

CHATTER

1

A bleak reminder

The story “Revisiting their time in hell on earth” (Feb. 9) was moving. It took courage for former concentration-camp inmates to return to this haunted site.

Man’s inhumanity to man is exemplified by the murder factory that was Auschwitz. I visited in 1979 as part of a government fact-finding mission. I remember feeling totally emotionally drained.

The pain of returning after surviving that hell must have been wrenching. The world will forget Nazi crimes against humanity unless we remain vigilant.

Steven Ludslin, East Hampton

A real housing fix

Increasing access to permanent-housing options is critical to ending homelessness for New York families, who make up nearly 70 percent of the city shelter population (“Poor are in ‘Luxe,’” Feb. 5).

The city’s plan to match families in Department of Homeless Services shelters with affordable units is an important step toward meeting that goal.

However, the city cannot ignore the thousands of families living in other shelter systems. There are more than 2,500 families with children in the city’s shelter system for domestic violence survivors, and thousands more in HIV/AIDS Services housing and Department of Youth and Community Development shelter systems.

Those families and individuals deserve a path to permanent housing, too. New York City must ensure that all families struggling with homelessness —

including those outside of DHS shelters — have equal access to the permanent-housing and supportive services needed to move from crisis to long-term stability.

Carol Corden, Executive Director of New Destiny Housing, Brooklyn

Dems’ pro-lifer ban

I want to thank Professor Charles Camosy for his op-ed on the radicalism of the Democratic Party on abortion (“Dems to Pro-Lifers: You’re Not Welcome,” PostOpinion, Feb. 9).

The party happily welcomes Planned Parenthood donations and promotes propaganda in which abortion is touted as “health care.”

But it’s a canard that Republicans and pro-lifers do not care about babies after birth. Many of us support better prenatal care, child care, adoption tax credits and easier routes to adoption.

Alice Lemos, Woodside

Stop & frisk spike

I was disturbed to see a reported increase in stop, question and frisk incidents, and to see the NYPD declare it “unlikely to be a true increase in stops,” but rather the result of more accurate and complete reporting (“Stop-and-frisks up for first time under Blas,” Feb. 11). We’ve heard that before.

This explanation excuses the increase and ignores the egregious racial disparity in the data. One number doesn’t mean everything: There’s no magic number. But this disparity is worse than during some of the Bloomberg years.

Michael Bloomberg should be pleased, as he’s since said the percentage of people of more color stopped was actually too low.

Moving forward in a partnership between community and police that enhances safety and trust between both means being honest. In the fight to pass the Community Safety Act, top officials ignored their own data. I urge Police Commissioner Dermot Shea to not make the same mistake.

Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, Manhattan

1

Kirk’s Bloom boost

Actor Michael Douglas’ claim that his father, Kirk, supported presidential hopeful Michael Bloomberg on his deathbed sounds dubious (“Kirk on deathbed: Bloomy can do it,” Feb. 12).

You can attribute any words to a dead person who cannot retort. Employing the memory of the deceased to help your chosen candidate is pathetic.

Ron Wasserman, Freehold, NJ



Post your comments on stories at www.nypost.com



E-mail letters@nypost.com



or write to:
The Editor, The New York Post, 1211 Avenue of the Americas, NY 10036.

Include name, address and daytime phone number. No unverifiable letter will be published. The Post reserves the right to edit all letters.