY. \$135 MILLION IN NEW FEDERAL AID WILL NOW BE AVAILABLE FOR THE BUSINESSES RECOVERING FROM THE PANDEMIC. THE MONEY IS BROKEN DOWN INTO CATEGORIES LIKE BARS AND RESTAURANTS, CHILD CARE FACILITIES, ARTS AND CULTURE ORGANIZATIONS, NON PROFITS AND MICRO BUSINESSES.

7/24

HARD SELTZER SALES ARE GOING FLAT. BOSTON BEER, WHICH CREATED TRULY HARD SELTZER SAYS THAT CATEGORY AND THE OVERALL BEER INDUSTRY WERE SOFTER THAN THEY'D ANTICIPATED. BLAME ALL THE NEW BRANDS AND FEWER PEOPLE TRYING THESE SELTZERS.

7/28

NEW YORK CITY'S LONGEST RUNNING ART HOUSE CINEMA IS SET TO REOPEN, PERMANENTLY ON AUGUST 6TH. LIKE SO MUCH ELSE THE PARIS THEATER STRUGGLED AT THE START OF THE PANDEMIC AND WAS QUICKLY FORCED TO SHUT DOWN BUT IT GOT A REPRIEVE WHEN NETFLIX SWOOPED IN AND TOOK OVER OWNERSHIP.

7/29

AFTER REOPENING 2-WEEKS AGO TWITTER IS SWITCHING ITS EMPLOYEES IN BOTH NEW YORK & SAN FRANCISCO BACK TO WORKING FROM HOME. GOOGLE ALSO ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY IT'S PUSHING BACK REOPENING UNTIL AT LEAST OCTOBER, REQUIRING EMPLOYEES TO GET VACCINATED.

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A POPULAR AND LONGSTANDING RESTAURANT IN PARAMUS IS SHUTTING ITS DOORS. "THE FIREPLACE," WHICH HAS BEEN IN BUSINESS FOR 65 YEARS, ANNOUNCED ON ITS INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT THAT IT HAS HAD AN INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TIME COVERING THE COSTS OF RUNNING THE RESTAURANT. THE ROUTE 17 RESTAURANT WAS FLOODED WITH MESSAGES FROM CUSTOMERS WHO SHARED THEIR MEMORIES. THE FIREPLACE CLOSED FOR THREE MONTHS DURING THE PANDEMIC AND RE-OPENED IN SEPTEMBER OF LAST YEAR.

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ADD ONE MORE THING TO THE GROWING LIST OF PRODUCTS THAT SOON WILL BE MORE EXPENSIVE. TOYMAKER MATTEL SAYS IT IS RAISING PRICES IN THE SECOND HALF OF THIS YEAR AS WE MAKE OUR WAY TO THE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SEASON. THAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT SALES PERIOD OF THE YEAR. AMONG OTHER THINGS, MATELL BRANDS INCLUDE BARBIE, HOT WHEELS, FISHER-PRICE AND AMERICAN GIRL. MATTEL BLAMES THE GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN PROBLEMS DURING THE PANDEMIC.

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CVS SAYS IT WILL BOOST THE MINIMUM WAGE FOR ITS HOURLY WORKERS TO \$15 AN HOUR BY NEXT SUMMER. THE PHARMACY CHAIN EMPLOYS NEARLY 300,000 PEOPLE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THE MOVE COMES AS MANY RETAILERS AND OTHER BUSINESSES STRUGGLE TO FIND PEOPLE TO WORK FOR WHAT THEY'RE WILLING TO PAY. IN A BID TO FURTHER EXPAND ITS LABOR POOL, CVS ALSO RECENTLY GOT RID OF A REQUIREMENT THAT PEOPLE APPLYING FOR MOST ENTRY LEVEL JOBS NEEDED A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR GED.

8/6

PRESIDENT BIDEN IS TOUTING THE NEW NUMBERS FROM THE BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS SAYING THE U-S ADDED 943,000 NEW JOBS LAST MONTH AND THAT UNEMPLOYMENT IS DOWN TO 5.4%. BUT HE SAYS THERE'S ALSO A LOT OF WORK STILL TO BE DONE ESPECIALLY IN THE BATTLE AGAINST COVID.

8/8

AN ICONIC MOVIE THEATER HERE IN THE CITY HAS ILLUMINATED ITS SCREEN AGAIN, THE PARIS THEATER. IT'S ALSO THE LAST, SINGLE-SCREEN MOVIE THEATER IN MANHATTAN. THE THEATER GOT BACK INTO THE MOVIE BUSINESS ON FRIDAY, AFTER THE PANDEMIC SHUT IT DOWN. IT EVEN GOT A MAKE-OVER AFTER GOING DARK. THE CITY'S LONGEST-RUNNING ART AND FOREIGN FILM MOVIE HOUSE. ON WEST 58TH-STREET, FIRST OPENED IN 1948. IT HAS BEEN RUN BY NETFLIX, SINCE 2019.

8/11

DEMOCRATIC MAYORAL NOMINEE ERIC ADAMS IS REPORTEDLY OPEN TO MAKING NEW YORK'S RELATIONSHIP WITH AMAZON STRONGER. CNBC QUOTES AN ADAMS SPOKESMAN AS SAYING HE'S WILLING TO ENGAGE WITH BUSINESSES THAT HAVE THE INTERESTS OF WORKING NEW YORKERS IN MIND. AMAZON DROPPED ITS PLAN TO BUILD IN THE LONG ISLAND CITY SECTION OF QUEENS AFTER STRONG OPPOSITION. AMAZON WANTED TO CREATE 25,000 JOBS. CRITICS SAY THE COMPANY WAS GETTING TOO MANY TAX BREAKS.

8/12

IT MAY HAVE BEEN A NEW YORK CITY ICON BUT NOW THAT IT'S OUT OF BUSINESS. IT LOOKS LIKE THE FATE OF BARNEYS IS THE SAME AS THE FATE OF ANY OTHER SHUTTERED BUSINESS IN AMERICA. THIS OCTOBER THE BUILDING ON 7TH AVENUE AND 17TH STREET THAT HAD BEEN HOME TO BARNEYS SINCE 1923 WILL BECOME A "SPIRIT HALLOWEEN." THE COSTUME AND NOVELTIES STORE TYPICALLY TAKES OVER OUT-OF-BUSINESS RETAIL LOCATIONS IN THE WEEKS BEFORE THE HOLIDAY. WITH 1,400 LOCATIONS IT BILLS ITSELF AS "THE LARGEST HALLOWEEN RETAILER IN NORTH AMERICA."

8/15

MONDAY IS DAY ONE OF THE CITY'S VACCINE MANDATE. PATRONS IN RESTAURANTS AND MANY OTHER INDOOR BUSINESSES INCLUDING GYMS AND ENTERTAINMENT VENUES, WILL HAVE TO SHOW PROOF THAT THEY'RE INOCULATED AGAINST COVID. THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD LASTS UNTIL SEPTEMBER 13. THAT'S WHEN ENFORCEMENT WILL BEGIN.

8/16

DID THE PANDEMIC PROMPT YOU TO THINK ABOUT A CAREER CHANGE? A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE IN THE SAME BOAT. A WASHINGTON POST/SCHAR SCHOOL POLL HAS FOUND THAT NEARLY ONE IN THREE AMERICAN WORKERS UNDER THE AGE OF 40 HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT CHANGING THEIR OCCUPATION OR FIELD OF WORK SINCE THE PANDEMIC BEGAN. THE SURVEY ALSO FOUND THAT ONE IN FIVE WORKERS OVERALL HAVE CONSIDERED A PROFESSIONAL SHIFT.

8/25

THOSE HARMONIOUS SOUNDS FROM THE MET OPERA, WHERE A DEAL WITH THE ORCHESTRA UNION NOW ALLOWS THE SHOW TO GO ON. PERFORMANCES WILL RESUME FOLLOWING A YEAR-AND-A-HALF-LONG LAYOFF DUE TO THE PANDEMIC. THE OPERA'S CONTRACT WITH LOCAL 802 OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MUSICIANS EXPIRED JULY 31. THE NEW 4-YEAR PACT WAS RATIFIED TUESDAY AND ITS MUSIC TO OUR EARS.

8/26

NEW NUMBERS THIS MORNING ON HOW MANY OF US ARE HEADING BACK INTO THE OFFICE. A SURVEY BY THE PARTNERSHIP FOR NYC SAYS 23% ARE BACK RIGHT NOW. THE NUMBER WAS 12% IN MAY. BY SEPTEMBER 30TH, SOME 41% ARE EXPECTED TO BE BACK BUT THAT NUMBER IS BELOW WHAT HAD BEEN PROJECTED 62%. THE SURVEY SAYS BY THE START OF 2022, 76% OF OFFICE EMPLOYEES SHOULD BE BACK. THOUGH 70% OF EMPLOYERS SAY THEY'LL BE GOING FOR A HYBRID SCHEDULE.

8/27

APPLE IS ABOUT TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR APP DEVELOPERS TO CONTACT CUSTOMERS WITH INFO GATHERED INSIDE APPS. THE VERGE SAYS THE TECH GIANT PLANS TO MAKE THE CHANGE AS PART OF A SETTLEMENT IN A CLASS ACTION SUIT FROM AMERICAN DEVELOPERS. APPLE SEZ USERS HAVE TO CONSENT TO THE CONTACT AND CAN OPT OUT.

9/1

STILL WORKING ON THAT HOME COMPUTER? THE PARTNERSHIP FOR NEW YORK CITY SURVEYED EMPLOYERS ABOUT THEIR PLANS FOR THEIR ONE MILLION OFFICE WORKERS. 44% SAY THEY HAVE DELAYED RETURN PLANS BECAUSE OF THE DELTA VARIANT, 41% ARE EXPECTED BACK BY

THE END OF THIS MONTH, 20% FEWER THAN A PREVIOUS SURVEY.  
EMPLOYERS EXPECT 76% BACK BY THE END OF JANUARY.

9/9

TACO BELL WANTS YOUR USED CONDIMENT PACKS. THE FAST FOOD CHAIN WANTS TO RECYCLE AND REFILL THOSE SAUCE PACKETS. TACO BELL SAYS MORE THAN 8 BILLION POUNDS OF CONDIMENT PACKETS GO INTO U-S LANDFILLS EVERY YEAR. CUSTOMERS HAVE TO SIGN UP FOR A TERRACYCLE ACCOUNT, COLLECT THE EMPTY SAUCE PACKETS IN A RECYCLABLE CONTAINER, PRINT A FREE SHIPPING LABEL AND SHIP THE BOX VIA UPS.

9/10

A JUDGE HAS DISMISSED A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE CITY MANDATE REQUIRING PROOF OF VACCINATION FOR INDOOR ACTIVITIES. IT WAS FILED BY A GROUP OF RESTAURANTS AND OTHER BUSINESSES WHO CLAIMED THAT MAYOR DE BLASIO HAD OVER-STEPPED HIS AUTHORITY BY PUTTING THE MANDATE IN PLACE. FOLLOWING THE SUIT'S DISMISSAL THE GROUP'S LAWYER TOLD THE NEW YORK POST THAT THEY RESPECT THE JUDGE'S DECISION BUT DO NOT AGREE WITH IT AND WILL BE FILING AN APPEAL IN FEDERAL COURT.

9/12

NEW YORK CITY STARTS ENFORCING ITS NEW MASK AND VACCINE MANDATE TOMORROW. THAT'S NO MASK, NO VAX, NO SERVICE FOR CITY RESTAURANTS AND OTHER INDOOR SPACES. SPORTS VENUES, THEATERS, AND MUSEUMS ALL HAVE TO GET TOUGH ON THEIR INDOOR CUSTOMERS OR FACE A BIG FINE. CITY INSPECTORS WILL START ROAMING TOMORROW, MAKING SURE BUSINESSES MAKE PEOPLE WEAR A MASK AND SHOW A VACCINATION CARD. BUSINESS OWNERS FACE A \$1,000 FINE FOR A FIRST OFFENCE, AND A \$2,000 FINE FOR A SECOND OFFENCE.

9/13

MORE THAN 300,000 CITY WORKERS ARE GOING BACK TO THE OFFICE TODAY. UNDER A CITY MANDATE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES HAVE TO GET THE VACCINE OR GET TESTED EVERY WEEK. WHEN WE SPOKE LIVE WITH HENRY GARRIDO, THE HEAD OF THE CITY'S LARGEST PUBLIC UNION, DISTRICT COUNCIL 37 ON FRIDAY HE TOLD US HE WANTED THE RETURN-TO-WORK DELAYED. THE MAYOR HAS SAID THE WORKPLACE IS SAFE AND THE CITY WILL BENEFIT FROM EMPLOYEES WORKING TOGETHER AGAIN.

9/15

LOOKS LIKE IT'S CURTAINS FOR BROOKLYN'S ICONIC GRAND PROSPECT HALL. THE BROOKLYN PAPER SAYS A LAST MINUTE BID TO SAVE IT FROM DEMOLITION HAS FAILED, AFTER THE LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION DENIED REVIEW FOR LANDMARK STATUS. THE BUILDING



WAS RECENTLY BOUGHT BY A DEVELOPER WHO PLANS TO PUT UP A RESIDENTIAL BUILDING IN ITS PLACE.

9/17

THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY IS JOINING SEVERAL OTHERS IN DIVESTING ANY INVESTMENTS IN UNILEVER, THE COMPANY THAT OWNS BEN AND JERRY'S. THIS IS ABOUT BEN AND JERRY'S DECISION NOT TO SELL ICE CREAM IN WHAT IT CONSIDERS ISRAELI OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. STATE LAW PROHIBITS THE INVESTMENT OF STATE PENSION FUNDS IN COMPANIES THAT ENGAGE IN BOYCOTTS. NEW JERSEY HAD \$182 MILLION INVESTED IN UNILEVER WHICH HAS ITS US HEADQUARTERS IN NEW JERSEY.

## **ECONOMY**

**THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY FROM THE PANDEMIC APPEARED TO BE ON THE RISE AS THIS QUARTER PROGRESSED. VACCINE RATES WERE ON THE RISE AND COVID CASES SEEMED TO BE COMING DOWN. THIS BROUGHT PEOPLE BACK OUT TO SPEND AND INVEST.**

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A BUDGET DEAL HERE IN CITY NEARLY \$99 BILLION "RECOVERY" BUDGET FOR FISCAL 2022. MAYOR DEBLASIO AND SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON TOGETHER AT A CITY HALL CEREMONY ON RESTORING PROGRAMS. IT MARKED THE FIRST TIME CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE BACK IN CITY HALL SINCE THE START OF THE PANDEMIC. PACKAGE INCLUDES 200 MILLION MORE TO FIGHT CRIME SPIKES BUT NO MONEY FOR ADDITIONAL POLICE BUT WILL COVER POLICE OVERTIME

7/2

THE JUNE JOBS NUMBERS JUST CAME OUT THIS MORNING AND THEY SHOW AN INCREASE OF 850,000 JOBS LAST MONTH. THEY WERE EXPECTING ABOUT 700K. THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 5.9% UP FROM 5.8. IN MAY, 559,000 JOBS WERE CREATED.

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THE RACE IS ON TO DISTRIBUTE AROUND \$47-BILLION ALLOCATED BY CONGRESS FOR EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE WHOSE ABILITY TO PAY RENT WAS IMPACTED BY THE PANDEMIC. AS THE FEDERAL EVICTION MORATORIUM, WINDS DOWN, AT THE END OF THIS MONTH, THROWING MILLIONS INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF EVICTION. CRITICS SAY THE PROGRAM IS RUNNING TOO SLOW WITH LESS THAN FOUR PER CENT OF THE ALLOTTED FUNDS, HANDED OUT SO FAR.

7/7

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ISSUED THREE STIMULUS CHECKS TO HELP AMERICANS STRUGGLING DURING THE PANDEMIC. NOW THERE'S A

'CHANGE.ORG' PETITION CALLING FOR CONGRESS TO APPROVE A FOURTH ONE. SO FAR, MORE THAN 2.5 MILLION PEOPLE HAVE SIGNED IT.

7/8

ANOTHER SNAPSHOT OF THE U-S ECONOMY TODAY AND THE PICTURE IS CLOUDY ON THE JOBS OUTLOOK. THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS FILING FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS ROSE BY 2,000 TO 373,000 LAST WEEK. THIS COMING WHILE THE ECONOMY AND THE JOB MARKET APPEAR TO BE REBOUNDED FROM THE PANDEMIC.

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AMERICANS ARE BORROWING AGAIN. THE WALL STREET JOURNAL REPORTS CONSUMER DEMAND FOR AUTO LOANS AND LEASES, CREDIT CARDS AND PERSONAL LOANS WAS UP 39% IN APRIL COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR AND LENDERS ARE MEETING THE DEMAND. EQUIFAX SAYS LENDERS EXTENDED A RECORD NUMBER OF AUTO LOANS AND LEASES IN MARCH, THE LATEST MONTH FOR WHICH DATA ARE AVAILABLE. THEY ALSO BUMPED UP CREDIT-CARD ORIGINATIONS, ISSUING MORE GENERAL-PURPOSE CREDIT CARDS THAN ANY OTHER MARCH ON RECORD. EQUIFAX'S DATA GOES BACK TO 2010.

7/16

THERE IS A SHOCKING REPORT ON HOME AFFORDABILITY. THE '2021 OUT OF REACH' STUDY FINDS MINIMUM-WAGE WORKERS CAN'T AFFORD MODEST RENTAL HOMES ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTRY. IT FINDS WORKERS IN NEW YORK WOULD NEED TO EARN \$34 AN HOUR TO BE ABLE TO AFFORD A 2-BEDROOM HOME WHILE WORKING A STANDARD 40-HOUR WORK WEEK. IN NEW JERSEY, IT WAS \$31.96. CALIFORNIA RANKED NUMBER ONE AT \$39. CONGRESS RECENTLY FAILED TO RAISE THE \$7.25 FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE TO \$15.

7/19

STOCKS TOOK A NOSEDIVE TODAY WITH THE DOW THE NASDAQ AND THE S&P "IN THE RED" AT THE CLOSING BELL. BUT SENIOR MARKET ANALYST ED MOYA SAYS "NOBODY FREAK OUT" THE MARKET IS STILL BRIGHT. WE'RE OFF BY 2% TODAY WITH TODAY'S SELL-OFF.

7/22

ALTHOUGH THE STATE HAS SENT OUT \$117,000 IN PANDEMIC RELIEF, RENT MONEY TO HELP TENANTS AND LAND-LORDS, SOME LAW-MAKERS ARE SAYING THAT IS, NOT ENOUGH AS THE STATE'S EVICTION MORATORIUM IS SET TO EXPIRE SOON. WITH THAT IN MIND, THE LEGISLATURE IS SET TO HOLD A HEARING SOON ON THE SLOW-ROLL-OUT OF THE \$2-BILLION PROGRAM SAID TO BE HELD BACK BY TECHNICAL GLITCHES AND REPORTS OF POORLY-TRAINED WORKERS. DEMOCRATIC SENATOR, BRIAN

KAVANAUGH, CHAIR OF THE SENATE, HOUSING COMMITTEE, SAYS FAST ACTION IS NEEDED TO ADDRESS COMPLAINTS.

7/26

GOVERNOR CUOMO ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE STATE'S RENT RELIEF PROGRAM ARE BEING RELAXED FOR BOTH TENANTS AND LANDLORDS. THE MOVE COMES AS THE STATE FACES CRITICISM OVER THE PROGRAM'S SLOW ROLLOUT. WITH THAT IN MIND THE CUOMO ADMINISTRATION HAS ALSO SET THE GOAL OF BEING UP TO DATE ON ALL PENDING APPLICATIONS BY THE END OF AUGUST WHEN THE STATE'S MORATORIUM ON PANDEMIC-RELATED EVICTIONS IS SET TO EXPIRE.

7/30

NO SURPRISE HERE, MANHATTAN IS COMING BACK. MORE THAN A YEAR AFTER FOLKS LEFT THE BOROUGH IN DROVES WITH A 4.3% DROP IN THE NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS THAT IS NOW REVERSING. THIS IS ACCORDING TO BUSINESS INSIDER. THE SAME IS TRUE IN BOSTON, RALEIGH, AUSTIN AND CHARLOTTE. NOT SO, HOWEVER IN SILICON VALLEY AND NORTHERN CALIFORNIA. IN FACT OCCUPANCY CHANGE IN SAN FRANCISCO WAS FLAT IN MAY AND JUNE.

8/1

HERE'S GOOD NEWS FOR CONNECTICUT WORKERS. MINIMUM WAGE WORKERS WILL SEE THEIR NEW PAY HIKE GO INTO EFFECT TODAY. THE STATE MINIMUM WAGE GOES UP FROM \$12 AN HOUR TO \$13 AN HOUR. THE LEGISLATION WAS PASSED TWO YEARS AGO AND CAPS OUT AT \$15 AN HOUR IN JUNE OF 2023. MINIMUM WAGE WAS \$10.10 WHEN GOV. NED LAMONT SIGNED THE LEGISLATION INTO LAW.

8/2

THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT WILL NOW BEGIN TAKING WHAT IT REFERS TO AS 'EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES' TO PREVENT THE U.S. FROM DEFAULTING ON ITS DEBT. THOSE STEPS ARE LIKELY TO AVERT A DEFAULT UNTIL OCTOBER OR EVEN NOVEMBER BEFORE BIDEN WOULD HAVE TO SIGN A BILL TO RAISE OR SUSPEND THE LIMIT, AGAIN.

8/3

GOLDMAN SACHS IS JOINING JP MORGAN CHASE, CITIGROUP AND MORGAN STANLEY TO RAISE PAY FOR NEW BANKERS. THOSE JUNIOR WORKERS SAY THEIR WEEKS CAN RUN TO 95 HOURS, SO GOLDMAN'S BOOSTING THEIR PAY FROM \$86,000 A YEAR TO \$110,000 IN BASE PAY. 2ND YEAR ANALYSTS WILL SEE SALARIES RISE FROM 95,000 TO 125,000.

8/6

IF YOU HAVE BEEN WORRYING ABOUT HOW YOU ARE GOING TO MAKE THAT STUDENT LOAN PAYMENT THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION IS EXTENDING THE FEDERAL STUDENT LOAN PAYMENTS ONE LAST TIME, UNTIL JANUARY 31ST. THE PANDEMIC RELIEF BENEFIT WAS SET TO EXPIRE ON SEPTEMBER 30 AFTER AN UNPRECEDENTED 19-MONTH SUSPENSION. THE FREEZE WAS INITIALLY PUT IN PLACE BY CONGRESS AND THEN EXTENDED BY BOTH THE TRUMP & BIDEN ADMINISTRATIONS.

8/9

THE LABOR DEPARTMENT SAYS FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE BOSSES ARE PAYING PEOPLE \$15-AN HOUR TO WORK AT SUPER MARKETS AND RESTAURANTS. THE DIFFERENCE: THEY'RE DOING IT AS A RULE "AND NOT THE EXCEPTION". OVERALL, NEARLY 80% OF U.S. WORKERS NOW EARN AT LEAST \$15 AN HOUR UP FROM 60% IN 2014. JOB SITES AND RECRUITING FIRMS SAY MANY JOB SEEKERS "TURN UP THEIR NOSES" AT JOBS THAT PAY LESS. FOR YEARS, LOW-PAID WORKERS FOUGHT TO MAKE AT LEAST THAT MUCH BUT NOW, IT HAS EFFECTIVELY BECOME THE NEW BASELINE.

8/11

CONSUMER PRICES ROSE AGAIN IN JULY, ABOUT 5.4%, WHICH IS ABOUT WHERE ECONOMISTS PREDICTED. SO-CALLED "CORE INFLATION" WHICH EXCLUDES ENERGY AND FOOD, ROSE 4.3%, DOWN FROM 4 1/2% IN JUNE, WHICH WAS LESS THAN EXPECTED. THE FEDERAL RESERVE HAS BEEN KEEPING A CLOSE EYE ON INFLATION. IT'S WORRIED A STEEP INCREASE COULD DERAIL THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY.

8/12

ACCORDING TO THE CENSUS, NEW YORK CITY SAW A GROWTH SPURT DURING THE LAST TEN YEARS. THE NEW NUMBERS SHOW 8.8-MILLION NEW YORKERS LIVING IN ALL FIVE BOROS, THAT'S UP FROM 8.17 IN 2010. THE 2020 CENSUS SHOWS THAT ALMOST ALL OF THE NATION'S POPULATION GROWTH WAS IN CITIES. IN NEW JERSEY, NEWARK GREW BY 1.8% AND REMAINS THE GARDEN STATE'S LARGEST CITY, POPULATION WISE, WITH 311,449 RESIDENTS.

8/14

YET MORE BIG MONEY COULD BE COMING FROM THE MASSIVE FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE BILL. SENATE MAJORITY LEADER CHUCK SCHUMER OF NEW YORK SAYS IT INCLUDES SOME \$100-MILLION TO PROTECT LONG ISLAND SOUND AND REDUCE NITROGEN LEVELS SUPPORTING PROGRAMS STRETCHING FROM THE CITY TO THE NORTH SHORE, CONNECTICUT AND MORE. THE BILL PASSED THE SENATE EARLY THIS WEEK BUT STILL HAS TO CLEAR THE CLOSELY-DIVIDED HOUSE.

8/15

THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION APPROVED THE BIGGEST PERMANENT INCREASE IN FOOD STAMPS AND HAS REVISED NUTRITION STANDARDS FOR THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM. UNDER THE NEW RULES SET TO BE ANNOUNCED MONDAY, AVERAGE BENEFITS WILL RISE MORE THAN 25% AN INCREASE OF ABOUT \$36 ON AVERAGE. ALL 42 MILLION PEOPLE IN THE PROGRAM WILL RECEIVE ADDITIONAL AID. THE CHANGE DOES NOT REQUIRE APPROVAL FROM CONGRESS.

8/17

LOOKS LIKE THE RECENT SURGE IN CO-VID 19 CASES ALSO PROMPTED MANY OF US TO TIGHTEN UP ON OUR BUDGETS. RETAIL SALES DROPPED AROUND 1.1% IN JULY, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, FROM THE MONTH BEFORE, ACCORDING TO THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT. THAT'S A LARGER DIP THAN WALL STREET ANALYSTS HAD EXPECTED, THEY HAD PREDICTED A 0.3% DROP.

8/19

IT'S A SIGN AMERICA'S JOB MARKET IS COMING BACK FROM THE PANDEMIC RECESSION. FEWER AMERICANS APPLIED FOR JOBLESS BENEFITS LAST WEEK. STILL, THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS REMAINS HIGH BY HISTORIC STANDARDS. BEFORE THE PANDEMIC TORE THROUGH THE ECONOMY IN MARCH 2020, THE WEEKLY PACE AMOUNTED TO AROUND 220,000 A WEEK.

8/23

DOLLAR STORES ARE CASHING IN RIGHT ABOUT NOW. CUSTOMERS ARE POURING IN, DUE TO RISING INFLATION. YOU CAN EXPECT SEE MORE "DOLLAR SIGNS" SO TO SPEAK FOR THE STORES THAT IS. MORE THAN 1,600 ARE EXPECTED TO POP UP HERE IN THE U-S, THIS YEAR.

8/25

THE DAYS OF APARTMENT BARGAINS IN THE CITY BECAUSE OF THE PANDEMIC SEEM TO BE OVER. ZUMPER, AN APARTMENT LISTING WEBSITE, SAYS NEW YORK CITY'S RENTAL MARKET IS THE MOST EXPENSIVE IN THE NATION EVEN SURPASSING SAN FRANCISCO. THE MEDIAN FOR A ONE-BEDROOM HERE IS NOW \$2,810 BACK TO PRE-PANDEMIC LEVELS. ROUNDING OUT THE TOP FIVE OF EXPENSIVE CITIES AFTER FRISCO BOSTON, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA AND WASHINGTON D.C.

8/26

NEW YORK CITY IS ONCE AGAIN THE MOST EXPENSIVE RENTAL MARKET IN AMERICA. THE PANDEMIC CAUSED A MASSIVE DISRUPTION TO THE CITY'S REAL ESTATE MARKET EARLY ON WITH PEOPLE MOVING TO THE SUBURBS WHEN WORKING FROM HOME WAS ESSENTIAL, BUT NOW, WITH COMPANIES REOPENING OFFICES DEMAND HAS TURNED AROUND. NOW RENTS HAVE NOT ONLY REBOUNDED BUT HAVE RETURNED TO PRE-

PANDEMIC LEVELS. THE MEDIAN RENT FOR A ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT IN NEW YORK IS NOW \$2,810, THAT'S \$10 MORE THAN THE SAME APARTMENT IN SAN FRANCISCO.

8/28

MAILING THAT LETTER IS ABOUT TO GET A BIT MORE EXPENSIVE STARTING SUNDAY. A FOREVER STAMP, WILL INCREASE FROM 55 CENTS TO 58 CENTS. A BOOK OF 20 STAMPS: WILL INCREASE FROM \$11 TO \$11.60, A POSTCARD: WILL INCREASE FROM 36 CENTS TO 40 CENTS. PACKAGE SERVICES AND SPECIAL SERVICES WILL ALSO EXPERIENCE POSTAGE RATE INCREASES ON SUNDAY.

8/29

TIME IS RUNNING OUT ON PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS. THEY ARE SET TO EXPIRE ON SATURDAY NATIONWIDE IN THE 26-STATES THAT ARE STILL PAYING THEM, WHICH INCLUDES NEW JERSEY AND NEW YORK. ACCORDING TO THE THINK TANK, THE CENTURY FOUNDATION, AT LEAST 7.5-MILLION PEOPLE WILL LOSE BENEFITS AT THAT POINT. HOWEVER, THAT MAY NOT TRANSLATE INTO A FLOOD OF NEW HIRES FOR BUSINESSES STRUGGLING TO FIND NEW EMPLOYEES.

8/31

CONNECTICUT IS TAKING STEPS TOWARD ESTABLISHING A NEW GAMBLING MARKET WITH LEGALIZED SPORTS WAGERING, ONLINE CASINO GAMBLING AND OTHER NEW FORMS OF BETTING. A STATE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE APPROVE PROPOSED REGULATIONS TODAY. WHICH WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE U-S DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, WHICH OVERSEES AGREEMENTS WITH FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBAL NATIONS WHO WOULD LIKE TO START TAKING BETS BEFORE THE NFL SEASON KICKS OFF SEPTEMBER 9TH.

9/9

THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION IS GETTING BEHIND A PLAN BY CONGRESSIONAL DEMOCRATS TO ALLOW MEDICARE TO NEGOTIATE DRUG PRICES. THE MEASURE IS A KEY PART OF THE WHITE HOUSE PLAN TO LOWER PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES AND IT COMES AS THE HOUSE STARTS TACKLING THE ISSUE AS IT CRAFTS A \$3.5-TRILLION-BUDGET PLAN. THE SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE LAST MONTH RECOMMENDED THAT THE PLAN, WHICH WOULD NOT NEED REPUBLICAN SUPPORT IF IT IS PASSED THROUGH RECONCILIATION, REDUCE DRUG COSTS FOR PATIENTS.

9/13

A REPORT SAYS HURRICANE IDA MAY HAVE CAUSED \$30-BILLION IN 'INSURED LOSSES' NATIONWIDE, MAKING IT ONE OF THE COSTLIEST DISASTERS IN U-S HISTORY. THAT'S ACCORDING TO "AIR WORLDWIDE," WHICH MODELS DISASTER IMPACTS FOR THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY. THE

"AIR" ESTIMATE DOES NOT INCLUDE FLOOD RELATED LOSSES COVERED BY FEMA'S NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM, OR LOSSES FROM TORNADOES LINKED TO THE STORM MAKING THE ACTUAL COST HIGHER.

9/15

PRESIDENT BIDEN IS TRYING TO PUSH THROUGH HIS \$3.5 TRILLION SPENDING PLAN. TODAY HE IS MEETING WITH KEY DEMOCRATIC SENATORS WHO HAVEN'T BEEN TOTALLY ON BOARD. SEN. KYRSTEN SINEMA OF ARIZONA AND SEN. JOE MANCHIN ARE BOTH MODERATES WHO HOLD KEY VOTES. BOTH HAVE SAID THE PRICE TAG IS TOO HIGH WITH MANCIN SUGGESTING IT BE IN THE ONE TO \$1.5-TRILLION RANGE. WITH A 50-50 SPLIT IN THE SENATE, BIDEN WILL NEED EVERY DEMOCRAT TO BE ON BOARD TO GET HIS PLAN PASSED.

9/16

RETAILERS ARE EXPECTING BIG THINGS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. NEW FORECASTS FROM DELOITTE, BAIN AND COMPANY AND MASTERCARD ARE PREDICTING A HUGE SALES BOOM IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. DELOITTE ESTIMATES HOLIDAY SALES WILL INCREASE BY UP TO 9% THIS YEAR. THAT THEY SAY IS BECAUSE VACCINATIONS WILL HELP SHOPPERS FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE VENTURING OUT TO STORES. THEY ALSO EXPECT ONLINE SALES TO JUMP AS MUCH AS 15% OVER LAST YEARS FIGURES.

## **EDUCATION**

**IT CAME TIME AS THE QUARTER PROGRESSED FOR CHILDREN TO RETURN TO SCHOOL. DEBATES, DISCUSSIONS AND RULES WERE MADE ABOUT MASKS, VACCINE MANDATES AND IN PERSON COMPARED TO REMOTE CLASSES.**

7/1

SOME CHANGES TO THE CITY'S 'SUMMER RISING' PROGRAM. SCHOOLS CHANCELLOR MEISHA PORTER SAYS KIDS WHO ARE ON THE WAITING LIST OR WHO ARE NOT YET ENROLL WILL NOW BE ASSIGNED TO THEIR HOME SCHOOL OR ONE NEARBY. THE DAILY NEWS SAYS WHILE THAT'S A RELIEF TO PARENTS IT'S GOT PRINCIPALS AND SUMMER CAMP OPERATORS SCRAMBLING TO FIND THE STAFF THEY NEED TO HANDLE THE ADDITIONAL CHILDREN. 'SUMMER RISING' STARTS IN JUST 6-DAYS.

7/8

MAYOR DEBLASIO ANNOUNCES AN ACADEMIC RECOVERY PLAN FOR SCHOOLKIDS AFTER THE PANDEMIC. AMONG THE TOP GOALS: GETTING ALL STUDENTS READING ON GRADE LEVEL BY THE THIRD GRADE. TO THAT END THE PROGRAM CALLS FOR REDUCING CLASS SIZES, ADDING READING COACHES AND MORE. ALSO PART OF THE PLAN, GUARANTEEING EACH STUDENT ACCESS TO THEIR OWN DIGITAL DEVICE.

7/9

THE C-D-C IS RECOMMENDING THAT FULLY VACCINATED STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND OTHER STAFF DON'T HAVE TO WEAR MASKS IN SCHOOL NEXT YEAR. THE GUIDANCE STILL CALLS FOR UNVACCINATED ATTENDEES TO MASK UP. THE CDC ALSO STICKS WITH RECOMMENDING ITS 3-FEET DISTANCING RULE, TESTING AND OTHER MITIGATION MEASURES, PARTICULARLY IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WHERE THE STUDENTS ARE TOO YOUNG TO QUALIFY FOR THE VACCINE.

7/14

DICTIONARY.COM HAS ADDED NEW WORDS MANY INFLUENCED BY THE PANDEMIC. IT DEFINES 'LONG COVID' AS A CONDITION CHARACTERIZED BY SYMPTOMS OR HEALTH PROBLEMS THAT LINGER OR APPEAR AFTER RECOVERING FROM THE VIRUS. THE UPDATE ALSO INCLUDES A SERIES OF RACE RELATED TERMS. 'DEI' — WHICH STANDS FOR DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION. 'YEET' IS NOW IN THE DICTIONARY, WHICH IS USED TO SHOW ENTHUSIASM, APPROVAL, TRIUMPH, PLEASURE AND JOY.

7/17

IN OUR NECK OF THE WOODS, COVID IS INTERFERING WITH SUMMER SCHOOL HERE IN NEW YORK CITY. SUMMER SCHOOL STARTED LAST WEEK WITH 200,000 STUDENTS BUT ALREADY MORE THAN 80 CLASSROOMS WERE PUT IN QUARANTING BECAUSE OF POSITIVE COVID 19 CASES AMONG TEACHERS AND STUDENTS. SO, WHAT THAT MEANS IS ANY CLASS WITH A POSITIVE CASE HAS TO GO REMOTE FOR 10 DAYS.

7/19

WITH CONCERNS ABOUT THE DELTA VIRUS INCREASING, THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS IS RECOMMENDING IN-SCHOOL MASKS FOR ALL STUDENTS VACCINATED OR NOT. THE REASON BEHIND THIS, SO MUCH OF THE SCHOOL-AGED POPULATION ISN'T ELIGIBLE FOR THE VACCINES. DR. SARA BODE, WHO WILL BE HEADING THE ACADEMY'S COUNCIL ON SCHOOL HEALTH PANEL SAYS IT'S IMPORTANT TO USE EVERY TOOL IN THE TOOLKIT TO SAFEGUARD CHILDREN FROM COVID-19.

7/24

THE FIRST GRADUATING CLASS AT ALL GIRLS CHARTER SCHOOL. BROOKLYN EMERGING LEADERS ACADEMY SET A 100% ACCEPTANCE RATE FOR THE 50 STUDENTS. THE BED-STUY SCHOOL'S ENROLLMENT COMES FROM UNDERSERVED AND MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES. THREE QUARTERS OF THE SENIORS WILL BE THE FIRST IN THEIR FAMILIES TO ATTEND COLLEGE.

7/28



WITH STUDENTS EXPECTED TO BE BACK IN CLASSROOMS THIS FALL, FAMILIES ARE STARTING THEIR BACK-TO-SCHOOL SHOPPING AND THEY'RE FINDING PRICES AND EVEN SOME SCAMS ARE ON THE RISE. THE BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU RECOMMENDS THAT IF YOU BUY PRODUCTS ONLINE OR THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA ADS FIRST VERIFY THOSE THIRD PARTY VENDORS.

7/29

THIS IS LIKE WINNING THE LOTTERY. CUNY IS FORGIVING THE STUDENT LOAN DEBT OF 50,000 STUDENTS. THAT AMOUNTS TO \$125-MILLION THAT WILL COME FROM CUNY'S SHARE OF FEDERAL COVID RELIEF MONEY. STUDENTS CAN GET THE INFO AT CUNY.EDU.

8/3

A NEW GALLUP POLL INDICATES THAT MOST PARENTS OF K-12 STUDENTS SUPPORT MASK MANDATES. 60% OF THOSE SURVEYED SAID THEY WANT MASK MANDATES FOR UNVACCINATED TEACHERS AND STAFF. 57% SAID THEY SUPPORT SUCH MANDATES FOR UNVACCINATED STUDENTS. GALLUP SURVEYED SOME 3,500 ADULTS IN LATE JULY. ALL OF THIS COMES AS THE DELTA VARIANT CONTINUES TO SPREAD AROUND NEW YORK AND THE COUNTRY.

8/6

THERE'S SOME INFIGHTING IN THE CUOMO ADMINISTRATION OVER SCHOOL COVID-PROTOCOLS. THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IS SLAMMING HEALTH COMMISSIONER HOWARD ZUCKER OVER COVID PROTOCOLS. THEY SAY ZUCKER IS SO DISTRACTED BY THE SEXUAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST GOVERNOR CUOMO THAT HE'S LETTING LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS DECIDE COVID SAFETY GUIDELINES. ZUCKER YESTERDAY SAID THE STATE WOULD STAY OUT OF ISSUING COVID PROTOCOLS FOR SCHOOLS BECAUSE THE GOVERNOR NO LONGER HAS EMERGENCY POWERS.

8/8

NEW YORK CITY WILL REPORTEDLY EXPAND A PROGRAM THAT OFFERS FREE COVID 19 TESTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO CHARTER SCHOOLS. THE DAILY NEWS REPORTS THE CITY HAS TO EXTEND THE PROGRAM TO CHARTER SCHOOLS THAT WANT IT FOLLOWING A LAWSUIT BY A GROUP OF CHARTER SCHOOLS. THE SCHOOLS SAID STATE LAW REQUIRES OFFICIALS TO EXTEND HEALTH SERVICES TO THEM. SO FAR, ABOUT 125 CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORKS REPRESENTING ABOUT 70,000 STUDENTS HAVE ASKED TO JOIN THE CITY'S COVID-19 TESTING PROGRAM.

8/9

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY CHILDREN AGES 12 AND UP CAN GET THEIR FIRST PFIZER SHOT IN ORDER TO BE FULLY VACCINATED BY THE TIME

PUBLIC SCHOOL REOPENS ON SEPTEMBER 13TH. THE PFIZER VACCINE IS THE ONLY ONE APPROVED FOR KIDS UNDER 18. THERE ARE 3 WEEKS IN BETWEEN SHOTS AND THEN IT'S ANOTHER 2-WEEKS UNTIL YOU'RE CONSIDERED TO BE FULLY INOCULATED.

8/12

CATHOLIC SCHOOL KIDS IN BROOKLYN AND QUEENS WILL NEED TO REMEMBER TO PACK THEIR MASKS WHEN THEY'RE HEADED TO CLASS IN A FEW WEEKS. THE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE "DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN" ANNOUNCED THAT MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR STUDENTS, TEACHERS & STAFF BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL. THE SUPERINTENDENT SAYS HE KNOWS THIS IS NOT THE SITUATION THAT MANY WERE HOPING FOR BUT ADDS WITH THE DELTA VARIANT & COVID CASES CONTINUING TO SPIKE WE CAN'T IGNORE THE TRENDS.

8/14

PARENTS AND TEACHERS ARE DEMANDING NEW YORK CITY SCHOOLS INCLUDE VACCINE MANDATES AND A REMOTE LEARNING OPTION COME SEPTEMBER. MORE THAN 800 PEOPLE HAVE SIGNED A NEW CHANGE.ORG PETITION PUSHING FOR 8 NEW POLICIES IN ORDER TO CREATE CONDITIONS THIS UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR THAT WILL LESSEN THE CHANCE OF GETTING & SPREADING COVID-19. BOTH MAYOR DEBLASIO & THE DOE PROMISE A FULL SAFE SCHOOL REOPENING BUT HAVE YET TO SAY HOW THEY'RE GOING TO DO THAT. THIS ACCORDING TO THE PETITION'S CREATOR, DANIEL ALICEA, SPECIAL ED TEACHER AT THE DOE.

8/20

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN SOME CLOSE CONTACT SPORTS WILL HAVE TO BE VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19. MAYOR DE BLASIO MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY. SO WILL COACHES IN SPORTS LIKE FOOTBALL AND VOLLYBALL. IT'S THE FIRST VACCINE MANDATE IN THE CITY IMPACTING STUDENTS.

8/24

CUNY SCHOOLS ARE BACK IN SESSION TOMORROW BUT ONE UNION REPRESENTING ITS EMPLOYEES SAYS MANY AREN'T READY FOR IN-PERSON LEARNING. LEADERS SAYING THEY DON'T THINK THE CITY'S PUBLIC UNIVERSITY SYSTEM IS DOING ENOUGH TO PROTECT WORKERS. TODAY THE GROUP RAISED CONCERNS ABOUT VENTILATION AND SPACE FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING, WITH A LIST OF DEMANDS INCLUDING ALLOWING APPREHENSIVE FACULTY AND STAFF TO WORK FROM HOME. STUDENTS HAVE 44 DAYS TO GET FULLY VACCINATED.

8/25

A LOCAL STATE SENATOR WANTS TO MANDATE COVID VACCINES FOR SCHOOL KIDS. MANHATTAN DEMOCRAT BRAD HOYLMAN HAS

INTRODUCED A BILL WHICH WOULD REQUIRE KIDS TO GET VAXXED ONCE THE SHOTS GET FULL FEDERAL APPROVAL, PFIZER'S ALREADY HAS. HIS PROPOSED MANDATE WOULD TAKE EFFECT 30 DAYS AFTER FULL FDA APPROVAL. HOYLMAN SAYS IT'S A NO BRAINER WHEN YOU CONSIDER THE SPREAD OF THE DELTA VARIANT.

8/27

IT'S OFFICIAL, FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TONIGHT. STUDENTS, STAFF AND FACULTY WILL HAVE TO WEAR MASKS WHEN SCHOOL RESUMES IN A FEW WEEKS. THIS GOES FOR BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS. NEW GOVERNOR KATHY HOCHUL HAD MORE THAN HINTED AT THIS EARLIER IN THE WEEK. OW IT'S OFFICIAL.

8/31

HOW NEW YORK CITY REOPENS ITS SCHOOLS NEXT MONTH WILL BE IN THE SPOTLIGHT TOMORROW. CITY COUNCIL KEEPS ADDING TO THE WITNESS LIST OF A HEARING PLANNED BY ITS COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION. THE CITY'S HEALTH COMMISSIONER, DR. DAVE CHOKSHI, SAYS HE'S AGREED TO TESTIFY TOMORROW. THE CITY'S SCHOOL CHANCELLOR, MEISHA ROSS PORTER, WILL ALSO TESTIFY AND MAYOR DE-BLASIO IS SENDING MEMBERS OF HIS SENIOR HEALTH TEAM TO TESTIFY AS WELL. THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.

9/1

NEW YORK CITY MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS WILL BE POP-UP VACCINATION SITES DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF CLASSES WHICH START MONDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH. THE AIM IS TO GET SHOTS IN THE ARMS OF ELIGIBLE STUDENTS, FAMILIES AND STAFF. ANY SCHOOL ACROSS THE CITY THAT HAS STUDENTS 12 AND OLDER WHICH IS NOW THE YOUNGEST AGE PEOPLE CAN GETS SHOTS WILL OFFER THE FREE INOCULATIONS. THERE IS A VACCINE MANDATE FOR SCHOOL STAFF. PEOPLE HAVE TO GET AT LEAST THEIR FIRST DOSE BY SEPTEMBER 27TH.

9/3

AS KIDS GET READY TO RETURN TO SCHOOL, A NEW REPORT SAYS CHILDREN ACCOUNTED FOR MORE THAN 20% OF THE WEEKLY COVID-19 CASES REPORTED BY THE END OF AUGUST. THE "AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS" AND THE "CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION" SAYS THERE WAS ALSO A 9% INCREASE IN THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILD CASES FROM AUGUST 12TH THRU AUGUST 26TH. CHILDREN UNDER 12 ARE NOT CURRENTLY ELIGIBLE FOR THE COVID VACCINE.

9/4

DOZENS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN JERSEY CITY SCHOOLS SUFFERED FLOOD DAMAGE FROM IDA AND MAY NOT BE READY TO OPEN FOR THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL THIS THURSDAY. OUT OF 41 SCHOOLS, 35 HAVE SOME KIND OF

DAMAGE. THERE ARE LEAKING CEILINGS, FLOODED BASEMENTS AND SEVERAL EVEN HAVE THEIR BOILER ROOMS COMPLETELY UNDER WATER.

9/8

IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL TODAY FOR KIDS IN THE NEW YORK ARCHDIOCESE SCHOOL SYSTEM. IT WILL BE ALL IN PERSON LEARNING WITH NO REMOTE OR HYBRID OPTIONS THIS FALL BUT SAFETY PROTOCOLS WILL BE IN PLACE INCLUDING SOCIALLY DISTANT CLASSROOMS, MANDATORY TEMPERATURE CHECKS AND MASKS FOR ANYONE ENTERING A SCHOOL BUILDING. CITY SCHOOLS REOPEN NEXT MONDAY AS THE PEOPLE WHO RUN THE SYSTEM KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON COVID NUMBERS IN THE CITY.

9/9

WITH THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR STARTING ON MONDAY MAYOR DE BLASIO SAID TODAY THAT THERE'S STILL NO PLANS FOR A VACCINE MANDATE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL KIDS BUT HE ANNOUNCED THAT STUDENTS WHO WANT A COVID SHOT AND ARE OLD ENOUGH WILL BE ABLE TO GET ONE FROM A POP-UP VACCINATION SITE AT SCHOOL NEXT WEEK.

9/12

SO-LONG VIRTUAL "ZOOM" SCHOOL NEW YORK CITY'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE REOPENING IN REAL LIFE MONDAY FOR IN-PERSON LEARNING. SCHOOLS CHANCELLOR MEISHA PORTER TELLS 1010 WINS THAT SHE'S NOT THRILLED THAT NOT ALL STAFF WILL BE MANDATED TO GET A COVID VACCINE. STAFF WITH MEDICAL CONDITIONS OR RELIGIOUS BELIEF CAN OPT OUT OF THE VACCINE MANDATE. STILL, SHE SAYS, SCHOOLS ARE SAFE AND READY AND THE BEST LEARNING IS IN-PERSON.

9/13

IT'S BACK TO CLASS TODAY FOR NEW YORK CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS. THEY DON'T HAVE TO BE VACCINATED BUT ALL THEIR TEACHERS AND SCHOOL STAFFERS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE HOWEVER AN ARBITRATOR RULED FRIDAY THAT ACCOMMODATIONS MUST BE MADE FOR TEACHERS AND STAFFERS WHO ARE EXEMPT AND SOME PARENTS ARE DEMANDING THAT SCHOOLS OFFER REMOTE LEARNING OPTIONS AGAIN ITS ALL COMPLICATING DAY ONE.

9/14

MONDAY MARKED THE FIRST DAY BACK TO THE OFFICE FOR THOUSANDS OF NEW YORK CITY EMPLOYEES WITH NO WORK-FROM-HOME OPTION ANY MORE. MANY, HOWEVER TOOK TO THE STREETS MARCHING THROUGH LOWER MANHATTAN AND OVER THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE TO PROTEST THE CITY'S VACCINE OR TESTING MANDATE.

9/15

ATTENDANCE ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IN NEW YORK CITY WAS LOWER THAN IT WAS ON THE FIRST DAY BEFORE THE PANDEMIC. ACCORDING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, 82.4% OF STUDENTS CITYWIDE WERE IN THEIR PUBLIC SCHOOL CLASSROOMS ON MONDAY. IN 2019, THAT NUMBER WAS 90%.

9/16

NEW JERSEY IS FOLLOWING NEW YORK CITY'S LEAD IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION. GOVERNOR MURPHY ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT HE'S AIMING TO GET PRE-KINDERGARTEN CLASSES FOR BOTH 3 AND 4-YEAR-OLDS IN EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THE GARDEN STATE'S SCHOOL DISTRICTS. RIGHT NOW, ABOUT 140 OF THE STATE'S 600-OR-SO DISTRICTS OFFER THE PROGRAM AND WHILE THE GOVERNOR SAYS THERE'S STILL A WAYS TO GO BEFORE IT CAN BE CALLED "PRE-K FOR ALL" IN NEW JERSEY. HE SAYS THE PLANNED EXPANSION SHOWS HIS ADMINISTRATION'S COMMITMENT TO REACHING AS MANY STUDENTS AS POSSIBLE.

## **HEALTH**

**VACCINE PUSHES AND MASK MANDATES THIS QUARTER HELPED LOWER THE NUMBER OF CASES OF COVID-19, UNTIL THE DELTA VARIANT KICKED IN TO HIGH DRIVE. IT SWEEP THROUGH THE COUNTRY AND QUICKLY BECAME THE DOMINANT VARIANT.**

7/1

COMING UP THIS SUNDAY NEW JERSEY LIFTS THE SMOKING BAN INSIDE CASINOS IN ATLANTIC CITY. THE BAN WENT INTO EFFECT WHEN CASINOS OPENED LAST SUMMER BUT WITH COVID RESTRICTIONS. MEANTIME, GOVERNOR MURPHY SIGNALLED HE WOULD SUPPORT A MEASURE LAWMAKERS ARE CONSIDERING TO PERMANENTLY END SMOKING IN NEW JERSEY'S CASINOS.

7/3

COVID RATES ARE STARTING TO TICK UP IN NEW YORK AFTER WEEKS OF DECLINES. AN AVERAGE OF 365 PEOPLE A DAY TESTED POSITIVE EACH DAY IN THE MOST RECENT WEEK, UP 17% FROM A WEEK BEFORE EVEN AS FEWER PEOPLE GET TESTED. THAT COMES WITH WORD THAT THE HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS DELTA VARIANT IS GAINING GROUND HERE.

7/4

DESPITE THE CONCERN FOR THE SPREAD OF THE RELATIVELY NEW DELTA VARIANT OF THE CORONAVIRUS, THE WHITE HOUSE IS HOSTING ABOUT A THOUSAND FIRST RESPONDERS AND MILITARY FAMILIES TODAY. THE ADMINISTRATION HAS FALLEN SHORT OF ITS GOAL OF 70% OF AMERICAN ADULTS WITH AT LEAST ONE DOSE OF THE VACCINE BY INDEPENDENCE DAY. WHITE HOUSE COVID 19 RESPONSE COORDINATOR JEFF ZIENTS SAYS

TWO OUT OF THREE ADULT AMERICANS HAVE RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE. CLOSE TO 90% OF PEOPLE 65 AND OLDER HAVE AT LEAST ONE SHOT AND ABOUT 805 ARE FULLY VAXXED.

7/7

IN NEW YORK GOVERNOR CUOMO SAYS 70% OF ALL PEOPLE ELIGIBLE TO GET VACCINATED HAVE NOW HAD AT LEAST ONE DOSE. THAT INCLUDES EVERYONE OVER THE AGE OF 12, SO, NOT JUST ADULTS. IN NEW JERSEY THE STATE REPORTED NO COVID DEATHS, YESTERDAY FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 16-MONTHS.

7/8

TODAY PFIZER AND BIOTECH ANNOUNCED THAT THEY HAVE A COVID-19 BOOSTER SHOT IN THE WORKS. IT'S AIMED AT TARGETING THE DELTA VARIANT. THAT STRAIN OF THE CORONAVIRUS IS MORE TRANSMISSIBLE AND IS ALREADY THE DOMINANT FORM OF THE DISEASE IN THE U.S.

7/11

COVID RATES ARE TICKING UP IN NEW YORK AS THE HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS DELTA VARIANT SPREADS IN UNVACCINATED PEOPLE WITH THE POSITIVITY RATE NOW 1.16% ABOUT DOUBLE WHAT IT WAS JUST WEEKS AGO. MAYOR DE BLAZIO IS URGING PEOPLE TO GET VACCINATED.

7/12

THE FDA IS REPORTEDLY GETTING READY TO ISSUE A NEW WARNING ABOUT THE JOHNSON AND JOHNSON COVID VACCINE. THE SHOT HAS BEEN LINKED TO A SERIOUS CONDITION CALLED GUILLAIN BARRE SYNDROME. THE IMMUNE SYSTEM ATTACKS THE NERVES. THE CDC HAS COUNTED ABOUT 100 PRELIMINARY REPORTS OF GUILLAIN BARRE, OVER 12.8 MILLION DOSES OF THE J&J VACCINE.

7/14

THE HEALTH EFFECTS OF 9/11 ARE STILL BEING FELT, NEARLY 20 YEARS LATER AND A DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING FOR THE VICTIMS COMPENSATION FUND IS COMING UP THIS JULY 29TH. THIS DEADLINE IS FOR THOSE WHO WERE CERTIFIED BY THE RELATED WORLD TRADE CENTER HEALTH PROGRAM BEFORE JULY 29, 2019, AS HAVING A GROUND ZERO-RELATED ILLNESS. IT ALSO AFFECTS THE FAMILIES OF THOSE CERTIFIED BEFORE THAT DATE WHO HAVE DIED.

7/15

THE LATEST MOVE BY THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO GET THEIR COVID SHOTS, A WARNING ISSUED TODAY BY THE SURGEON GENERAL. COVID CASES ARE RISING MOSTLY AMONG UNVACCINATED YOUNG PEOPLE. IN 46 US STATES, THE RATES OF NEW COVID-19 CASES THIS PAST WEEK ARE AT LEAST 10% HIGHER THAN THE

PREVIOUS WEEK. A SURGE IN CASES HAS BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO THE NOW DOMINANT DELTA VARIANT.

7/16

COVID CASES ARE TICKING UP SLIGHTLY IN NEW JERSEY. THE STATE REPORTED 516 NEW CASES TODAY, THAT'S THE SECOND STRAIGHT DAY STATE HAS ANNOUNCED MORE THAN 400 CASES IN A SINGLE DAY. CASES ARE STILL FAR LOWER THAT THE THOUSANDS THAT WERE REPORTED IN THE WINTER, BUT OFFICIALS HAVE WARNED THE DELTA VARIANT OF THE VIRUS HAS BECOME THE PREDOMINANT STRAIN IN THE STATE AND IS A THREAT ESPECIALLY TO UNVACCINATED RESIDENTS.

7/18

THE INCREASE NATIONWIDE IN COVID 19 CASES IS THE HOT TOPIC ON THE SUNDAY TV TALK SHOWS. THE U.S. SURGEON GENERAL DR. VIVEK MURTHY WAS ON ABCS' THIS WEEK PROGRAM. HE SAID HE'S CONCERNED ABOUT LOS ANGELES. THEY'RE MAKING PEOPLE WEAR MASKS INDOORS BUT THE CASES ARE INCREASING EVEN AMONG THE VACCINATED AND THE REST OF THE COUNTRY ISN'T IMMUNE EITHER.

7/19

THE CITY AND STATE ARE SEEING POSITIVITY RATES TICK UP. THE CITY'S 7-DAY AVERAGE WAS 1.62 YESTERDAY, THE STATE'S 1.26. BOTH STILL LOW, BUT HIGHER THAN RECENT WEEKS. NEW JERSEY'S NEW CASE AND DEATH NUMBERS WERE SLIGHTLY LOWER YESTERDAY. THE MAIN ISSUE IS THE FAST-SPREADING DELTA VARIANT.

7/21

IN NEW JERSEY 49 PEOPLE HAVE DIED FROM COVID OVER THE LAST TWO WEEKS DESPITE BEING FULLY VACCINATED. STATE HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY ALL OF THE DEATHS WERE IN FOLKS OVER THE AGE OF 50 AND MORE THAN HALF HAD AT LEAST ONE UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITION. THE NEWS COMES AS EXPERTS CONTINUE TO WARN THAT FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE WITH UNDERLYING CONDITIONS WILL REMAIN AT RISK UNTIL A LARGE PART OF THE POPULATION IS FULLY VACCINATED.

7/23

AS HEALTH OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO STRESS THE NEED FOR COVID VACCINATIONS THE CITY REPORTS THE HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS DELTA VARIANT IS NOW THE MOST DOMINANT STRAIN IN THE CITY. IT ACCOUNTS FOR 57% OF CASES. IT WAS ONLY ABOUT 25% TWO WEEKS AGO. THE CASES ARE NOWHERE NEAR THE CITY'S DARKEST DAYS OF THE PANDEMIC, BUT THEY ARE RISING.

7/26

VIRUS CASES ARE ON THE RISE IN NEW YORK CITY WITH ANOTHER 547 INFECTIONS REPORTED SUNDAY AND THE 7-DAY AVERAGE POSITIVITY RATE UP TO 2.2%. AND SO THERE'S NOW A NEW PUSH TO GET PEOPLE VACCINATED. IN FACT STARTING TODAY. THE CITY WILL HAVE 25 POP UP VACCINATION SITES AT SUMMER SCHOOLS IN ALL FIVE BOROS. THIS IS THROUGH AUGUST 13TH.

7/30

THE BROADWAY LEAGUE AND ACTORS EQUITY HAVE ANNOUNCED NEW COVID SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR THE THEATRE INDUSTRY. THIS INCLUDES MANDATORY VACCINATIONS AND WEEKLY TESTING FOR ALL THEATER WORKERS WITH SOME EXCEPTIONS FOR AGE AND HEALTH REASONS. IN ADDITION ALL THEATERS MUST HAVE IMPROVED H-VAC STANDARDS TO MAKE SURE AIR IS CIRCULATING PROPERLY. CURRENTLY THEATERS ARE SCHEDULED TO REOPENING SEPTEMBER.

7/31

ANOTHER STUDY ABOUT COFFEE. THIS TIME, RESEARCHERS SAY IF YOUVE BEEN TOLD TO AVOID IT BECAUE OF AN IRREGULAR HEARTBEAT IT MAY BE TIME TO RETHINK THAT. THE LATEST STUDY BY THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT SAN FRANCISCO ANALYZED DATA FROM MORE THAN 380,000 PEOPLE AND FOUND THAT COFFEE DRINKING HABITS WERE NOT ASSOCIATED WITH AN INCREASED RISK OF ARRHYTHMIAS. IN FACT, THOSE WHO DRANK MORE HAD A POTENTIALLY LOWER RISK OF DEVELOPING CERTAIN TYPES OF ARRHYTHMIAS, INCLUDING AFIB, WHICH CAN CAUSE BLOOD CLOTS, STROKE AND HEART FAILURE.

8/3

PEOPLE IN NINE CENTRAL JERSEY COUNTIES ARE UNDER A MANDATORY BOIL WATER ADVISORY. THAT INCLUDES CLARK, DUNELLEN, EDISON, GREEN BROOK, LINDEN, MIDDLESEX, PISCATAWAY, ROSELLE AND SOUTH PLAINFIELD. NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER BLAMES IT ON LOSS OF WATER PRESSURE FROM A TRANSMISSION LEAK ALONG POSSUMTOWN ROAD IN PISCATAWAY. THEY'RE CURRENTLY TESTING THE WATER AND WILL ALERT RESIDENTS WHEN THE SUPPLY IS "DEEMED SATISFACTORY."

8/4

NEW JERSEY ISN'T FOLLOWING NEW YORK CITY WHICH, AS OF AUGUST 16TH, WILL REQUIRE PEOPLE TO SHOW PROOF OF COVID VACCINATION BEFORE EATING INSIDE RESTAURANTS, WORKING OUT AT A GYM OR GOING INTO A THEATER. GOVERNOR MURPHY SAYS THE GARDEN STATE IS CONSIDERING OTHER OPTIONS AS THE DELTA VARIANT SPREADS BUT ISN'T READY TO IMPOSE NEW RESTRICTIONS.

8/5



VAX-4-ALL TEAMS ARE FANNING OUT ACROSS THE BOROUGHES. THESE ARE VOLUNTEERS FROM THE CITY HEALTH AND HOSPITALS TEST & TRACE CORPS THAT ARE GOING DOOR TO DOOR IN UNDER-VACCINATED COMMUNITIES TO ENCOURAGE THE HOLDOUTS TO GET THOSE SHOTS. THAT INCLUDES CANARSIE, FOR EXAMPLE, WHERE ONLY 37% OF RESIDENTS ARE FULLY VACCINATED. AS PART OF THE PUSH THE CITY IS OFFERING THAT \$100 INCENTIVE.

8/9

THE CDC HAS SOME ADVICE FOR NEW JERSEY. IT SAYS ALL 21 COUNTIES NOW HAVE EITHER "HIGH" OR "SUBSTANTIAL" RATES OF COVID-19 TRANSMISSION AND EVERYONE SHOULD BE WEARING MASKS IN PUBLIC SETTINGS INDOORS NO MATTER WHAT THEIR VACCINATION STATUS. A BIG CHANGE FROM JUST A WEEK AGO WHEN ONLY 10 COUNTIES WERE CONSIDERED SUCH HIGH RISK.

8/14

THE FDA AND CDC HAVE OKAYED BOOSTER SHOTS OF COVID VACCINE FOR PEOPLE WITH COMPROMISED IMMUNE SYSTEMS AND NOW THEY'RE BEING OFFERED AROUND THE REGION. COVID CASE NUMBERS CONTINUE TO SOAR IN MANY STATES PRIMARILY FROM THE DELTA VARIANT.

8/15

THE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH IS PREDICTING THE U-S COULD SOON SEE MORE THAN 200,000 NEW COVID CASES PER DAY AS THE DELTA VARIANT SPREADS. NIH DIRECTOR FRANCIS COLLINS MADE THAT PREDICTION ON FOX NEWS SUNDAY. AS OF SATURDAY, THE U-S HAS AVERAGED ABOUT 129,000 DAILY NEW CASES OVER THE LAST 7 DAYS ACCORDING TO DATA FROM JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY. THE COUNTRY LAST AVERAGED OVER 200,000 CASES PER DAY IN JANUARY, BEFORE THE COVID-19 VACCINES WERE WIDELY AVAILABLE.

8/16

PFIZER HAS SUBMITTED EARLY DATA TO THE FDA ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF COVID VACCINE BOOSTER SHOTS AND THE DRUGMAKER SAYS THAT EARLY DATA SHOWS PATIENTS WHO RECEIVE A THIRD DOSE ABOUT EIGHT OR NINE MONTHS AFTER THEIR SECOND HAVE A BOOSTED IMMUNE RESPONSE AND HIGHER NEUTRALIZING ANTIBODY LEVELS AGAINST THE DELTA VARIANT. PFIZER AND ITS PARTNER, BIONTECH, SAY THEY'LL CONTINUE STUDYING BOOSTERS AND CONTINUE TO SUBMIT DATA TO FEDERAL REGULATORS.

8/17

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS EXPECTED TO EXTEND THE MASK MANDATE IN AIRPORTS, ON PLANES, TRAINS AND BUSES THRU AT LEAST JANUARY 18TH. A SOURCE TELLS REUTERS THAT MAJOR U-S AIRLINES

WERE GIVEN A HEADS UP ON THE EXTENSION AND THAT A CALL WITH UNIONS WILL BE MADE TOMORROW. THE CURRENT T-S-A MASK ORDER RUNS THRU SEPTEMBER 13TH.

8/19

THERE IS WORD OUT OF NEW JERSEY THAT GOVERNOR PHIL MURPHY WILL ANNOUNCE SOON, THAT TEACHERS WILL HAVE TO BE VACCINATED AGAINST CO-VID-19. NJ.COM SAYS THAT MAKES THE STATE, THE THIRD BEHIND CALIFORNIA AND WASHINGTON TO PUT A MANDATE IN PLACE.

8/23

IF YOU CAN ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVE AND DONATE BLOOD, THE NEW YORK BLOOD CENTER WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU. THE 'BLOOD CENTER' HAS ANNOUNCED A BLOOD EMERGENCY THANKS IN PART TO FEARS OF THE DELTA VARIANT SPREAD. A NUMBER OF BLOOD DRIVES HAVE BEEN CANCELED AND DONATIONS ARE ON THE DECLINE. THE BLOOD SUPPLY HAS DROPPED TO A 2-3 DAYS SUPPLY, SIMILAR TO LEVELS SEEN DURING THE PEAK OF THE PANDEMIC. THE CENTER SAYS DONATING BLOOD IS SAFE AND TAKES ABOUT ONE HOUR.

8/26

SOME SOBERING STATISTICS ON THE PANDEMIC. FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE JANUARY, 100,000 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN HOSPITALIZED WITH COVID-19. THE WASHINGTON POST REPORTS HOSPITALIZATIONS ARE THE HIGEST ACROSS THE SOUTH WITH FLORIDA HAVING THE MOST COVID-19 PATIENTS IN THE HOSPITAL, MORE THAN 1,700. TEXAS IS NEXT WITH MORE THAN 14,000 COVID PATIENTS. CURRENT PEDIATRIC HOSPITALIZATIONS HAVE REACHED 2.100.

8/27

LOOKS LIKE NEW JERSEY STATE EMPLOYEES ARE GOING BACK TO THE OFFICE IN OCTOBER. NJ.COM SAYS THEY'RE EXPECTED BACK OCTOBER 18TH MORE THAN A MONTH LATER THAN THE INITIAL RETURN DATE BECAUSE OF THE GOVERNOR'S VACCINE OR WEEKLY TESTING MANDATE. RIGHT NOW, WORKERS HAVE TO SPEND AT LEAST TWO DAYS A WEEK IN THEIR OFFICES.

8/29

COVID NUMBER CONTINUE TO CLIMB. THE UNITED STATES IS NOW SEEING MORE THAN 150,000 NEW COVID-19 INFECTIONS PER DAY. THAT'S UP 21% IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS. NATIONWIDE THE DEATH TOLL FROM THE PANDEMIC IS UP TO MORE THAN 637,230 OF THOSE JUST IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST. IN 14 STATES DEATHS FROM COVID HAVE INCREASED BY MORE THE 50% IN THE PAST WEEK.

8/31

JOHNSON AND JOHNSON SAYS IT'S HAVING LESS LUCK WITH ITS EFFORTS ON AN HIV VACCINE. THE COMPANY IS IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA TESTING A POTENTIAL VACCINE AGAINST THE VIRUS THAT CAUSES AIDS. THEY SAY THEIR TEST VACCINE DID NOT PROVIDE PROTECTION AGAINST THE AIDS VIRUS IN A MID-STAGE STUDY ON YOUNG WOMEN. J-AND-J HAS HIGHER HOPES FOR A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT VERSION OF AN AIDS VACCINE THAT THEY'RE FURTHER ALONG IN TESTING ON MEN.

9/1

WITH ALL THE MASK-WEARING AND SOCIAL DISTANCING, OUR LAST FLU SEASON WAS ONE OF THE MILDDEST, IN RECENT MEMORY. THAT MAY NOT BE THE CASE THIS WINTER, THOUGH. IN FACT A NEW STUDY PREDICTS THE UPCOMING FLU SEASON WILL BE WORSE THAN AVERAGE, AND MAY HIT YOUNG CHILDREN ESPECIALLY HARD. THAT'S BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T DEVELOP MUCH IMMUNITY TO THE FLU LAST WINTER, SINCE THEY WEREN'T EXPOSED MUCH TO IT.

9/3

WORD FROM THE STATE ASSEMBLY THAT TWO MEMBERS HAVE TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19. THEY ARE FROM OUR AREA. SPEAKER CARL HEASTIE SAYS THEY ARE CHARLES FALL AND INEZ DICKENS. HE SAYS BOTH HAVE BEEN VACCINATED AND ARE NOW IN QUARANTINE. ASSEMBLY MEMBER FALL REPRESENTS THE 61ST DISTRICT WHICH COVERS STATEN ISLAND'S NORTH SHORE. DICKENS IS FROM DISTRICT 70 REPRESENTING HARLEM. CONTACT TRACING IS UNDERWAY.

9/4

A BOIL WATER ADVISORY REMAINS IN EFFECT FOR JERSEY CITY AND HOBOKEN. THE PRECAUTION COMES AFTER IDA DAMAGED THE AQUEDUCT THAT SUPPLIES THE TWO CITIES. THE DAMAGE HAS BEEN FIXED BUT THE NEW JERSEY DEP IS WAITING ON RESULTS TO MAKE SURE THE WATER IS SAFE. IN THE MEANTIME PEOPLE SHOULD BOIL THE WATER FOR AT LEAST A MINUTE AND THEN LET IT COOL BEFORE USING IT.

9/6

TUESDAY IS THE DAY THAT ALL HEALTH CARE WORKERS IN NEW JESREY MUST BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE VACCINE MANDATE, MEANING ALL WORKERS IN CERTAIN STATE AND PRIVATE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES MUST BE FULLY VACCINATED AGAINST COVID 19 OR BE SUBJECTED TO COVD TESTING ONE TO TWO TIMES PER WEEK.

9/7

IF YOU THINK THE INTERNET IS BAD FOR YOUR HEALTH THAT MAKES YOU AND A LOT OF OTHER PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD. ACCORDING TO A NEW GLOBAL STUDY BY SAUDI ARABIA'S CULTURAL INSTITUTE, ITHRA FOUND THAT 50% SAID THEIR TECH GADGETS ARE GIVING THOSE

HEADACHES AND A LACK OF SLEEP. 41% SAID THEY'VE EXPERIENCED WITHDRAWAL SYMPTOMS WHEN THEY DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO THEIR DEVICES.

9/10

A LEADING SCIENTIST BEHIND THE 'ASTRA ZENECA' COVID VACCINE SAYS BOOSTER SHOTS MAY BE UNNECESSARY FOR MANY PEOPLE. OXFORD UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR SARAH GIBLERT TOLD "THE TELEGRAPH" THAT IMMUNITY FROM THE VACCINE WAS HOLDING UP WELL, EVEN AGAINST THE DELTA VARIANT. SHE SAYS WHILE THE ELDERLY AND THOSE WHO ARE IMMUNE-COMPROMISED MAY NEED BOOSTERS, THE STANDARD TWO-DOSE REGIMEN IS PROVIDING LASTING PROTECTION. THE ASTRA ZENECA VACCINE HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN THE GREENLIGHT IN THE U-S.

9/12

BUSINESSES WITH OVER 100 EMPLOYEES ARE GETTING READY TO IMPLEMENT THE PRESIDENT'S NEW COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS. THEY WERE ANNOUNCED LAST WEEK OF EITHER A SHOT OR WEEKLY TESTING.

9/15

BACK IN FEBRUARY, THE HEALTHCARE.GOV MARKETPLACE RE-OPENED FOR 6 MONTHS, TO GIVE YOU THE CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR INSURANCE IF YOU LOST YOUR JOB BECAUSE OF THE PANDEMIC. IF YOU TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THAT, YOU ARE AMONG THE 2.8 MILLION AMERICANS WHO DID. THE WHITE HOUSE HAS RELEASED THE NUMBERS, NOTING 12.2 MILLION AMERICANS, IN ALL, ARE ENROLLED UNDER THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION'S AFFORDABLE CARE ACT.

9/16

THE NEW YORK CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS INVESTIGATING A COVID CLUSTER THAT MAY BE LINKED TO AN ELECTRIC ZOO MUSIC FESTIVAL THAT WAS HELD ON RANDALL'S ISLAND OVER THE LABOR DAY WEEKEND. SO FAR 16-INFECTIONS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AND OFFICIALS SAY ANYONE WHO WAS THERE SHOULD GET TESTED IMMEDIATELY REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU'VE BEEN VACCINATED.

## **TAXES**

7/1

WORD THAT TODAY'S THE DAY. THE TRUMP ORGANIZATION AND ITS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER ARE GOING TO BE CHARGED WITH TAX-CRIMES. THIS STEMS FROM THE COMPANY ALLEGEDLY INFLATING OR DEFLATING ASSETS EITHER TO OBTAIN LOANS OR AVOID PAYING TAXES. THE INDICTMENTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE UNSEALED IN COURT.

7/2

THERE'S A NEW EFFORT TO MAKE SURE COUNTRIES ARE PAYING THEIR FAIR SHARE IN TAXES. SOME 130 COUNTRIES ARE BACKING A GLOBAL MINIMUM TAX TO KEEP MULTINATIONAL FIRMS FROM DODGING TAXES BY SHIFTING THEIR PROFITS TO COUNTRIES WITH LOW RATES. THE AGREEMENT ANNOUNCED BY THE ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT ALSO PROVIDES FOR TAXING THE LARGEST GLOBAL COMPANIES IN COUNTRIES WHERE THEY EARN PROFITS THROUGH ONLINE BUSINESSES BUT MAY HAVE NO PHYSICAL PRESENCE. THE DEAL NOW WILL BE DISCUSSED BY THE GROUP OF 20 COUNTRIES AT MEETINGS LATER THIS YEAR.

7/11

TOP FINANCE OFFICIALS ARE BACKING A SWEEPING REVISION OF INTERNATIONAL TAXATION. ONE THAT INCLUDES A GLOBAL MINIMUM CORPORATE LEVY TO KEEP BIG COMPANIES FROM HEADING FOR LOW-RATE TAX HAVENS.

7/12

THE IRS STARTS ROLLING OUT THE MASSIVE EXPANSION OF THE CHILD TAX CREDIT THIS WEEK. FOR MOST PARENTS, THE PAYMENTS WILL BEGIN AUTOMATICALLY BUT THOSE WHO HAVEN'T FILED TAX RETURNS OR RECEIVED A STIMULUS CHECK WILL HAVE TO TAKE ACTION WITH THE IRS. THE CHILD TAX CREDIT WILL BE SENT IN MONTHLY INSTALLEMENTS STARTING THURSDAY AND RUNNING THROUGH THE END OF THE YEAR.

7/15

CHECK YOUR BANK STATEMENT TODAY, 35-MILLION AMERICAN FAMILIES SHOULD BEGIN SEEING THE NEW CHILD TAX CREDIT. PRESIDENT BIDEN DRAWING ATTENTION TO A KEY PART OF HIS AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN. THE FULL ENHANCED CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN TO SINGLE FILERS WHO EARN AS MUCH AS \$112,500 AND JOINT FILERS MAKING UP TO \$150,000 A YEAR. PAYMENTS DECREASE FOR THOSE MAKING MORE. FOR HOUSEHOLDS THAT HAVE NOT FILED TAXES FOR ANY NUMBER OF REASONS, THEIR ARE ONLINE PORTALS WHERE YOU CAN UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE TAX CREDIT.

7/16

THE MANHATTAN DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IS CONTINUING TO PRESSURE TRUMP ORGANIZATION OFFICIALS TO COOPERATE WITH ITS PROBE OF THE FORMER PRESIDENT'S COMPANY. CNN IS REPORTING PROSECUTORS ARE TRYING TO GET CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER MATTHEW CALAMARI TO COOPERATE FOLLOWING THE CHARGES FILED AGAINST CFO ALLEN WEISSELBERG. CALAMARI AND HIS SON, MATTHEW CALAMARI, JUNIOR, WHO ALSO WORKS FOR TRUMP, HAVE BEEN UNDER SCRUTINY OVER WHETHER THEY PAID TAXES ON PERKS PAID FOR BY THE COMPANY, SIMILAR TO THE CHARGES WEISSELBERG IS FACING.

7/18

SOME DEMOCRATS ARE HOPING TO TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE WITH AN IMPORT TAX. THE \$3.5 TRILLION BUDGET DEAL REACHED TUESDAY WOULD PROPOSE SO CALLED "POLLUTER IMPORT FEES." NO OTHER DETAILS WERE RELEASED. THE BUDGET DEAL WOULD ALLOW A NUMBER OF CLIMATE-RELATED PROVISIONS TO BE INCLUDED IN A SPENDING BILL, INCLUDING THE IMPORT TAX, A CLEAN ENERGY STANDARD AND CLEAN ENERGY TAX INCENTIVES.

7/21

IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG FOR SCAMMERS TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO STEAL PEOPLE'S CHILD TAX CREDITS. THOSE JUST STARTED HITTING BANK ACCOUNTS THIS MONTH. THE IRS SAYS SCAMS BY PHONE EMAIL TEXT AND SOCIAL MEDIA HAVE BEEN REPORTED, SOME OF THEM OFFERING ASSISTANCE TO SIGN UP FOR THE CREDITS. THE IRS SAYS IT WILL NEVER EMAIL TEXT SOCIAL MEDIA MESSAGE OR LEAVE YOU AN URGENT RECORDED VOICEMAIL AND WILL CERTAINLY NOT ASK FOR PERSONAL INFORMATION, SO BEWARE OF ANYONE WHO DOES.

7/22

NEW YORKERS HAVE BEEN MOVING DOWN TO FLORIDA FOR DECADES BUT NOW THERE'S A FULL SCALE EXODUES UNDERWAY. MORE THAN 33,000 PEOPLE FROM NEW YORK STATE, MANY FROM LONG ISLAND, HAVE MOVED DOWN THERE IN JUST THE LAST 10 MONTHS. SOME SAY IT WAS BECAUSE OF COVID, OTHERS CITE THE COST OF LIVING AND THE MUCH LOWER TAXES IN FLORIDA THERE IS NO STATE INCOME TAX THERE AND OF COURSE THERE'S THE WEATHER.

7/29

HIPS DON'T LIE, BUT DID SHAKIRA WHEN IT COMES TO HER TAXES. A SPANISH JUDGE INVESTIGATING ALLEGED FRAUD BY THE HIP-SHAKING SINGER SAYS THE CASE SHOULD GO TO TRIAL BECAUSE THERE'S SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE OF CRIMINALITY. SHE WAS ACCUSED IN DECEMBER OF 2019 OF NOT PAYING 16 MILLION IN TAXES IN SPAIN BETWEEN 2012 AND 2014. SHE DENIES WRONGDOING. NO WORD ON WHETHER SHE'S APPEALING THIS LATEST RULING.

8/4

LAWYERS FOR DONALD TRUMP ARE ONCE AGAIN TRYING TO BLOCK THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT FROM HANDING OVER HIS TAX RETURNS. LAST WEEK, THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT RULED THAT A FEDERAL LAW COMPELS THE GOVERNMENT TO HAND OVER THE RETURNS. THE POWERFUL "WAYS AND MEANS" COMMITTEE TRIED TO GET THEM TWO YEARS AGO, BUT IT GOT DASHED BY SOME LEGAL MANEUVERING. TRUMPS LAWYERS SAY THE ONLY REASON CONGRESS WANTS THE

RETURNS IS TO LOOK FOR SOMETHING "EMBARRASSING". THEY'RE URGING A FEDERAL JUDGE TO BLOCK THE TREASURY AND THE IRS FROM TURNING THEM OVER.

8/11

A DAY AFTER PASSING THE TRILLION DOLLAR INFRASTRUCTURE BILL THE SENATE HAS NOW VOTED 50-49 TO PASS \$3.5 TRILLION IN HUMAN INFRASTRUCTURE SPENDING. THIS WAS DONE AS A BUDGET RESOLUTION REQUIRING NO REPUBLICAN SUPPORT AND THERE WASN'T ANY REPUBLICANS SAY THIS IS JUST A DEMOCRAT WISH LIST THAT WILL RAISE TAXES. 19 REPUBLICANS DID VOTE FOR THE TRILLION DOLLAR INFRASTRUCTURE BILL. NOW IT GOES TO THE HOUSE WHERE SPEAKER NANCY PELOSI SAYS THEY'RE NOT JUST GOING TO RUBBER STAMP THIS.

8/12

ANOTHER COURT DECISION ON DONALD TRUMP'S TAX RETURNS. IT COMES AFTER THE SAME JUDGE DENIED TRUMP'S CHALLENGE TO THE SUBPOENA BUT THEN IN 2020 THE SUPREME COURT SIGNED OFF ON A NEW ANALYSIS OF THE MATTER. THAT MIGHT LIMIT ACCESS TO THE RECORDS. IN A STATEMENT CONGRESSWOMAN CAROLYN MALONEY SAID WHILE IT'S DISAPPOINTING THAT THE COURT NARROWED THE SUBPEONA THE COMMITTEE IS ACTIVELY CONSIDERING ITS NEXT STEPS.

8/13

THE U-S TREASURY DEPARTMENT SAYS MILLIONS OF AMERICANS RECEIVED THEIR SECOND MONTHLY PAYMENT OF THE EXPANDED CHILD TAX CREDIT THIS WEEK. SOME \$15.4-BILLION WAS DISBURSED. THE DEPARTMENT SAYS 61-MILLION CHILDREN BENEFIT FROM THE PROGRAM.

8/15

CONNECTICUT SHOPPERS WILL ENJOY TAX-FREE DEALS THIS WEEK. THE ANNUAL SALES TAX FREE WEEK KICKED OFF TODAY AND RUNS THROUGH AUGUST 21. MOST CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR COSTING LESS THAN \$100 WILL BE EXEMPT FROM THE STATE'S 6.35% SALES TAX. THE HOLIDAY COSTS THE STATE ABOUT \$5 MILLION IN LOST TAX REVENUE & HAS BEEN SCALED BACK FROM ITEMS UNDER \$300 BEING TAX FREE PREVIOUSLY.

8/19

A PANDEMIC SILVER LINING? THE TAX POLICY CENTER SAYS 67% OF AMERICAN HOUSEHOLDS OWED NO FEDERAL INCOME TAXES IN 2020. WITH THE ECONOMY TAKING A BEATING FROM CORONA, A FEDERAL AID PACKAGE INCREASED THE SHARE OF PEOPLE WHO DIDN'T PAY BY ABOUT 40%. A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TAX POLICY CENTER CALLS THE SPIKE "EYE-POPPING" BUT TEMPORARY AS AID EBBS AND PEOPLE GO BACK TO WORK.

8/24

REMEMBER WHEN GAS WAS A LOT CHEAPER IN NEW JERSEY BECAUSE OF LOWER GAS TAXES? WELL, THE PRICES WILL ACTUALLY BE GOING DOWN AGAIN AS THE GAS TAX DROPS BY ABOUT 8 CENTS A GALLON OCTOBER FIRST. BACK IN 2016 A LAW WAS ENACTED REQUIRING A \$2 BILLION INFRASTRUCTURE BUDGET FOR ROADS AND BRIDGES WITH ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS TO THE GAS TAX TO MAKE SURE THAT LEVEL IS MET.

8/25

IT'S ABOUT TO GET A LITTLE CHEAPER TO FILL UP IN NEW JERSEY. THE MURPHY ADMINISTRATION HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE STATE GAS TAX WILL GO DOWN BY 8.3 CENTS A GALLON STARTING ON OCTOBER 1ST. ANALYSTS SAY IT'S BECAUSE DRIVING HAS BEEN UP THE LAST COUPLE YEARS AND GAS TAX RECEIPTS HAVE BEEN BETTER THAN EXPECTED FOR TRENTON. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE TAX HAS GONE DOWN SINCE MURPHY HAS BEEN IN OFFICE.

8/31

A NEW TIMELINE UPDATES THE "GAS LIGHT" ON THE SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUNDS WHEN THEY'LL START RUNNING CLOSE TO EMPTY. NO SURPRISE IT'LL HAPPEN SOONER THAN PREVIOUSLY PROJECTED. THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT IS POINTING TO THE PANDEMIC PUTTING THE SQUEEZE ON BOTH SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE. THE PANDEMIC MADE ALL THIS WORSE BY CAUSING A BIG DROP IN EMPLOYMENT AND RESULTING DECLINE IN REVENUE FROM PAYROLL TAXES.

9/1

IF THE PANDEMIC HAS MADE IT TOUGH FOR YOU TO MAKE YOUR RENT, YOU'LL BE KEEPING AN EYE ON ALBANY TODAY. STATE LAWMAKERS ARE HOLDING A SPECIAL SESSION AT NOON TODAY. GOVERNOR KATHY HOCHUL WANTS THEM TO EXTEND THE BAN ON EVICTIONS THRU MID-JANUARY. THIS WOULD GIVE NEW YORKERS MORE TIME TO GET HELP FROM THE EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WHICH IS SET TO RUN OUT AT MIDNIGHT. THAT PROGRAM IS SUPPOSED TO PROVIDE MONTHS OF PAST-DUE RENT TO LANDLORDS, ON BEHALF OF RENTERS. MILLIONS IN AID HAVE YET TO BE DISTRIBUTED. AS FOR THE EVICTION MORATORIUM, NEW YORK'S LARGEST LANDLORD GROUP, THE RENT STABILIZATION ASSOCIATION, PREVIOUSLY THREATENED TO SUE LAWMAKERS IF THE MORATORIUM IS EXTENDED, SAYING THAT THEY STILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH PAYING MORTGAGES, PROPERTY TAXES, REPAIRS AND OTHER BILLS.

9/14

DEMOCRATS IN THE HOUSE HAVE A PLAN THAT'S SUPPOSED TO SOCK IT TO THE RICH AND TO CORPORATIONS THIS IS TO PAY FOR THEIR 3.5 TRILLION HUMAN INFRASTRUCTURE BILL.



## **TRANSPORTATION**

**PEOPLE HEADING BACK TO WORK AND SCHOOL THIS QUARTER LEAD TO MAIN MODES OF TRANSPORTATION LEVELS EVER INCREASING. ROADS BECAME HEAVIER WITH CARS, TRAINS LOADED WITH RIDERS AGAIN AND PLANES BACK FLYING IN THE AIR.**

7/1

A FLEET OF NEW SUBWAY CARS WILL SOON BE ROLLING DOWN THE TRACKS. M-T-A ACTING SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT DEMETRIUS CRICHLOW SAID THE CARS WILL HAVE WIDER DOORWAYS AND A BUNCH OF NEW HIGH-TECH FEATURES. ABOUT 500 OF NEW CARS HAVE BEEN ORDERED AND THE M-T-A SAYS IT HAS AN OPTION TO ORDER 1,600 MORE IF THEY TEST WELL. THE FIRST DELIVERY IS EXPECTED SOMETIME NEXT YEAR.

7/2

IN TERMS OF WEATHER MAYBE IT'S FEELING A BIT LIKE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND. AS FOR TRAVEL IT FEELS LIKE THANKSGIVING! AS WE'VE BEEN TELLING YOU AAA PREDICTS MORE THAN 47 MILLION AMERICANS ARE TRAVELING, 43 MILLION OF THEM AT THE ROADS BUT WITH STAFFING SHORTAGES AMONG THE AIRLINES IT'S PLENTY BUSY IF YOU'RE FLYING.

7/3

THERE MIGHT STILL BE SOME DELAYS FOR INCOMING FLIGHTS AT JFK TONIGHT, AFTER AN ISSUE IN THE AIRPORT'S MAIN CONTROL TOWER EARLIER TODAY. A MINOR WATER LEAK, FORCED AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS TO EVACUATE AND WORK OUT OF A SECONDARY TOWER INSTEAD. AS A RESULT AIRCRAFT HAD TO BE SPACED FURTHER APART, THEY SAY. A TWEET FROM JFK SAYS THOSE EARLIER DELAYS WERE MADE WORSE BY THE BAD WEATHER

7/4

TRAFFIC DROPPED DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND SO DID BUS AND SUBWAY RIDERSHIP. BUT THE MTA SAYS THAT'S CHANGING. THE AGENCY SAYS TRAFFIC IS NOW AT OR NEAR PRE-PANDEMIC LEVELS CITING VOLUME AT MTA CROSSINGS FROM JUNE 21ST TO THE 25TH WHICH WAS JUST 6% BELOW WHAT IT WAS DURING THAT PERIOD BACK IN 2019. BUS RIDERSHIP IS RISING TOO, ALTHOUGH IT REMAINS JUST UNDER 43% OF WHAT IT WAS. SUBWAY RIDERSHIP IS ABOUT 56% OF WHAT IT WAS BEFORE COVID-19.

7/7

AMTRAK IS READY TO SPEND BIG BUCKS TO UPDATE ITS ROLLING STOCK. IT WANTS TO REPLACE 83 PASSENGER TRAINS SOME CLOSE TO 50 YEARS OLD. AMTRAK SAYS IT'S UNDER CONTRACT WITH GERMAN COMPANY SIEMENS WHICH WILL MAKE SOME OF THE TRAINS HYBRID

DIESEL/ELECTRIC. THE TRAINS THOUGH WILL BE BUILT IN SACRAMENTO. ONE ISSUE, MUCH OF THE \$7.3 BILLION COST STILL NEEDS CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL.

7/8

GOVERNOR CUOMO'S STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE MTA HAS BEEN ALLOWED TO QUIETLY EXPIRE. CUOMO, WHOSE ATTENTION MOVED ON TO A NEW STATE OF EMERGENCY REGARDING GUN VIOLENCE THIS WEEK, DID NOT ANNOUNCE HIS MTA EXECUTIVE ORDERS HAD BEEN EXTENDED FOR A 50TH- TIME BEFORE IT DIED JUNE 28TH. HE FIRST DECLARED THE MTA EMERGENCY IN JUNE OF 2017.

7/9

THE HEAVY RAINS FLOODED OUT SEVERAL SUBWAY STATIONS. THESE ARE IN UPPER MANHATTAN AND THE BRONX FROM 181ST TO 207 ON THE "1" AND "A" LINES. SUBWAY OFFICIALS ARE URGING PEOPLE TO ONLY COMMUTE THIS MORNING IF ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. IN FACT, THERE ARE ISSUES WITH THE 2, 3, C AND J LINES, SO STAY WITH 1010WINS FOR TRAFFIC AND TRANSIT ON THE ONES.

7/10

THE PRICE AT THE PUMP IS STILL CREEPING. AAA MID-ATLANTIC SAYS THE AVERAGE PRICE OF A GALLON OF REGULAR GAS IN NEW JERSEY ON FRIDAY WAS \$3.16, UP TWO CENTS FROM A WEEK AGO. DRIVERS WERE PAYING AN AVERAGE OF \$2.17 A GALLON A YEAR AGO AT THIS TIME. THE NATIONAL AVERAGE PRICE FOR A GALLON OF REGULAR GASOLINE WAS \$3.14, ALSO UP TWO CENTS FROM LAST WEEK. DRIVERS WERE PAYING AN AVERAGE OF \$2.18 A GALLON A YEAR AGO AT THIS TIME.

7/11

THERE WAS A TIME THAT WHEN THE HEAT OR AIR CONDITIONING ON A SUBWAY CAR WENT ON THE FRITZ MTA CAR MECHANICS WOULD FIX IT, BUT WITH THE HIRING FREEZE DUE TO THE PANDEMIC, THE AGENCY DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH MECHANICS, SO IT'S SENDING THE WORK OUT TO A PRIVATE COMPANY. MORE THAN 1,000 CARS HAVE TO BE FIXED. THEY DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH IT'LL COST.

7/14

THE SUBWAY'S AGING SIGNAL SYSTEMS ARE ONCE AGAIN PLAGUING COMMUTERS AS THEY SLOWLY RETURN TO THE TRAINS. THE RIDERS ALLIANCE SAYS TRAINS ON AT LEAST ONE SUBWAY LINE WERE DELAYED BY SIGNAL ISSUES DURING ROUGHLY 80 PERCENT OF MORNING COMMUTES DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR. MTA OFFICIALS BLAMED THE PROBLEMS ON "GROWING PAINS" WITH COMMUNICATIONS-BASED TRAIN CONTROL. THEY SAY THEY'RE

WORKING TO MODERNIZE THE SIGNALS ON SOME SECTIONS OF TRACK THROUGH A MULTI-BILLION-DOLLAR INITIATIVE.

7/16

MAYOR DEBLASIO HAS PICKED CITY FINANCE COMMISSIONER SHERIF SOLIMAN AS HIS NOMINEE FOR THE BOARD THAT WOULD OVERSEE CONGESTION PRICING IN THE BOROUGH. EMPANELING A TRAFFIC MOBILITY REVIEW BOARD IS REQUIRED AS PART OF THE PROCESS. THEY WOULD BE THE ONES TO ADVISE ON THE COST OF THE NEW TOLLS AS WELL AS ON ANYONE WHO MIGHT BE EXEMPT. THE PLAN WHICH HAS BEEN DELAYED DUE TO THE PANDEMIC IS DESIGNED PAY FOR MUCH NEEDED FIXES TO MASS TRANSIT.

7/19

IF YOU'RE A STRAPHANGER YOU CAN KEEP MORE OF YOUR MONEY IN YOUR POCKET UNTIL NEXT YEAR. THAT'S BECAUSE THE MTA JUST ANNOUNCED THAT THEIR HOLDING OFF ON THAT PLANNED FAIR HIKE CITING THE ECONOMY AND MORE SPECIFICALLY, "PEOPLE ARE STILL EXPERIENCING MORE MONTH THAN MONEY BECAUSE OF THE PANDEMIC. SO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE SAYS THEY'RE GOING TO HOLD OFF.

7/20

THE FEDERAL APPROVAL THAT NEED TO HAPPEN FOR THE NEW LAGUARDIA AIR TRAIN HAS COME THROUGH NOW THE GOVERNOR SAYS THE PROJECT CAN MOVE FORWARD FOR A TRAIN CONNECTING THE TERMINALS AND FOR PASENGRS TO ACTUALLY GET TO LAGUARDIA BY TRAIN. THE F-A-A APPROVED THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FOR THE PROJECT WHICH WILL CONNECT BOTH THE WILLETS POINT SEVEN TRAIN AND LONG ISLANDD RAILROAD STATIONS TO THE AIRPORT BY RAIL.

7/21

WITH FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS COMING IN THE MTA BOARD HAS INDICATED THAT FARE HIKES WILL BE OFF THE TABLE FOR THE NEXT YEAR OR TWO AND DID SO AGAIN AT THIS MORNING'S BOARD MEETING. THE MTA SAYS IT EXPECTS TO GET ANOTHER \$10.5-BILLION IN FEDERAL AID AND THAT FARE REVENUE HAS BEEN TRENDING HIGHER THAN THE INITIAL FORECAST.

7/23

YOU COULD FACE PROBLEMS WITH GETTING OR RENEWING A PASSPORT. THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS SHUTDOWN ITS ONLINE PASSPORT APPOINTMENT SYSTEM AFTER SCAMMERS USED BOTS TO SCOOP UP AND RESELL APPOINTMENTS. THIS COMES AS THE DEPARTMENT ALREADY FACES A MASSIVE BACKLOG FOR NEW AND RENEWED PASSPORTS AS FOREIGN TRAVEL STARTS TO OPEN FOR AMERICANS. OFFICIALS SAY THEY DISABLED THE WEBSITE BOOKING SYSTEM ENTIRELY TO "ENSURE

OUR VERY LIMITED APPOINTMENTS GO TO APPLICANTS WHO NEED THEM FOR URGENT TRAVEL."

7/28

IF YOU FEEL LIKE TRAFFIC IN OUR AREA HAS GOTTEN BACK TO NORMAL IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE RIGHT. NEW DATA RELEASED BY THE PORT AUTHORITY TODAY SAYS THE TOTAL TRAFFIC ON THE BRIDGES AND TUNNELS IS ONLY ABOUT 2% OFF FROM WHAT IT WAS IN JUNE OF 2019. IT'S A DIFFERENT STORY ON MASS TRANSIT, THOUGH. THE PORT AUTHORITY SAYS THERE WERE ABOUT 2.6 MILLION RIDERS ON THE PATH LAST MONTH, DOWN 63% FROM TWO YEARS AGO.

7/29

IF IT SEEMS LIKE TRAFFIC BETWEEN NEW YORK AND JERSEY IS ALMOST BACK TO PRE PANDEMIC LEVELS THAT'S BECAUSE IT IS. NEW NUMBERS FROM THE PORT AUTHORITY HAVE OVERALL TRAFFIC ON ITS CROSSINGS DOWN JUST 2% LAST MONTH COMPARED TO JUNE OF 2019. MEANTIME THE MTA IS REPORTING THE SUBWAY AND BUS RIDERSHIP IS STILL OFF 50% FROM PRE PANDEMIC LEVELS AND IT MAY NOT RECOVER FOR YEARS.

7/30

THE MTA SAYS CITY BUS CHIEF CRAIG CIPRIANO WILL TAKE OVER AS INTERIM PRESIDENT OF NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT. HE REPLACES SARAH FEINBERG WHOSE LAST DAY ON THE JOB WAS TODAY. THE ANNOUNCEMENT COMES A DAY AFTER GOVERNOR CUOMO APPOINTED JANNO LIEBER TO ACTING CHAIR AND CEO OF THE AGENCY.

7/31

YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED THAT GAS PRICES AT THE PUMPS ARE RISING. AAA SAYS THE AVERAGE PRICE OF A GALLON OF REGULAR GAS IN NEW JERSEY YESTERDAY WAS 3.19 UP TWO CENTS FROM A WEEK AGO. THAT'S ABOUT 3-CENTS MORE THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE. ABOUT A YEAR AGO FOLKS WERE PAYING ABOUT A DOLLAR LESS PER GALLON. ANALYSTS PREDICT GAS PRICES WILL STAY ABOVE THE \$3 MARK THROUGH THE SUMMER. THE INCREASE IN GAS PRICES IS BEING BLAMED ON A DROP IN OPEC PRODUCTION AND UNCERTAINTY IN THE MARKET DUE TO THE RESURGENCE OF COVID CASES.

8/2

IF YOU NOTICED NEW EXIT SIGNS ON THE HUTCHINSON RIVER PARKWAY YOU'RE NOT SEEING THINGS. THEY'VE BEEN CHANGED OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS BY THE STATE DOT WITH THE EXIT NUMBERS NOW REFLECTING A MILEAGE-MARKER-BASED SYSTEM. THIS IS FROM THE BRUCKNER INTERCHANGE IN THE BRONX TO THE CONNECTICUT STATE LINE. YOUR GPS, HOWEVER APPARENTLY STILL RECOGNIZES THE OLD NUMBERS AND THAT HAS DRIVERS CONFUSED. STATE OFFICIALS SAY THE

NEW NUMBERING SYSTEM BRINGS THE ROADWAY IN LINE WITH OTHER STATE ROADS WHICH HAVE ALREADY TRANSITIONED.

8/3

JET BLUE ISN'T FLYING THE COOP. THE AIRLINE WILL REMAIN HEADQUARTERED IN QUEENS, AFTER PUBLICLY CONTEMPLATING A MOVE TO ORLANDO, WHERE IT RUNS A TRAINING CENTER. QUEENS BORO PRESIDENT DONOVAN RICHARDS RELEASED A STATEMENT SAYING, IN PART, HE WAS OVERJOYED AND THAT BY REMAINING IN QUEENS, THE BORO IS CONNECTED TO ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST AIRLINES AND ENTRUSTED WITH THOUSANDS OF JOBS THAT WILL SURELY REVITALIZE THE ECONOMY."

8/4

HOWEVER MUCH THE MTA GOT IN FEDERAL BAILOUT MONEY, TRANSIT ADVOCATES LIKE DANNY PEARLSTEIN OF THE RIDERS ALLIANCE SAY IT'S NOT ENOUGH AND THE MTA NEEDS MORE BECAUSE OTHERWISE THE CITY WILL NEVER FULLY REOPEN. ADVOCATES WANT ANOTHER \$3 BILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDS TO AVOID THE DOOMSDAY SERVICE CUTS THE MTA OUTLINED LAST SUMMER. AS OF NOW THE MTA IS PROJECTING RIDERSHIP WILL ONLY BE BACK TO 80% BY 2024 BUT FEWER RIDERS DOESN'T EQUATE TO LOWER EXPENSES, JUST LESS REVENUE.

8/5

HAVING TROUBLE HAILING A YELLOW CAB? YEAH, YOU AND A LOT OTHER FOLKS, AS MANY OF THOSE VEHICLES ARE SAID TO BE SITTING IDLE, WITHOUT LICENSE PLATES, IN PARKING LOTS ACROSS THE BOROUGHES. SEBASTIAN OLSON WORKS FOR NEW YORK'S LARGEST TAXI FLEET AND SAYS THERE STILL AREN'T ENOUGH PASSENGERS DUE TO THE PANDEMIC AND THE LOW REVENUE ONLY LETS THEM RUN HALF OF THEIR CARS. THERE'S ALSO SHORTAGE OF DRIVERS WHO ARE STILL RECEIVING THE ENHANCED UNEMPLOYMENT.

8/11

UNITED AIRLINES IS MANDATING THAT EMPLOYEES BE VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19, BUT OTHER AIRLINES ARE NOT ON BOARD WITH THAT FOR NOW. AIR CREWS HAVE BEEN DEALING WITH AN INCREASING NUMBER OF BELLIGERENT PASSENGERS OF LATE, MANY OF WHOM REFUSE TO WEAR A FACE MASK WHICH IS REQUIRED ON BOARD.

8/13

THE STATEN ISLAND FERRY IS SET TO RETURN TO FULL SERVICE NEXT WEEK AFTER BRING THE PANDEMIC FORCED MAJOR SCHEDULE CHANGES. THE FREE FERRY WILL RETURN TO 24/7 30-MINUTE SERVICE AROUND THE CLOCK MONDAY. THE NEW SCHEDULE MEANS A TOTAL OF 14 TRIPS ARE BEING RESTORED.

8/15

GOOD NEWS FOR METRO NORTH RIDERS. THE RAILROAD WILL BE INCREASING SERVICE BIG TIME JUST BEFORE LABOR DAY. OVERALL SERVICE WILL INCREASE TO 82% OF PRE-PANDEMIC LEVELS AND WEEKEND SERVICE WILL BE BACK TO FULL SERVICE. FOR LONG HAUL RIDERS DIRECT SERVICE BETWEEN GRAND CENTRAL AND WASSAIC AND NEW CANAAN RESUMES THE SAME DAY SUNDAY AUGUST 29TH AS WILL FERRY SERVICE ON THE HUDSON LINE.

8/16

THEY CAN BE THE SLOW POKES OF CITY TRANSPORTATION, BUT THE M-T-A IS TRYING TO SPEED UP BUS TRIPS THRU THE FIVE BOROS. ACTING CHAIR AND C-E-O OF THE M-T-A JANNO LIEBER SAYS BUSWAYS HAVE BEEN SHOWN TO INCREASE BUS SPEEDS BY MORE THAN 30%.

8/17

FLYING THIS SUMMER? BEWARE OF LAST-MINUTE CANCELLATIONS. SPIRIT AIRLINES SAYS THE CANCELLATION OF MORE THAN 2,800 FLIGHTS OVER 11 DAYS THIS SUMMER COST THE CARRIER \$50 MILLION. THE FLORIDA-BASED AIRLINE WILL NOW HAVE TO REDUCE FLIGHTS BETWEEN NOW AND SEPTEMBER 30TH. FLIGHTS WERE CANCELLED AT THE END OF LAST MONTH BECASUE OF BAD WEATHER AND STAFFING SHORTAGES.

8/18

MAYOR DEBLASIO MAKES ANOTHER PUSH FOR CONGESTION PRICING. THE MAYOR ADS THAT HE'S NOT BUYING THE WORD FROM THE MTA THAT IT TAKES 16-MONTHS TO DO AN ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW. MEANWHILE, INCOMING GOVERNOR KATHY HOCHUL TELLS THE NEW YORK TIMES WHILE SHE SUPPORTED CONGESTION PRICING IN THE PAST, SHE NEEDS TO "EVALUATE FURTHER GIVEN THE CONSTANTLY CHANGING IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON COMMUTERS."

8/20

IF THE MTA IS TO MODERIZE THE AILING SUBWAY AND BUS SYSTEMS, IT NEEDS CASH NOW AND CONGESTION PRICING IS THE WAY TO DO IT. THAT'S THE CONCLUSION OF A REPORT BY THE GOVERNMENT WATCHDOG GROUP REINVENT ALBANY. THE REPORT SAYS THE MTA HAS ONLY SECURED LESS THAN 4% OF THE CASH NEEDED FOR ITS \$55 MILLION FIVE YEAR CAPITOL PLAN. THE MTA TOLD THE NEW YORK TIMES THIS WEEK THAT THE ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT WOULD TAKE 16 MONTHS. THAT WOULD DELAY CONGESTION PRICING UNTIL AFTER INCOMING GOVERNOR KATHY HOCHUL FACES VOTERS IN THE NOVEMBER 2022 GENERAL ELECTION.

8/23

STATEN ISLAND COMMUTERS HAVE A NEW OPTION. FOR THE PRICE OF A SUBWAY FARE THEY CAN RIDE A SPECIAL STATEN ISLAND FERRY FROM ST. GEORGE TO 38TH STREET ON MANHATTAN'S WEST SIDE WITH A STOP AT BATTERY PARK CITY. THE NEW SERVICE STARTS TODAY. FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO FERRY DOT NYC

8/25

EXTRA-STRESS AMID THE PANDEMIC, FOR EMPLOYEES OF DELTA AIRLINES. THE COMPANY IS TELLING WORKERS WHO ARE UN-VACCINATED, THAT THEY WILL HAVE TO PAY \$200 A MONTH MORE, FOR THE HEALTH-CARE PLAN, SPONSORED BY THE AIRLINE. THE REASON? AN APPARENT TACTIC BY EMPLOYERS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES FROM THE IMPACT OF THE HIGHLY-CONTAGIOUS, DELTA VARIANT.

8/26

IF YOU THINK THERE'S AN AWFUL LOT OF TRAFFIC ON THE ROADS THESE DAYS YOU'RE RIGHT. THE PORT AUTHORITY SAYS BRIDGE AND TUNNEL TRAFFIC IS AT PRE-PANDEMIC LEVELS, WITH MORE THAN 10 MILLION VEHICLES USING THE FOUR BRIDGES AND TWO TUNNELS THE PORT AUTHORITY OPERATES. THE NUMBER OF AIRPORT PASSENGERS ARE UP 14% FROM LAST MONTH, TO MORE THAN 7 MILLION BUT STILL DOWN 42% FROM JULY OF 2019, AND PATH RIDERSHIP IS OFF 2/3 FROM 2 YEARS AGO.

8/28

JUST WHAT DOES THE BQE STAND FOR? RIGHT NOW IT'S BETTER QUICKLY EXIT. NEW TRAFFIC PATTERNS ON THE BROOKLYN QUEENS EXPRESSWAY THIS WEEKEND. TRAFFIC WAS REDUCED DOWN TO TWO LANES BOTH WAYS BETWEEN ATLANTIC AVENUE AND THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE. THIS IS THE FIRST STEP IN A MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT THAT WILL LIKELY CAUSE MAJOR HEADACHES FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. THE DOT SAYS IT'S BEING DONE TO IMPROVE SAFETY.

8/30

AN OPTIMISTIC PREDICTION FOR LIRR RIDERS. THE NEW ACTING HEAD OF THE MTA JANNO LIEBER SAYS THEY CAN EXPECT SHORTER, MORE RELIABLE TRIPS TO WORK AND NEW AMENITIES AT TRAIN STATIONS. HE'S HOPING RENOVATIONS AT PENN AND THE NEW MOYNIHAN TRAIN TERMINAL ACROSS THE STREET WILL HELP LURE RIDERS BACK.

8/31

PLANNING SOME LABOR DAY OR FALL TRAVELS. THE CDC HAS UPDATED ITS TRAVEL ADVISORIES LIST AND NOW AMONG THE HIGHEST RISK DESTINATIONS: PUERTO RICO AND SWITZERLAND. THEY'RE LEVEL FOUR AND THE CDC SAYS IF YOU WANT TO GO THERE, YOU NEED TO BE VACCINATED FIRST. ALSO AMONG THE NATIONS MOVED UP TO LEVEL FOUR: ESTONIA, GUAM AND ST. LUCIA.

9/1

A TRAVEL WARNING FROM THE CDC. DUE TO THE SURGE IN COVID-19 CASES THE AGENCY IS ASKING THOSE WHO ARE NOT VACCINATED NOT TO TRAVEL DURING THE UPCOMING LABOR DAY WEEKEND. OFFICIALS WANT TO MINIMIZE THE SPREAD OF THE HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS DELTA VARIANT. EVEN THOSE WHO ARE FULLY VACCINATED ARE BEING TOLD TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS.

9/3

THE UNOFFICIAL END OF SUMMER IS HERE WITH THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND KICKING OFF. ALTHO IT'S A "GET AWAY" DAY IT'S STILL NOT ON PAR WITH THE GET AWAYS WE'RE USED TO "PRE PANDEMIC." TRIPLE-A" SAYS IF CURRENT TRENDS CONTINUE, THERE COULD BE MORE THAN 3-MILLION TRIPS ON M-T-A BRIDGES AND TUNNELS THIS WEEKEND.

9/6

SOME NEW JERSEY TRANSIT WAITING ROOMS CLOSED BECAUSE OF THE PANDEMIC ARE REOPENING TOMORROW. PASSENGER WILL ONCE AGAIN BE ABLE TO HAVE A SEAT AT RAIL STATIONS THAT ARE NOT STAFFED WITH TICKET AGENTS. THE STATION WAITING ROOMS WILL BE OPEN FOR THE SAME HOURS THEY WERE PRIOR TO THE PANDEMIC. WAITING ROOMS WITH TICKET WINDOWS HAVE BEEN OPEN SINCE LAST SEPTEMBER.

9/7

FULL SUBWAY SERVICE RESUMES TODAY. THAT'S THE WORD FROM THE MTA NEARLY A WEEK AFTER it was MESSED UP DUE TO THE STORM. THE SUBWAYS WERE BACK IN ACTION BY LAST FRIDAY, BUT OVER THE WEEKEND THE MTA CLEARED OUT A CLAY-LIKE SUBSTANCE THAT HAD CAKED SIGNALS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT ON THE NUMBER 6-LINE IN THE BRONX. SERVICE PARTIALLY RESUMES ON METRO-NORTH'S HUDSON LINE, WITH TRAINS RUNNING EVERY HALF HOUR DURING RUSH HOUR AND THEN HOURLY, OFF-PEAK.

9/8

THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE BIKE LANE IS NOT YET OFFICIALLY OPEN BUT SOME CYCLISTS ARE GIVING IT A TRY AND UPLOADING THEIR TRIPS TO SOCIAL MEDIA ANYWAY. A GUY WHO GOES BY "STREETER" ON TWITTER DESCRIBING THE BIKE LANE WITH A DOG RIDING ON HIS BACK. SOME PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SNEAK ON TO THE LANES WHILE OTHERS HAVE FOUND THEM CLOSED OFF.

9/9

AHEAD OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR THE NYPD AND D-O-T ANNOUNCE BACK TO SCHOOL TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT. THEY'RE ALSO MAKING A



RENEWED PUSH FOR 24/7 SCHOOL ZONE SPEED CAMERAS. THEY'LL HAVE A NEWS BRIEFING LATER THIS MORNING IN WOODSIDE, QUEENS.

9/10

WATCH THOSE SCHOOL ZONES. WITH SCHOOLS REOPENING, MAYOR DE BLASIO SAYS THE NYPD WILL EXPAND TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT AGAINST RECKLESS, AGGRESSIVE AND DISTRACTED DRIVING. THE MAYOR ALSO CALLED ON STATE LAWMAKERS TO ALLOW 24/7 OPERATION OF ITS TRAFFIC CAMERAS, WHICH ARE CURRENTLY FORBIDDEN FROM OPERATING OVERNIGHT.

9/14

THE CITY OFFICIALLY CUTTING THE RIBBON ON THE NEW BROOKLYN BRIDGE BIKE LANE TODAY. IT'S OPEN FOR TWO WHEEL TRAFFIC AND NOT A MOMENT TOO SOON FOR CYCLISTS. PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS HAVE LONG SHARED THE WOODEN PATH ON THE BRIDGE NOT ALWAYS HARMONIOUSLY. THE NEW TWO WAY BATH PATH IS ON THE ACTUAL ROADWAY ON THE MANHATTAN BOUND SIDE, AND CONNECTS TO A NEW BIKE PATH IN MANHATTAN.

9/16

THE BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN NEEDS TO HAVE A SAY IN ANY CONGESTION PRICE PLAN. THAT'S THE FEELING OF MANHATTAN BOROUGH PRESIDENT GALE BREWER. SHE TELLS 1010 WINS SHE SENT A LETTER TO GOVERNOR HOCHUL DEMANDING SOMEONE FROM MANHATTAN BE ON THE CONGESTION PRICING BOARD. THE LETTER WAS SIGNED BY MANHATTAN'S CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES, STATE LEGISLATORS AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS.

9/17

GET READY FOR ANOTHER BUDGET AIRLINE FLYING IN AND OUT OF NEWARK AIRPORT. SOUTHWEST PULLED OUT BACK IN 2019 AND SPIRIT AIR WANTS IN. THE AIRLINE SUED THE F-A-A WHEN IT SAID IT PLANNED TO ELIMINATE THOSE AFTERNOON AND EVENING RUNWAY RIGHTS. NOW THE U.S. TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, WHICH INCLUDES THE F-A-A, SAYS IT WILL AWARD THOSE RIGHTS TO A LOW-COST CARRIER ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE YET TO DECIDE WHICH ONE.

9/23

AUDACY PRESENTED THE FIFTH ANNUAL I'M LISTENING, A LIVE NATIONAL PROGRAM THAT BRINGS TOGETHER ARTISTS, ATHLETES AND MEDICAL SPECIALISTS TO RAISE AWARENESS AND END THE STIGMA OF TALKING ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH. THE TWO-HOUR SPECIAL AIRED NATIONWIDE IN PRIMETIME ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD AT 6PM LOCAL TIME ACROSS MORE THAN 230 STATIONS AND AUDACY LIVESTREAM.

THE 1010 WINS WEBSITE ([WWW.1010WINS.COM](http://WWW.1010WINS.COM)) REGULARLY OFFERS LINKS TO SITES PROVIDING VALUABLE CONSUMER INFORMATION TO LISTENERS INCLUDING HEALTH, PRODUCT RECALLS AND CRIME PREVENTION.

PRESIDENT BIDEN'S REGULAR SATURDAY RADIO ADDRESS IS PRESENTED LIVE EACH WEEK ON WINS WHEN AVAILABLE.

A MEDICAL REPORT AIRS SEVERAL TIMES DAILY WITH REPEAT PLAYS ON SUNDAY. TOPICS COVERED INCLUDE A WIDE ARRAY OF HEALTH ISSUES OF CONCERN TO WINS LISTENERS INCLUDING DIABETES, BREAST CANCER, CHILDHOOD DISEASES AND OTHER TOPICAL HEALTH ISSUES.

ON SUNDAYS, RELIGIOUS COMMENTARIES ARE OFFERED BY SISTER CAMILLE D'ARIENZO, OF THE SISTERS OF MERCY, AND RABBI JOSEPH POTASNIK OF THE NEW YORK BOARD OF RABBIS.

