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Honorable Kathleen H. Burgess  
Secretary  
State of New York  
Public Service Commission  
Three Empire State Plaza  
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**RE: Case 17-M-0815, Proceeding on Motion of the Commission on Changes in  
Law that May Affect Rates**

Dear Secretary Burgess:

Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (the “Company”) is enclosing an affidavit and copies of the published notice, affirming that notice was published in the New York Post on October 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2018, regarding changes to the Company’s Schedule for Steam Service, P.S.C. No. 4 – Steam. Pursuant to the Public Service Commission’s Order Determining Rate Treatment of Tax Changes, issued and effective August 9, 2018, in Case 17-M-0815, changes were made to implement sur-credits related to the tax savings from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. The tariff changes were filed on September 26, 2018, and became effective on October 1, 2018.

Sincerely,

/s/ William A. Atzl, Jr.  
Director  
Rate Engineering Department

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of October 2018

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# Assad still deadly *Syrious*

Syrian President Bashar al-Assad said Sunday that the Russian-Turkish deal to avert a military offensive in the northwestern province of Idlib is a "temporary one" that prevented bloodshed. He said his government's goal is to restore control over all of Syria.

His comments were made during a meeting of the Central Committee of the ruling Baath Party.

The Turkish-backed um-

rella group for Syrian rebels said Sunday that it has started implementing the deal reached between Russia and Turkey to demilitarize the front lines between Syrian government forces and the opposition in the Idlib province.

A spokesman for the Turkey-backed, 15-member National Front for Liberation umbrella group, said Sunday the groups have unanimously agreed to imple-

ment the deal, which was reached last month. It is expected to demilitarize nine to 12 miles along the front lines by Oct. 15.

He said rebel forces have started withdrawing their heavy weaponry back from the demilitarized zone.

The largest armed group in Idlib, the al-Qaeda-linked affiliate Levant Liberation Committee, has not said whether it will comply with the agreement. **AP**

# Haiti shock

## 11 dead, 100+ hurt in quake

Emergency teams worked to provide relief in Haiti on Sunday after a magnitude 5.9 earthquake killed 11 people and left 135 injured.

The country's civil protection agency said that at least seven people died in the coastal city of Port-de-Paix and three people died in the nearby community of Gros-Morne in the province of Artibonite. It said that the injured were being treated at medical centers in the northern part of the country.

Secretary of State for Communications Eddy Jackson Alexis said a pre-

liminary report indicated that 11 people had died.

"I feel like my life is not safe here," said nun Maryse Alsaint, director of the San Gabriel National School in Gros-Morne, where several classrooms were severely damaged.

She said that about 500 students would not be able to return to school Monday.

The US Geological Survey said the quake hit at 8:11 p.m. Saturday night and was centered 12 miles northwest of Port-de-Paix, which is about 136 miles from the capital of Port-au-Prince. The quake was

7.3 miles below the surface.

It was felt lightly in the capital, as well as in the neighboring Dominican Republic and in eastern Cuba, where no damage was reported.

Rescue workers in Haiti said they were not looking for any more victims, although residents appeared to be jolted by the shake.

In Gros-Morne, some people walked along the street while looking up at the cracked exterior walls of homes. Dozens of others sifted through debris before hauling away rebar to recycle and sell. **AP**

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# Bravest hurt in ladder fall

An FDNY firefighter fell from a ladder while battling a blaze at a marijuana grow house in The Bronx on Sunday night, according to officials.

He was transported to Jacobi Medical Center in serious but stable condition.

Officials said he fell 30 feet to the pavement, injuring his leg and back.

"He's a very lucky individual," said FDNY Commissioner Daniel Nigro at a press conference, describing the firefighter as a 38-year-old married father of three with 12 years on the job.

"He is stable right now. He is conscious."

The firefighter was attempting to get onto a roof during an all-hands call at 1656 Mayflower Ave. in the Pelham Bay section when he "apparently lost his footing," Nigro said.

The fire broke out on the top floor of the three-story building at around 8:20



Edwin Soto

**CLOSE CALL:** The firefighter is rushed from the scene after a 30-foot fall outside a Bronx marijuana grow house.

p.m., according to FDNY sources.

Officials confirmed during the press conference that the building was being used as a grow house. It's unclear if anyone was inside at the time.

"[The fire] is under investigation right now," Nigro said. "We do not yet have

the cause. But I'm certain we will have a cause very soon, as our fire marshals complete their investigation.

"So, I'd say once again: This firefighter had quite a fall.

"And although he has serious injuries, we're very happy that he survived."

*Joe Marino and Chris Perez*

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# DOT worker's 'slavery' suit

By JULIA MARSH and REUVEN FENTON

A city transportation boss acted like a slave-master to a Taino Indian underling — even hanging a pair of shackles in the man's office to make sure he knew his role, a new lawsuit alleges.

"I was hurt by it — it was a horrible, horrible feeling," Michael Casiano told The Post. "I had to walk into the office seeing this every day, reminding me that this was a message for me, saying 'You're my slave.'"

Casiano, 47, says in his Manhattan Supreme Court suit that things went south soon after he began working as a Department of Transportation safety inspector for Ed Cousillas, 56, the safety director of the St. George Ferry Terminal on Staten Island.

"He'd have me go pick up his breakfast, his lunch. He'd ask me to pick up boxes from the storage room, which was not in my job description," Casiano told The Post.

Cousillas also singled out Casiano, who was the only minority in the safety division, for his heritage, according to the racial-



**MICHAEL CASIANO**  
Claims shackles were hung.

discrimination lawsuit.

"There were a lot of comments he made because I follow the Taino Indian culture, and his family is from Spain," said Casiano, whose ancestry includes native people from the Caribbean.

"He made comments, like, 'We're going to do it Ed's way, not the Taino way,'" he recalled. "On Columbus Day, he joked, 'I'm going to enslave all the Taino women.'"

Then, in July 2014, Cousillas hung a pair of black plastic replica shackles on the wall beside Casiano's desk, the suit claims.

"Similar shackles were used by Spanish explorers

in Puerto Rico to detain and transport African slaves, Taino Indian people and people of Hispanic descent," the suit says. Casiano said he took down the shackles, but they reappeared. He reported the incident to Human Resources — and believes the complaint cost him his job.

"Essentially, they created a bunch of very minor violations, claiming he was derelict in his duties when it came to getting to work on time," said Casiano's lawyer, Christopher Mason.

Casiano, the father of two daughters, says he was finally forced out of his \$100,000-a-year job in September 2016.

Cousillas did not return a message from The Post seeking comment, but a co-worker of both men said he was "unbiased" and "by the book."

A DOT spokesman said Casiano was guilty of "egregious performance of duty, with infractions including repeated violations of federal regulations as well falsifying documents." The rep said Casiano resigned when faced with firing, and Cousillas remains "an employee in good standing."

## Sex claim vs. NJ gov's aide

A New Jersey state employee reportedly claims she was sexually assaulted by a man who went on to work in Gov. Phil Murphy's administration — and authorities couldn't have cared less.

"At each turn, I've just felt so disappointed," Katie Brennan, chief of staff for the state's Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency, told The Wall Street Journal.

"I tried everything. And

none of it worked. If I can't get any justice, I just don't seriously know who can."

Brennan claims to have been assaulted by Albert Alvarez, now chief of staff at the Schools Development Authority, in April 2017. She said she reported the alleged incident to the police and the Jersey City Medical Center emergency department, to no avail.

Murphy insists the allegations were handled appropriately. *Chris Perez*

## Iran parade detention

Authorities have detained a member of the military over the September attack on a military parade in the southwestern city of Ahvaz that killed 24 people, Iran's official IRNA news agency reported Sunday.

Prosecutors have already investigated 11 other military personnel over the case, the report said, quoting a judiciary spokesman.

Militants disguised as soldiers opened fire on the annual Iranian military parade last month, killing 24 people and wounding more than 60 others. *AP*

# The 'truth' about Khashoggi

## Turk prez: I'll reveal all Tues.

By MARK MOORE

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Sunday that he would reveal the "naked truth" Tuesday about his country's investigation into the death of Jamal Khashoggi.

His announcement came a day after Saudi Arabia, which has provided several explanations for the dissident journalist's death, claimed he was killed in a fist fight with security officers at

## Mnuchin defends Riyadh-visit plan

Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin on Sunday defended his decision to attend an anti-terror summit in Saudi Arabia despite outrage over journalist Jamal Khashoggi's death in the Saudi consulate in Istanbul.

"We have an important relationship with Saudi, focused on combating terrorist financing and focused on our common interests of stopping Iran's spread of both terrorism and other issues," Mnuchin told The New York Times.

"I am going to go there and meet with my

the Saudi consulate in Istanbul.

"We are looking for justice here and this will be revealed in all its naked truth," Erdogan said.

More than two weeks after Khashoggi vanished, Saudi Arabia finally admitted Saturday that he died in the consulate,

claiming he was accidentally strangled when he got into a brawl there.

But Turkish officials said a 15-member Saudi hit team, equipped with a bone saw, arrived from Riyadh in private jets the same day Khashoggi disap-

peared, and tortured, killed and dismembered the Washington Post columnist, who was sharply critical of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman.

Prince Mohammed and his dad, King Salman, called Khashoggi's son, Salah, and "ex-

counterparts and continue to focus on what's in the Treasury's domain, as it relates to this issue."

Mnuchin announced Thursday that he would pull out of a Saudi investment summit. But he said he would still attend next week's Riyadh gathering that would include members of the Saudi security community that has come under scrutiny since Khashoggi, 60, was killed on Oct. 2.

He said he would talk with President Trump before heading to the meeting. *Mark Moore*

pressed [their] condolences" according to a statement from the kingdom.

Erdogan said he and President Trump agreed during a phone call Sunday on the "need to clarify" all aspects of the investigation into Khashoggi's death.

Saudi Foreign Minister Abdel al-Jubeir on Fox News blamed Khashoggi's death on a "rogue operation" and tried to shield Prince Mohammed, 33, from blame.

Trump acknowledged that there has been "deception" and "lies" from Saudi officials, and a Republican senator agreed.

"Absolutely not, it's insulting," Sen. Rand Paul (Ky.) said on "Fox News Sunday" when asked if he believed Khashoggi was killed in a brawl. *With Wires*

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## US tourists die in Costa Rica raft flip

Four American tourists and a Costa Rican guide were killed in a weekend rafting accident in the Central American country, authorities said Sunday.

Three rafts flipped on the Naranjo river at around 3 p.m. Saturday, and the victims were swept away, according to the Judicial Investigation Organization.

Other passengers managed to cling to the rafts, and some were rescued by another guide in a kayak.

The dead were identified as Ernesto Sierra, Jorge Caso, Sergio Lorenzo and

Andres Dennis. No hometowns were provided. The local guide was Kevin Thompson Reid.

In total, 14 tourists and five guides were on the rafts.

Authorities said the river was swollen by rains, and the National Emergency Commission maintained an alert for possible flooding.

The Americans arrived in Costa Rica Thursday and had been renting a house in Playa Hermosa de Jaco.

Costa Rica President Carlos Alvarado expressed his dismay about the accident on Twitter. *AP*

## OD-Rx law saves 268

A 4-year-old program that provides Connecticut state troopers with training and equipment to reverse opioid overdoses has been credited with saving 268 lives.

The 2014 legislation modified a law limiting the administration of the nasal spray Narcan to licensed health professionals.

The new law authorizes anyone to administer an opioid antagonist as long as they believe in good faith the person receiving the drug is experiencing an overdose. Troopers are required to be trained to administer Narcan. *AP*

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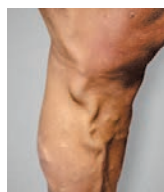




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## Day of rest for caravan

Thousands of Central American migrants took a break Sunday on their long journey through southern Mexico but vowed to press ahead toward the US border roughly 1,000 miles away. Some in the tiny municipality of Tapanatepec in Oaxaca state rested in the town plaza. Others went to soak themselves in the nearby Novillero river.

The tensions of a long trek through searing heat with tenuous supplies spilled over Saturday night. Raul Medina Melendez, the area's security chief, said the town was distributing sandwiches and water to migrants camped in the central

square. When a man with a megaphone asked people to wait their turn, "those below began to attack the guy," Medina said.

As the man ran, a false rumor spread that he had grabbed a child for protection and he was caught and beaten. Police rescued him. On Sunday, several in the caravan denounced the attack.

On Saturday, an arm of the Mexican federal government for the first time seemed to be directly helping the migrants advance rather than trying to diminish the caravan.

Grupo Beta, the nation's migrant-protection agency, gave rides to stragglers and passed out water. AP

## ID-theft mom to be sentenced

A Connecticut mother of four who prosecutors say stole in excess of \$70,000 from more than a dozen people in a series of identity thefts is scheduled to be sentenced in federal court Monday.

Leshanda Long, 37, of New Haven, pleaded guilty last year to wire fraud and aggravated identity theft.

Prosecutors say Long, who has more than 20 previous criminal convictions, used people's private information to obtain credit cards, obtain cash advances and pay for personal expenses.

Prosecutors are seeking a sentence of about five years in prison. Long's lawyer says she should serve no more than four years, writing in a court brief that she stole the money for her family's basic needs. AP

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