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Your Right To Know:

How To Breakdown Your Paystub

By: Michael Enriquez

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Scan the QR code above to watch a tutorial on how to breakdown your paystub - in less than 3 minutes!

TA Surface Re-Run Election.

By: Frank DeJesus

After an initial victory for the Progressive Change candidates in TA Surface. TAS Vice-President JP Patafio claimed fraud and was awarded a re-run election by the union's appointed Neutral Monitor, Ms. Barbara Deinhardt. Mr. Patafio's protest was based on suspicions over "neat" X's placed on the ballots. An accusation absent of any concrete evidence. The re-run election was finalized on January 27th, 2022 with the Progressive Change candidates remaining the winners of the Divisional seats within the Operators' division and Executive Board seats in the TA Surface re-election.

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The Training and Upgrade Fund will host webinars on Tuition Reimbursement beginning on February 28th, 2022. Up to \$4,000 is Available. Call 718-780-8700 to reserve your spot.

Triumph at Gun Hill - Tom Browne Wins Chairman in Landslide Victory.

By: Daniel "Danny" Cruz

The Bronx Division's - Gun Hill depot was the only Section within MaBSTOA to host an election this term-cycle. Independent candidate Tom Browne prevailed in the January 14th, 2022 decision. Browne, who ran for Chairman, defeated the Stand United backed incumbent candidate - Angel Montalvo in a **317-87** landslide victory.



Tom Browne (Center) with Kingsbridge Chairman, Richard Fields Jr. (Left) and West Farms Chairman, Howard Davis (Right)

A Race With No Finish Line.

By: Alexander Kemp

In most battles, the spoils of war often go to the victors. But, that is not the case in the TA Surface division. ...*(Continued on Next Page)*.

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The daunting task of challenging the incumbent Stand United slate has exposed some very uncomfortable truths, and that being that “Progress” is never an easy task.

In our arena “Past Practice” has always played a significant role in establishing the standards of doing business. The former administration had **7 released representatives** to address the business needs of the division, but, **the newly elected officers will only be granted 2 release spots** to accommodate the same amount of responsibilities, and possibly even more.

This political “tactic” without question is a direct Assault on the members who voted against the former administration and an absolute attempt to sabotage the ability of the newly elected officers from accomplishing the “CHANGE” that the members have loudly demanded. We will continue to be the megaphone for the members and the more they attempt to silence the members the louder we will turn up the volume.

Alexander Kemp is a newly elected Executive Board member/Recording secretary in the TA Surface Division and a member of Progressive Action.

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Self-Driving Mini Buses Coming to N.J Capital.

By: Michael Enriquez

A February 9th, 2022 article published by NJ.com, has revealed that thanks to a \$5 Million grant, the City of Trenton, New Jersey will begin receiving a fleet of all-electric, self-driving mini buses. Self driving vehicles are inching their way closer to NYC. As Bus Operators’, self-driving buses are a direct threat to our jobs. As technology improves, it’s only a matter of time before self-driving vehicles may be able to handle the complex roadways of NYC.

In 2019, a joint Labor-Management committee was formed between the Union and MTA to address the technology and implementation of self-driving vehicles. As of May 2021, neither party has met to discuss these issues.

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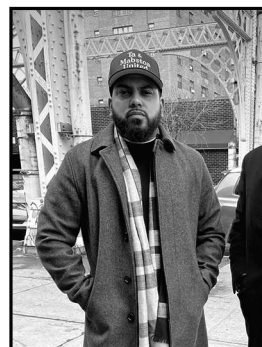
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