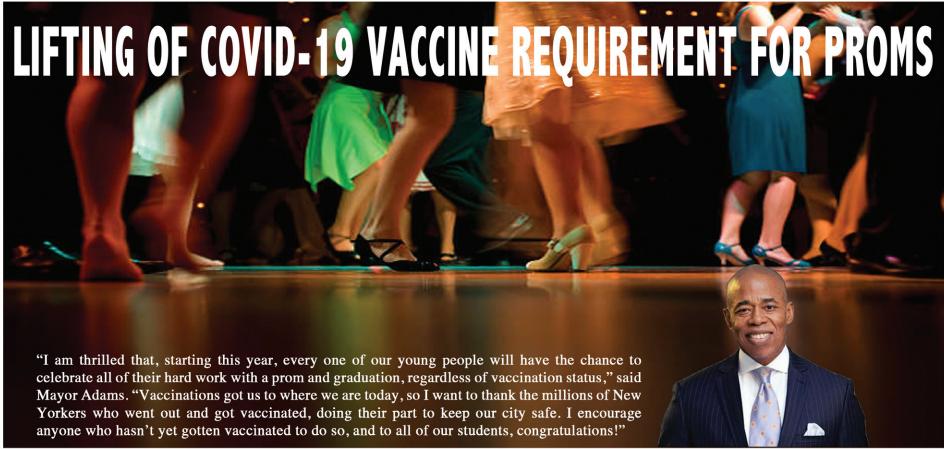
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# PROVIDING ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TRAINING FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

Governor Kathy Hochul signed legislation S.07144/A.07686 providing addiction and mental health services training, including crisis intervention team training, mental health first aid, implicit bias and naloxone training, to firefighters and emergency medical services personnel in regions where crisis stabilization centers are located.

"I am proud to sign this legislation that will provide our brave first responders with the tools needed to assist New Yorkers who struggle with mental health and addiction," Governor Hochul said. "The pandemic has only made things harder for New Yorkers, and it is critical that our first responders and emergency services personnel have the proper training, tools and resources to help keep our streets and subways safe. This bill will ensure that the appropriate emergency services personnel complete the most up-to-date training in issues related to addiction and mental health issues. This training is needed to address the growing mental health crisis, and will be especially necessary in catchment areas of crisis stabilization centers. According to the National Council for Behavioral Health, drug overdoses and suicides have overtaken traffic accidents as the two leading causes of death among Americans ages 25 to 44. The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention also states that suicide is the 12th leading cause of death in New York. In 2020, for every 100,000 New Yorkers, approximately eight people lost their life to suicide; it is the second leading cause of death for people between the ages of 10 and 34 years old; and for individuals between the ages of 35 and 54, suicide is the fourth leading cause of death.

Over the past several years, New York State has developed a comprehensive mental health crisis response system, which includes short term crisis residences, crisis respite services, comprehensive psychiatric emergency programs (CPEPs), mobile crisis teams, and crisis intervention training. Last year's State Budget authorized the establishment of crisis stabilization centers to divert individuals away from hospitalization if they are experiencing or at risk of a mental health crisis, including through the voluntary transport of individuals by law enforcement and emergency medical services. The training required by this bill is a critical tool in ensuring crisis stabilization centers are fully utilized.

Also, in 2020, Congress enacted the National Suicide Prevention Hotline Improvement Act, which established 9-8-8 as the universal dialing code for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. This new hotline is expected to be implemented in New York by July 2022 and will be a critical component of the comprehensive crisis response system for suicide and mental health issues, equivalent to "9-1-1" for medical, fire and public safety emergencies. Governor Hochul secured \$35 million for the 2022-23 fiscal year to significantly expand call center capacity throughout New York State, increasing to \$60 million on a full annual basis. In addition, New York was recently awarded \$7.2 million by the United States Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to support this transition.

New York City Mayor Eric Adams and New York City Department of Education (DOE) Chancellor David C. Banks, in consultation with the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), announced the lifting of the COVID-19 vaccination requirement for New York City public school proms. Students were previously told they could attend graduation this year regardless of vaccination status.

Vaccination continues to be the best tool to fight COVID-19 and to keep schools safe. But through a combination of New York City's gold standard health and safety efforts, fully vaccinated staff, and the continued care and resilience of school communities, students have been able to remain in the classrooms, learning and receiving the support they need. The city strongly recommends students wear a high-quality mask at prom and graduation.

"The health and safety of our students and staff is, and has been, my top priority," said Chancellor Banks. "Graduation and prom are such momentous occasions in the lives of our young people, which is why I am so excited that thanks to the hard work of our school communities, we have come to a point where we can safely take this next step."

The announcement is due to the success of the Stay Safe and Stay Open plan implemented by Mayor Adams and the DOE. While the DOE will no longer have a vaccination policy in place for proms and graduations, students attending ceremonies or events held at private locations will still be subject to any vaccination requirements of that facility.

Guests attending graduation are still required to be vaccinated in order to attend in a school building..

The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene strongly recommends testing before any events, providing students with at-home tests, and masking with high-quality masks, especially for those who want to have an additional level of protection.

As a reminder, families with children who are eligible but not yet vaccinated against COVID-19 can make an appointment for vaccination at vaccinefinder.nyc.gov or call 311 to find a vaccine site. The vaccine is free for all New Yorkers, regardless of immigration or insurance status.

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## ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE WILL NOT TAKE AWAY YOUR FEARS

by Stan Popovich

Using drugs and alcohol will not take away your problems and fears. In the short run, they might make you feel better, but in the long run these addictions will only make things worse. As a result, here are eight tips on how to manage your persistent fears and anxieties without using drugs and alcohol.

- 1. **Take it one day at a time**: Instead of worrying about how you will get through the rest of the week or month, try to focus on today. Each day can provide us with different opportunities to learn new things and that includes learning how to deal with your issues. In addition, you will not feel overwhelmed with everything if you focus on one thing at a time.
- 2. **Learn how to manage your fearful thoughts**: When experiencing a negative thought, read some positive statements and affirmations that will help lift your spirits and make you feel better. Remember that your fearful thoughts may be exaggerated so balance these thoughts with realistic thinking and common sense.
- 3. **Do not do everything all at once**: Learn how to break your fears into a series of smaller steps. Completing these smaller tasks one step at a time will make the stress more manageable and increase your chances of success. You will also feel more confident in getting things accomplished rather than worrying about what you need to do.
- 4. **Drugs and alcohol are not the answers to your problems**: Getting the help you need and learning how to deal with your situation are the most effective ways in managing your fears, anxieties, and addictions. In time, you will become better able to maintain your mental health.
- 5. **Managing your anxieties will take some hard work**: Trying to avoid your addictions will do nothing in getting rid of your fears and anxieties. Sooner or later, you will have to confront your mental health issues. Remember that all you can do is to do your best each day, hope for the best, and take things in stride.
- 6. **Drugs and alcohol can make things difficult**: Drugs and alcohol can make your problems even more complicated. Many professionals have said that substance abuse will only add more misery to your situation. Be smart and learn how to cope with your mental health issues the right way.
- 7. **Talk to a former addict**: If you think that drugs and alcohol will solve your problems, then try talking to someone who has already been down that road. By talking to a former addict, you will get the truth on how substance abuse can ruin your life.
- 8. **Take advantage of the help that is available around you**: If possible, talk to a professional who can help reduce your fears and anxieties. They will be able to provide you with additional advice and insights on how to deal with your current situation. By talking to a professional, a person will be helping themselves in the long run because they will become better able to deal with their problems in the future.





### **EXCUSE YOU**

Dr. Sharon M. Cadiz

There seems to be common agreement that we are living in "strange times" that can be strangely upsetting or strangely surprising in a good way. Perhaps we are living through what Charles Dickens captured in his classic "A Tale of Two Cities" quote: "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair." Like me, you may be comforted to know that our current experience has been lived before and Dickens' analysis holds up in classic form for 2022. I have chosen to focus on the ways that we can be more self-aware and come to a higher standard of interaction based on the lessons of human history that show how a decline in our belief in the positive values of kindness, charity, hope, freedom and forbearance lay the foundation for the deeply troubling acts of violence, hatred and intolerance upon which wars and destruction are mounted; pitting person against person; group against group; nation against nation.

Some things start small and occur as simple acts during the course of a day. It might be the result of a person holding a door, and the recipient of this act of kindness simply rushing through without a thought to expressing a gesture of thanks. Of course, an act of kindness should not require an obligatory response; however, an acknowledgement strengthens our resolve to be kind and considerate. The commonplace act of bumping into someone or stepping on their toe can easily lead to a brawl in our current state that has many people on edge and with a classically trained "short fuse" response. I recall the famous line of Dustin Hoffman crossing a New York street in "Midnight Cowboy" when he said: "I'm walking here!" Or the other defensive line from Robert De Niro in the "Taxi Driver" film: "You talking to me?" You don't have to look far for other real life examples of verbal exchanges that light a fire of hostility and possible danger. We often have more to lose than our tempers when we choose to fire back at a person for a perceived slight or act of careless indifference. We might want to remember that we are living in these strange times when the heights or depths of emotion might serve up deadly consequences. The newspaper headlines and nightly news usually document the daily count of such consequences.

I consider myself to be "a fly on the wall," watching as we move through what many regard as unprecedented changes that include concurrent job loss and staffing shortages; store closings and increased demand for products and services; increases in transportation alternatives and a decrease in tolerance for safely sharing the road. Being alive and awake to the challenges gives me a somewhat sympathetic regard for the struggles that we all are facing. These are unquestionably interesting times with multiple opportunities to use what is happening to become either better or worse at coping. I have noticed a growing number of drivers going through red lights at break neck speed and those who bend the rules of the road to suit their heightened sensitivity to an emotional state that leads them to become aggressive and impatient. There is also a kind of learned helplessness that has emerged which may be a vestige of the COVID lock down when "contactless pick-up" and home deliveries were a necessity. I have observed many more people getting deliveries of food and other items that they could easily pick up by going to the restaurant or store. During these times, gains have come to be measured in pounds, as many do less and eat more. Depression and other mental health issues including suicide have gotten more attention. This acknowledgement might serve as the best launch pad for starting to reverse some of the negative trends that originate in illness, loss, unmanaged stress and long-term disadvantage leading to a spike in gun violence among youth and those who are considered part of a permanent underclass. A new era of conservative political will is challenging everything from voting practices to abortion and civil rights. Fear and distrust have prompted some to withdraw from the social contract that unites our country in favor of narrowly defined allegiances to dogmatic principles of survival and power seeking efforts that attempt to exercise control based on perceived threats. While we may seem hypersensitive to microaggressions and the need to address historic forms of discrimination and inequality, we are also prone to create divisions and camps that need defending rather than building a spirit of solidarity. There are no shortages of examples of how America has treated certain ethnic, racial, economic or religious groups. African slave trade; Irish indentured servants; Indian boarding schools; Japanese internment camps; Mexican children at the border wall and assorted rites of passage for numerous immigrant groups are chilling reminders of what can happen when we qualify humane treatment only for a privileged segment of the population.

On the political front, my husband, neighbors and I have been writing to elected officials throughout this pandemic and, as for me, I have only gotten two written responses in reply. One of the two was clearly a staff person's task assignment, and had little to say in response to the issues that I raised. It was a generic letter with no meaning. The other was a rare expression of earnest concern and commitment. I hesitate to identify which elected official sent the latter response because that would constitute a partisan discussion which is not at all my point. The point is that politicians are voted into office to serve and represent the people who are their constituents. What appears to be happening is that far too many of them have become self-serving; taking on a mantle of privilege and entitlement that they safeguard by disparaging their colleagues in government to distract from their own shortcomings; getting money in their "war chest," partnering with lobbyists for support and cultivating endorsements to get re-elected, making less effort to connect with real people who have real needs. Clearly, this is not all politicians, but it certainly captures a large majority who use money to leverage support and continue their political aim to stay employed as a public servant. "Public service" has become a laughable concept based on misuse of the intent behind the term. Far too many politicians are in politics for their own benefit, not the benefit of the communities, voters and citizens that they have vowed to serve. Those who work tirelessly to serve the common good are the only ones with a possible excuse for the inattention to providing timely written responses to those who reach out to them. I still think that when an elected representative takes the time to respond to a constituent concern, they are earning their paycheck and recognizing that they work for the people, and not just themselves; or exclusively for those who support them with funds and donations. Bottom line: term limits and taking the money out of politics might help us to retrieve an equitable system of governance.

The more I look at this total picture of how frayed the fabric of our society and world has become under the cumulative pressure from decades of erosion of unified, responsible effort; humanitarian, principled leadership and service, I come to realize that we have been



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here before and the pathway out relies on a reckoning with ourselves about the road ahead. When we tie the hands of "Lady Liberty," accept disinformation and lies, fail to hold people accountable to the rule of law, we open ourselves up to a greater threat than COVID or the next great problem. It will either be the sum total of a growing trend of lawlessness, racial conflict, hateful intolerance, targeted and punitive applications of the law against particular groups and individuals; or it will lead us to a renewal of the doctrines of freedom, liberty and morality that may simply need to be updated. If you falter and commit one or more of the negative acts described here, I hope that you will be self-aware and contrite. To you, I issue a one use non-transferrable pass to get you to higher ground where there are no excuses, but plenty of room. You will be joined by folks like Jose Andres who leads a volunteer effort to feed people suffering from the effects of disaster or war. You will meet local heroes and community people who make a positive difference. Don't tire of doing good when you see others doing despicable things. Keep going. We are all on this journey and we are all tired, but I urge you to stay on a course that honors the best of who we are. Stay on the upward path. See you at the top!

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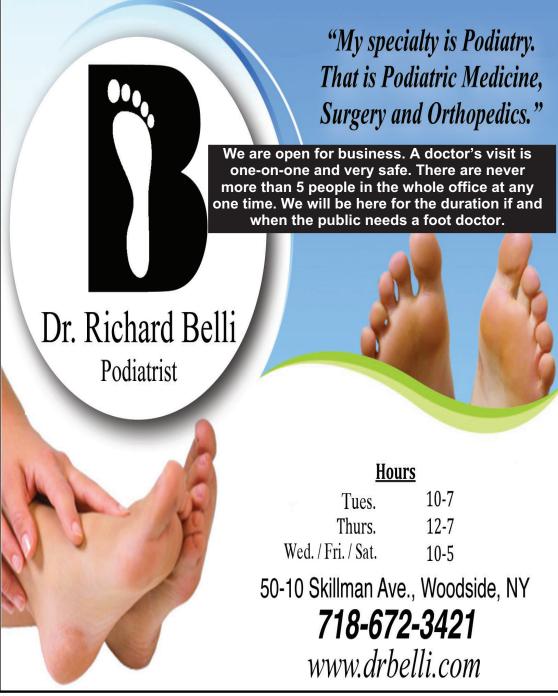
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Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris announced the State Senate passed his <u>legislation (S.1130/A.4283)</u> banning the retail sale of animals in pet stores. The bill aims to shut down the puppy mill-to-pet store pipeline, cutting off one of the largest markets in the nation for animals bred for pet stores. You can watch Senator Gianaris' full floor speech on the bill <u>here</u>.

"With so many good animals in need of rescue, there is no need for puppy mills that abuse animals to supply pet stores. Our four-legged companions should be treated with respect, not like commodities," said Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris. "I am pleased this important proposal continues to advance in the legislature."

Most of the animals available for sale in pet stores come from notorious dog, cat and bunny mills, which are known to be inhumane. Offspring of mill animals often have congenital issues resulting from poor breeding and can cost families thousands of dollars in veterinary care.

Pet breeders and stores are loosely regulated under the Animal Welfare Act by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Recent investigations revealed, however, that under the Trump administration, USDA inspectors have been less aggressive in enforcing these regulations. In addition, the USDA is issuing fewer serious violations that would ordinarily trigger swift follow-up by the agency.

According to the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, the state agency tasked with regulating pet dealers, there are approximately 80 pet stores registered throughout the state.

The bill, which first passed the Senate last year, is also advancing in the State Assembly, where it was passed through committee yesterday.







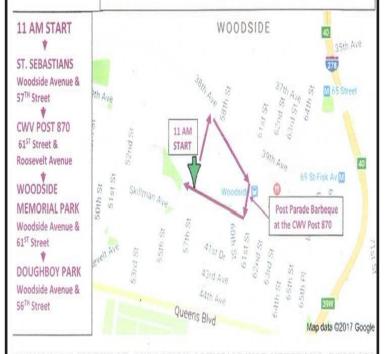




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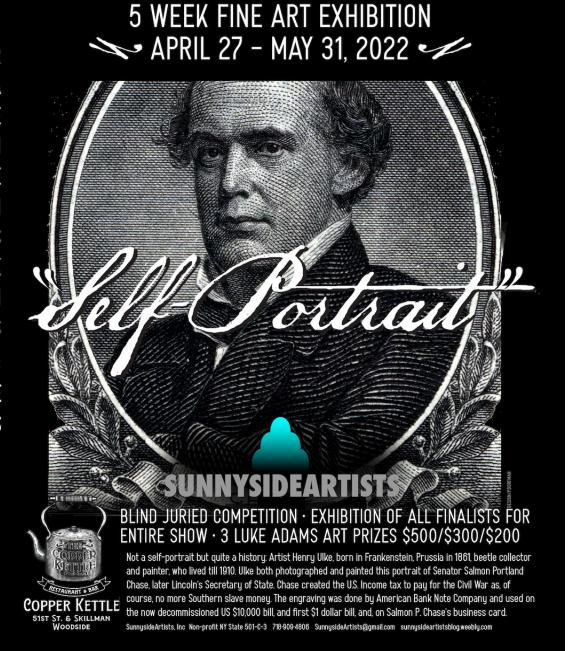
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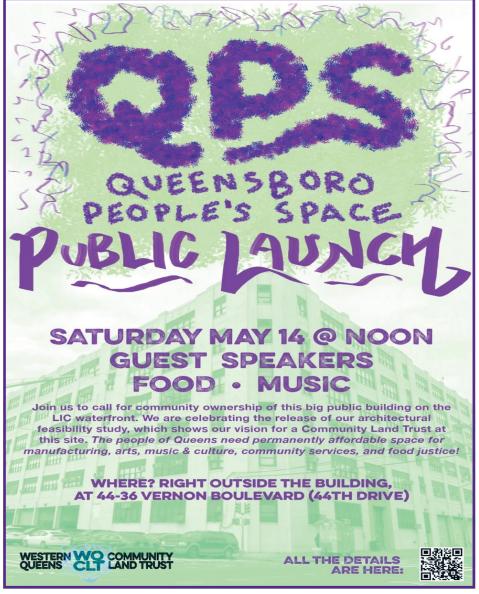
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admitting to probate a Will dated December 17, 1997, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of David W. Stark, deceased, relating to real and personal property and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to James A. Kiernan

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