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To: [Wolfe, Emma](#)
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Subject: Re: An Update from City Hall – What You're Hearing in the News on Colocations...
Date: Sunday, March 09, 2014 5:38:33 PM

CHARTERS in New York City

The conversation around charters is a good one to have. While the vast majority of New York's students are served by traditional public schools, we are committed making sure EVERY child in New York City can secure a quality education that prepares students for career and college.

If we're going to educate our children for the 21st century, we must not divide parents and children in this discussion. It's time for all leaders and stakeholders to unite around common goals and a strong public policy that lifts up every student.

Latest on Charters & Co-Location:

- New York City made decisions based on sound public policy and what's best for our schools and students.
- The mayor and his team inherited 45 colocations proposals for this coming September that were rushed through in the final days of the past administration. Because of the hasty manner of these original approvals, the mayor and his team needed to act quickly to determine if these were all good ideas.
- The mayor and his team were determined to do right by all students, and we set up objective criteria to make sure children weren't harmed because of these decisions.
- The objective criteria were simple.
 - o No elementary schools opening on high school campuses
 - o No colocations that create very small schools (under 250) that cannot provide range of support needed to serve our students effectively
 - o No colocations that require heavy construction
 - o We will not reduce District 75 seats – special education. Will not disadvantage those kids in need.
- In all, the mayor's team approved 36 of the 45 total colocation proposals because working with school communities, those plans could be implemented responsibly.
- Nine proposals were declined because they did not meet these smart, common sense standards.
- Contrary to some of the news reports, 14 of 17 charter proposals were approved, and 5 out of 8 proposals were approved from the Success Academy network.
- Two colocations were declined because they would have put an elementary school into a high school campus. This is a bad education policy that doesn't work for either population of kids because it doesn't enable shared resources such as AP classes or a library. No students were impacted by these two decisions because these schools have not had their lotteries yet.
- A third colocation that was declined at PS149 would have reduced enrollment for special education students already going to school at there — kids with serious disabilities that our system has

too often let down.

- We are here to serve ALL of our kids.
- And just like we won't approve a colocation that will hurt special needs students at a traditional public school, we won't turn our backs on the children who were planning to attend this charter school prior to this decision. We are working to find space for the kids at Success Academy 4 because we know that every child, every student is our charge.
- And we are working cooperatively with a number of charters right now on a range of shared priorities.
- This administration is committed to working with all parents, educators and stakeholders to ensure that every single one of New York's 1.1 million students receives a great education.

From: [B](#)
To: [Patrick Gaspard](#)
Subject: Fw: VANITY FAIR: The de Blasio Diaries, Chapter 55: Cropped Out
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 5:52:28 PM

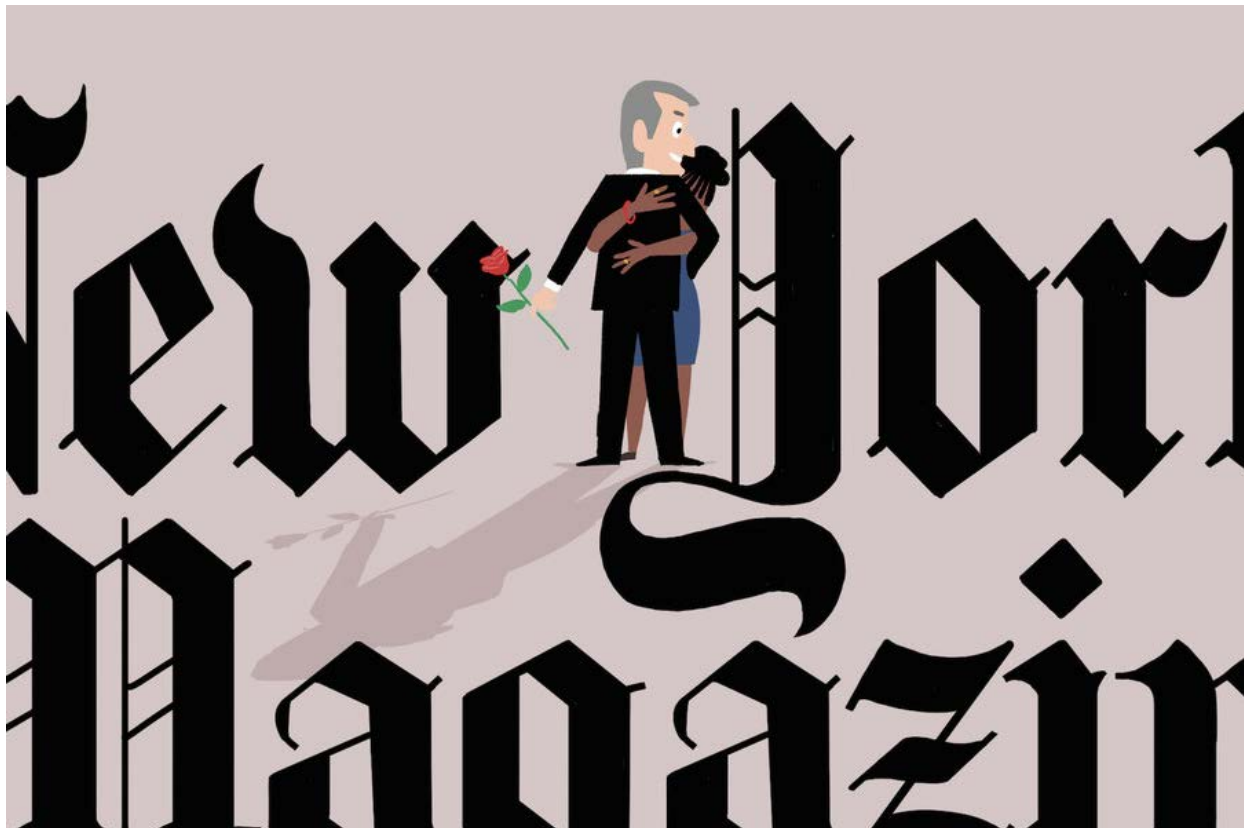
Enjoy!!

From: Clips <Clips@cityhall.nyc.gov>
Date: Wed, 17 Feb 2016 21:56:37 +0000
To: Clips <Clips@cityhall.nyc.gov>
Subject: VANITY FAIR: The de Blasio Diaries, Chapter 55: Cropped Out

The de Blasio Diaries, Chapter 55: Cropped Out

VANITY FAIR - Staff

<http://www.vanityfair.com/news/2016/02/bill-de-blasio-diaries-chirlane-new-york-times-magazine>



Our mayor dad explains why he had to make a last-minute change to his Valentine's Day plans.

Dear Diary,

Valentine's Day was not, to say the least, always a favorite holiday of mine. There were some years when I would call in sick to school on it. "Mom, I've got . . . I've got that tall-guy nauseous thing . . . Kyle was telling me about it—you, uh, get it after you get a growth spurt," I told her one year, and then I hid under the covers reading my Batman comics the whole day. I just wasn't the romantic sort of guy at that age. I was a foot taller than all the other dudes, and my jump shot was garbage. If you're gangly and tall in your teens and not a basketball star, you're basically hopeless.

Everything changed when I got to college, though. I was dating a girl whom I really liked and I took her to this Italian place my mom had recommended (What? This is my diary—if I can't be honest here, then where?) and then we saw a movie (I don't even remember which one, which tells you how well the date was going :D). That was the confidence boost I needed.

My Valentine's Day celebrations with Chirlane have been pretty low-key. We're not really your seven-course-dinner and horse-and-carriage-ride kind of couple, which shouldn't come as much of a surprise (hmmm, maybe should have used imagery other than horse-and-carriage there!). We went bowling a few years ago. One time, Chirlane went to some poetry retreat and straight up didn't even realize she wouldn't be home for Valentine's Day. It was fine! I made cannolis with Dante and Chiara instead. We've never put much stock in the Hallmark brand of gooeyness; we'd rather eat out of a clay pot our daughter made in art class than on some fancy china, ya catch my drift?

This year, though, I decided to really try and be a romantic, for once, to channel my inner Mario Lopez. (I met that guy once, and was very impressed; his skin really glistens.) I arranged for a helicopter ride over the city, and I rented out our favorite local spot for the night, for dinner, with the chef on retainer to make whatever Chirlane wished. And then I had a book made of all of her sketches from the past decade. (She's always sketching . . . she's just overteeming with creative spirit, that woman). It's been an intense two years. I felt like she deserved to be really pampered for a night. I wanted to do something special.

On Valentine's Day, though, I got an e-mail from my press team. "You know that feature Chirlane's doing for The New York Times Magazine?" it started. (My first thought was that somehow Chirlane was breaking up with me via magazine profile—the late hours of this job will make a man insane, and ever since getting back from Iowa, I haven't been able to sleep.) "Well, it's out, and the photos are . . . interesting. You might want to take a look." I clicked immediately on the attachment: the first photo I saw looked fine, it was the two of us gazing into each other's eyes. In the second, though, my head was, well, cropped off at the middle. I wrote back to my aide, "Hey, I think this is funny! It's fine! It's just a joke about how I'm tall, right?" But then I started to think about it some more. Was it a joke about me being tall? Or was there more to it? Was the photo editor trying to make some kind of point about our relative merits? Was there a joke at my expense embedded in here? I started having tremors remembering the New York Magazine cover, in which I was miniaturized to about a twentieth of the page. What was it with these magazine people and manipulating my image? No one ever messed with Bloomberg like this! Do I really give people the idea that they can do whatever they like to my face and I'll just laugh it off?!?! And, if so, that's maybe not a bad trait for a person to have, but for a mayor?!?!?

I went into Chirlane's office, where she was grinning broadly in a way I had frankly never seen before. She said, "Did you see these photos of us?!? I love them. I just had my person tweet them!" I just nodded, solemnly. "Yeah," I said. "I saw them."

"I think I want to blow them up, like poster-sized, and hang them in the house."

"Oh, uh, maybe . . . sure, sure."

She looked up. "So, what do you want to do tonight, for Valentine's Day?"

There was a part of me, a part I didn't particularly like but had to acknowledge nevertheless, that, despite what my head was saying, despite my better instincts, hesitated. "Let's just stay in and watch a movie, or whatever's on?"

"That sounds great," she said, and I quickly e-mailed my aide to cancel all the plans I had made.

The helicopter ride would have been silly, I considered later, as we watched a Friends rerun on the couch. She wouldn't even have liked it. Yeah, she wouldn't have at all.

BdB

From: [Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca](#)
To: "Patrick"
Subject: RE: 2 things
Date: Friday, February 05, 2016 2:56:45 PM

Lets do Gracie, if that is ok with you for tomorrow at 1130am

-----Original Message-----

From: Patrick [[mailto:](#)]
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2016 12:12 PM
To: Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca
Subject: Re: 2 things

I just need to be in Manhattan my friend.

> On Feb 3, 2016, at 11:30 AM, Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca <PSalazar-Rodriguez@cityhall.nyc.gov> wrote:

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> Ok. Tell me what location works better for you.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Patrick [[mailto:](#)]
> Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2016 11:25 AM
> To: Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca
> Subject: Re: 2 things

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> Bklyn? Sorry, but can't do Bklyn.

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>> On Feb 3, 2016, at 11:13 AM, Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca <PSalazar-Rodriguez@cityhall.nyc.gov> wrote:

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>> Confirming Saturday at 1130am at Bar Toto with Mayor and FL.

>> [REDACTED]
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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Patrick [[mailto:](#)]
>> Sent: Friday, January 29, 2016 7:31 PM
>> To: Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca
>> Subject: Re: 2 things

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>> ;-)

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>>> On Jan 29, 2016, at 7:29 PM, Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca <PSalazar-Rodriguez@cityhall.nyc.gov> wrote:

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>>> Will ask him and get back to you-

>>> [REDACTED]
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>>> -----Original Message-----

>>> From: Patrick [[mailto:](#)]
>>> Sent: Friday, January 29, 2016 2:18 PM
>>> To: Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca
>>> Subject: Re: 2 things

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>>> Brunch at 11:30am would be great. Where should I meet him?
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>>>> On Jan 29, 2016, at 1:03 PM, Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca <PSalazar-Rodriguez@cityhall.nyc.gov> wrote:
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>>>> Can you do brunch on the 6th around 1130?
>>>> Or should he just go to you? Or do you want to go to Gracie?
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>>>> -----Original Message-----
>>>> From: Patrick [mailto:]
>>>> Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 12:04 PM
>>>> To: Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca
>>>> Subject: Re: 2 things
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>>>> Hey Prisca. Slowly but surely.
>>>> I'm not available on the 7th, but can do something on the 6th. Does he have anytime earlier in the day?
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>>>>> On Jan 26, 2016, at 11:48 AM, Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca <PSalazar-Rodriguez@cityhall.nyc.gov> wrote:
>>>>>
>>>>> Hey! .
>>>>> Do you think you can do dinner with the Mayor on Saturday, Feb 6th or lunch on the 7th?
>>>>> Let me know.
>>>>> P-
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>>>>> -----Original Message-----
>>>>> From: Bill de Blasio [mailto:]
>>>>> Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2016 6:23 PM
>>>>> To: Patrick Gaspard
>>>>> Cc: Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca
>>>>> Subject: Re: 2 things
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>>>>> Prisca will coordinate
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>>>>> -----Original Message-----
>>>>> From: Patrick < >
>>>>> Date: Thu, 14 Jan 2016 15:12:52
>>>>> To:
>>>>> Subject: Re: 2 things
>>>>>
>>>>> Tried you after this email yesterday.
>>>>> Want to learn about yesterday and talk about where it goes.
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>>>>>> On Jan 13, 2016, at 8:49 AM, Bill de Blasio > wrote:
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>>>>>> 1. Pls call if you are free
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From: [Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: RE: Re:
Date: Friday, March 04, 2016 10:26:57 AM

He has a parade prior and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:\[REDACTED\]](#)
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 8:17 AM
To: Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca
Subject: Re: RE: Re:

Hey Prisca. Those times are pretty late for me because I'm seven hours ahead. I could try for that 4pm slot which is 11pm over here.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 3, 2016, at 10:39 PM, Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca <PSalazar-Rodriguez@cityhall.nyc.gov> wrote:

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> Hey!
> Saturday afternoon works anytime from 4-7pm Sunday works but only from
> 530-7

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> -----Original Message-----

> **From:** Bill de Blasio [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](#)]
> **Sent:** Wednesday, March 02, 2016 9:03 AM
> **To:** Patrick Gaspard
> **Cc:** Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca
> **Subject:** Re:

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> Agree! Prisca, pls find Patrick and me some time this weekend

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> -----Original Message-----

> **From:** Patrick Gaspard
> **To:** Bill de Blasio
> **Subject:**
> **Sent:** Mar 2, 2016 8:42 AM

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> Would be great to catch up soon.

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From: [Patrick](#)
To: [Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca](#)
Subject: Re: Lunch
Date: Monday, June 13, 2016 8:13:10 AM

Hey Prisca, checking back in. I totally understand if Bill can no longer do this given the security situation he has to manage. Would prefer to know early in order to reset my day. If you need to call, [REDACTED]. Thanks.

> On Jun 12, 2016, at 10:27 PM, Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca <PSalazar-Rodriguez@cityhall.nyc.gov> wrote:

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> Can be. But will know more tomorrow am. Will email you as soon as I can. Is there a cell I can call you on?

>

> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On Jun 12, 2016, at 10:22 PM, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> wrote:

>>

>> Hey Prisca. Is tomorrow still realistic given all that's going on?

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>> Sent from my iPhone

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>>> On Jun 12, 2016, at 7:45 PM, Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca <PSalazar-Rodriguez@cityhall.nyc.gov> wrote:

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>>> Will get you a location for tomorrow shortly

>>> Been dealing with Orlando shooting-

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>>> -----Original Message-----

>>> From: [REDACTED] [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]

>>> Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2016 7:04 PM

>>> To: Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca

>>> Subject: Re: Lunch

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>>> Hey Prisca. Monday is perfect for me.

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>>> Sent from my iPhone

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>>>> On Jun 9, 2016, at 6:43 PM, Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca <PSalazar-Rodriguez@cityhall.nyc.gov> wrote:

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>>>> Hi! Can we do lunch on either Monday at 130pm or Tuesday at 1pm?

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>>>> -----Original Message-----

>>>> From: Bill de Blasio [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]

>>>> Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2016 4:37 PM

>>>> To: Patrick Gaspard

>>>> Cc: Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca

>>>> Subject: Re:

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>>>> Of course! Prisca, pls make it happen

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>>>> -----Original Message-----

>>>> From: Patrick Gaspard

>>>> To: Bill de Blasio

>>>> Subject:

>>>> Sent: Jun 5, 2016 3:49 PM

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>>>> Hey Bill. I'm in town from 9th to 15th. Maybe a coffee sometime?

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>>>> Sent from my iPad

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From: [patrick.gaspard](#)
To: [Madonia, Peter](#)
Cc: [Santucci, Laura](#)
Subject: Re: Detail
Date: Wednesday, January 08, 2014 1:41:48 AM

i can do that. would be 7pm my time.

On Wed, Jan 8, 2014 at 2:59 AM, Madonia, Peter <PMadonia@rockfound.org> wrote:

Laura

I should but don't know the time difference to S Africa? 9 hours? I would suggest Sat might be a better day for this with less hectic schedules on all end? On Friday the times I can do this are 4 or 5 in the afternoon which I'm guessing isn't good for Patrick?

Does noonish NY time work for anyone on Sat?

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 7, 2014, at 7:42 PM, "Santucci, Laura" <LSantucci@cityhall.nyc.gov> wrote:

Dear Sirs – I've had separate conversations with you both about candidates for the head of the MDetail. Can we do a brief call on Friday to discuss?

Mornings are best for me outside of 8:30-9:30am but will make myself available to what works best for you.

From: [Patrick Gaspard](#)
To: [Santucci, Laura](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: UPCOMING GUIDANCE FOR FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA
Date: Monday, January 13, 2014 3:09:47 PM

Why? Not sure why they would naturally think of her for this?

Sent from my iPad

On Jan 13, 2014, at 9:15 AM, "Santucci, Laura" <LSantucci@cityhall.nyc.gov> wrote:

We should think about having our own version of this but more importantly, shouldn't Chirlane have been invited.

From: White House Press Office [<mailto:noreply@messages.whitehouse.gov>]
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2014 12:13 PM
To: Santucci, Laura
Subject: UPCOMING GUIDANCE FOR FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the First Lady

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 13, 2014

UPCOMING GUIDANCE FOR FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA

Wednesday, January 15, 2014

Washington, DC * 4:00 PM – On Wednesday, First Lady Michelle Obama will host a discussion with education stakeholders and a White House screening of *The Inevitable Defeat of Mister and Pete*, a coming of age story about two inner-city youth who are left to fend for themselves in the Bronx. Attendees scheduled to join the movie screening and discussion include college access organizations, youth organizations, high school teachers and counselors, and college students.

The movie screening will be followed by a group discussion about the challenges and best practices regarding education access in underserved communities. Senior Administration officials will moderate a large group discussion after remarks by the First Lady.

The event is part of the First Lady's ongoing efforts to speak directly to young people about committing to their education so that they can create a better future for themselves and their country. In particular, Mrs. Obama's remarks

and discussion will support the Administration's focus on empowering youth to achieve higher education, especially working to achieve the President's "North Star" Goal, that by 2020, America will once again have the highest proportion of college graduates in the world.

This event is open press. Members of the media who wish to cover this event must RSVP to firstladypress@who.eop.gov by Tuesday, January 14th, at 3:00 PM ET. Press who do not have a White House hard pass must include in their email a social security number, date of birth, country of citizenship, current city/state of residence, and gender.

Thursday, January 16, 2014

On Thursday, the President and First Lady will host an event at the White House on expanding college opportunity. More information will be forthcoming.

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From: [Maxine Griffith](#)
To: [Santucci, Laura](#)
Cc: [Patrick Gaspard](#) [REDACTED]
Subject: Great People!
Date: Tuesday, May 13, 2014 3:00:08 PM
Attachments: [To CW re \[REDACTED\].docx](#)
[REDACTED].Resume.2013.pdf
[Valerie James Resume.doc](#)
[Nilda Mesa bio.docx](#)

Dear Laura –

I haven't bugged you about anything in a while, but Bill's appointment of the Fire Commissioner last week, reminded me that there were a few great folks who are eager to join the de Blasio team, but don't seem to have found a spot as of yet, so here goes.

[REDACTED] – [REDACTED] An intergovernmental position with an agency would be perfect for him. However, he would also make an excellent chief of staff or agency policy guy. I've attached his resume, along with the note about [REDACTED] that I sent to Carl back in November.

Valerie James – is currently an administrative manager on my staff. You must know her, she's family - tremendously loyal and capable with world view that is completely consistent with the administration – resume attached, she should also be in the transition queue

Nilda Mesa – was Environmental Stewart at Columbia for a number of years. She has a killer resume – EPA, Harvard Law and although I think that I recommended her for head of the Mayor's office of environmental Coordination – she's also make an excellent Deputy at DEP or a related agency or at DCA. I thought that I had her resume, but not on this computer – so I've attached an old bio (she's no longer at Columbia) and will send her current contact info and resume as soon as I get them.

Thanks in advance for any help you can provide – hope that you're getting some rest.
Maxine

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for Government & Community Affairs
and Special Advisor, Campus Planning
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212 854-6524

From: Maxine Griffith [<mailto:mfg30@columbia.edu>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2013 3:16 PM
To: Carl Weisbrod
Subject: [REDACTED]

Carl –

I may have already sent this CV to the email address that we were given, but after I heard Bill broaden our charge to include select junior and mid-level folks I thought that I should send it to you as well, along with some dressing on the salad (I have food on my mind).

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is smart, organized, collegial and ambitious and as a progressive white guy growing up in Alabama, he has proven his fidelity to the cause.

In my office [REDACTED].
He knows everyone and was instrumental in helping guide the Manhattanville campus through the complex waters of ULURP and the State approval processes. He would be a great top aide to a Deputy Mayor or Commissioner and would excel in the City's DC office or in the Mayor's office

Although I'd love to keep him enslaved here forever, he's done good and deserves to fly.

Let me know, if you'd like additional information,

Maxine

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Valerie G. James

EXPERIENCE:

- 01/00-Present** **Transport Workers Union – Local 100**
80 West End Avenue, New York, NY
Assistant to the President
Coordinated special events including, but not limited to, international conventions, training session, rallies, press conferences, legislative, cultural events, retreats, conferences and leadership meetings. Managed logistical arrangements in support of contract negotiations, researched and prepared agendas for meetings of the Executive Board, and supervised staff. Responded to queries from federal, state and local officials, conducted research related to labor agreements and contracts. Represented the organization at meetings and forums. Assisted President Toussaint, in all aspects of TWU operations
- 6/99-01/00** **United States Department of Labor**
201 Varick Street, New York
Secretary's Regional Representative
Served as the Department of Labor's representative in the Northeast region, encompassing, New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Worked as an advocate for and liaison with diverse parties to effectively promote the goals, priorities, special projects and initiatives of the Secretary of Labor and to bring constituent concerns to the attention of the Secretary and members of her executive staff. Met regularly with elected officials, representatives of organized labor, business, industry and other advocacy organizations as well as other federal state and municipal agencies.
- 01/94-6/99** **MacAndrews & Forbes Holdings, Inc.**
38 East 63rd Street, NYC
Executive Assistant to the Vice President, Government Affairs
Assisted the Vice President in all aspects of his day to day activities. Routinely interacted with staff and leadership of federal, state and local government agencies. Coordinated relations with consultants and lobbyists. Responded to queries from elected officials and community leadership
- 01/93-12/93** **Committee for David N. Dinkins**
330 West 42nd Street, NYC
Executive Assistant to the Campaign Manager
Functioned as the liaison between campaign manager and Mayor's office staff. Responsible for researching and assembling briefing materials. Served as communication coordinator among staff, advance team and volunteers. Collaborated with campaign team in development of campaign material. Fielded, prioritized and allocated press calls, maintained surrogate scheduling matrix managed volunteers and support staff.

- 07/92-11/92** **Clinton/Gore Presidential Campaign**
Assistant to Deputy Campaign Manager
Scheduled field activities Get Out The Vote and voter registration drives; served as liaison to press office.
- 11/92-1/93** **Clinton/ Gore Transition Committee**
919 Third Avenue, Washington, DC
Executive Assistant to Chief Counsel
Responsibilities included researching dated and background information for potential candidates reporting to the President and the White House Counsel. Organized staffing needs for 40 lawyers and their paralegals.
- 01/92-07/92** **Democratic National Convention Committee**
Convention Hall Planning & Management
1250 Broadway, NY, NY
Project Coordinator
Managed pre-convention security credential operation. Arranged tours and access for VIP's and the Democratic Party Officials. Interviewed, trained and supervised office support staff; developed department payroll and service contract agreements. Supervised cadre of volunteers and temporary staffers.
- 01/90-01/92** **Office of the Mayor, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs**
City Hall, New York, NY
Executive Secretary to the Deputy Mayor
Worked with federal & local governmental officials; responded to and routed incoming mail; developed and maintained filing and computer information systems; received officials visitors; responsible for all records, phone logs, etc. for press and FOIA requests.
- 04/87-12/89** **Manhattan Borough President's Office/Executive Office**
1 Centre Street, New York, NY
Executive Secretary to the Borough President
Assembled background material for daily meetings, conferences. Worked with senior governmental officials on a range of special projects. Developed and maintained complex correspondence tracking system.
- 07/86-01/87** **Merrill Lynch Capital Markets/Project & Lease Finance Dept.**
1 Liberty Street, NYC
Administrative Assistant to the Vice President
Processed large volumes of proposals, marketing guides and general correspondence; researched new business materials and background information for past and upcoming deals. Performed all secretarial and administrative duties.

- 07/84-07/86** **Bear Stearns & Co., Inc./Public Finance Dept.**
55 Water Street, NYC
Administrative Assistance to the Managing Director
Interviewed, trained and supervised office staff; coordinated meetings, luncheons, dinners and receptions for bond closings; handled correspondence and invoices for accounts payable; travel arrangements and expenses.
- 12/82-05/84** **Prudential Bache Securities, Inc./Government Operations**
100 Gold Street, NYC
Senior Secretary to the Vice President
Prepared weekly statistical financial reports; supervised personnel records for over one hundred employees, included benefits, payroll and attendance.
Supervised floor plans for major departmental move.

EDUCATION

- 09/99** **New York University**
New York, NY
Associates Degree/General Business & Management

- References** Will be furnished upon request

Nilda Mesa

Adjunct Professor of International and Public Affairs
Biography

Nilda Mesa is Assistant Vice President of Environmental Stewardship at Columbia University.

She works with students, faculty, and staff at all three campuses to lessen the environmental footprint of the University. Major initiatives underway include programs to promote energy and greenhouse gas emissions reductions, develop energy-saving IT strategies, incorporate LEED and other green standards into construction and operations, green roofs and the area's first green roof research station, promote sustainable food purchasing and dining practices, a surplus reuse program that keeps furniture and equipment out of landfills and makes it available to local not-for-profits, recycling and energy competitions and initiatives, and the development of energy-saving strategies to reduce carbon emissions.

Following her graduation from Harvard Law School, Mesa worked for the California Attorney General on enforcement of toxic management and natural resources laws. As an appointee in the Clinton-Gore administration, she held several positions, including as a member of the U.S. delegation and lead legal negotiator on the environmental side agreements subsequent to the ratification of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

As Assistant Deputy for Environment for the U.S. Air Force, she worked to reconcile training and airspace environmental issues with tribal governments, environmental groups and local business groups. At the White House Council for Environmental Quality, Mesa led an interagency task force on reinventing environmental review and permitting processes.

In 1998, following her service in Washington, Mesa moved to New York City with her family and has been a Harlem resident since 2001.

During this period, she co-directed the Maryland Institute College of Art summer residency program for American artists in Brittany, France. In addition to her environmental background, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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From: [Maxine Griffith](#)
To: [Santucci, Laura](#)
Cc: [Patrick Gaspard](#) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Great People!
Date: Tuesday, May 13, 2014 3:30:46 PM

Laura – I don't understand how you respond so quickly – it must be nice to be young.

I should be able to reach Nilda this evening and will send info along – in the meantime, you may want to take a look at her bio.

From: Santucci, Laura [mailto:LSantucci@cityhall.nyc.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2014 3:05 PM
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To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [Santucci, Laura](#); [Chloe Drew](#); [Emma Wolfe](#)
Subject: RE: Great People!
Date: Tuesday, May 13, 2014 3:33:14 PM

Thanks so much – btw, I guess you heard that I never made it to Joburg – long story, maybe this year.

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2014 3:27 PM
To: Maxine Griffith
Cc: Laura Santucci (LSantucci@cityhall.nyc.gov); Chloe Drew; Emma Wolfe
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Cc: [Patrick Gaspard](#) ([REDACTED])
Subject: RE: Great People!
Date: Tuesday, May 13, 2014 6:12:00 PM
Attachments: [Nilda Mesa resume 2014.doc](#)

Laura – Here's Nilda's resume. Maxine

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NILDA MESA

[REDACTED]
New York, New York [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (H)
[REDACTED] (C)

Professional Experience

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
Chief Administrative Officer/Associate Dean of Administrative Affairs
Graduate School of Journalism

New York, NY
2012-2014

- Oversees \$60 million budget for top journalism school
- Manages planning and restructuring of administrative processes, human resources, building operations, and technology
- Works closely with faculty and School departments as well as University Provost, Treasury and HR
- Oversees employee relations, performance management and development, and unit reorganizations
- Oversees two major capital projects
- Oversees information technology, including strategic planning for classrooms and technology

Assistant Vice President, Environmental Stewardship

2006-12

- Chief sustainability officer for University
- Founded national award-winning sustainability office
- Led innovative interdepartmental initiatives, projects and policies with students, faculty and administration across three campuses to lessen University's environmental impact on energy, building, air quality, dining, recycling, transportation and climate relating to building operations and construction, budget and financing, IT and purchasing
- Led move to institute green building and urban standards, gaining LEED Platinum for new campus
- Led University to Princeton Review and Sierra Club sustainability honor roll
- Liaison with alumni, government, higher education, industry, media, and environmental groups
 - Worked with EPA, NYSEDA, Mayor's, City Council Speaker's and Borough President's offices
 - Established partnerships with USGBC, Sierra Club, Environmental Defense Fund, and NRDC
- Oversaw University greenhouse gas emissions inventory and action plan
- Achieved first University green building LEED standards for new construction, campus expansion plan
- Advised students on sustainability initiatives and professional development

Adjunct Professor, School of International and Public Affairs

- Teaches graduate workshop on environmental policy development
- Guest lecturer: School of Engineering and Applied Sciences; Columbia College; Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation; School of Continuing Education; the Business School and the Earth Institute

MARYLAND INSTITUTE COLLEGE OF ART (MICA)
Alfred and Trafford Klots Artists Residency Program Co-Director

Brittany, France
1998-2006

- Ran annual international residency program for established American artists
- Advised president on French political and legal issues, developed five-year plan, submitted budget, negotiated agreement with local government and wrote program proposal for collaboration

CLINTON-GORE PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTEE
WHITE HOUSE COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
Associate Director, NEPA Reinvent Project

Washington, DC
1993-8

Led 30+ agency initiative to streamline implementation of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), focusing on energy and western lands issues, while maintaining compliance

- Represented CEQ in negotiations with Congressional staff

- Supervising Editor, *The National Environmental Policy Act: A Study of its Effectiveness After Twenty-five Years*; wrote NEPA chapter in annual report

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. AIR FORCE

Assistant Deputy for Environment

- Oversaw natural and cultural resources, historic preservation, compliance, and international policymaking and programs, overall legislative strategy and community and media relations relating to land use, buildings, toxics, training and airspace
- Drafted congressional testimony, worked with Office of Secretary of Defense, Air Force Secretary and Chief of Staff's office and operational units on integrating environmental and cultural mandates with training and operational needs
- Liaison with Department of Interior, states, and tribal governments

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Counsel to the NAFTA Task Force

- Legal Counsel for all EPA NAFTA environmental agreement implementation
- Led U.S. legal negotiations with Canada and Mexico following adoption of NAFTA. Drafted agreement language, implementing regulations and executive orders, including establishing multinational Commission on Environmental Cooperation
- Served on U.S. delegation negotiating US- Mexico Border Environment Cooperation Agreement
- Assisted in developing EPA positions on the overseas application of the National Environmental Policy Act, Antarctica Protocol implementing legislation, and trade and environment
- *Office of General Counsel Merit Award 1994*

ACKERSON & BISHOP

Partner

Washington, DC

1991-3

- Conducted federal litigation on behalf of banks, major food growers and processors, foreign governments and Fortune 500 companies in trade and banking cases
- Supervised summer associate program
- Promoted to director/partner within one year

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Deputy Attorney General, Environment Section

Los Angeles, CA

1989-91

- Conducted civil enforcement litigation of state and federal hazardous materials, air quality and land use laws at all levels on behalf of the State of California, including brief for U.S. Supreme Court
- Answered press inquiries; worked with local and environmental groups

CENTER FOR LAW IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

Visiting Fellow

Los Angeles, CA

1988-89

- Environmental, consumer and government fraud litigation practice
- Devised legislative strategy and testified before California Assembly

MONDALE-FERRARO PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

National Advance Staff

Washington, DC

1984

U.S. SENATE

Legislative Aide for Foreign Policy and Defense, Senator Alan Cranston

Washington, DC

1982-84

- Primary legislative and policy responsibility for advising Senator on Latin America, as well as military construction and personnel issues
- Drafted legislation with Senate Foreign Relations Committee

FOREIGN POLICY MAGAZINE

Washington, DC

Editorial Assistant: *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Fellow* 1981-82

- Edited articles and reviewed manuscripts; selected from 400 university nominees nationwide

I.A. ROZEN AND ASSOCIATES Skokie, IL
Associate: Prepared books, financial statements and taxes for area businesses 1978-81

Selected Conferences, Publications & Bibliography

2013 Metropolitan Museum of Art, "Science- Art Dating Game," Moderator
2013 Columbia University Earth Summit, Economy Panel, Moderator
2012 New York Academy of Sciences, "Data in the Built Environment," Moderator
2012 NECSC Annual Sustainability Conference, Syracuse University, Presenter
2011 Columbia University, "Community Meets Academia," Keynoter
2011 Environmental Consortium of Hudson Valley Colleges and Universities, Student Summit, Moderator

2011 Northeast Women in Public Finance, "What Green Means for Public Finance," Panelist
2011 IBM, Green Planet Seminar Series, Featured Speaker
2011 Gotham Media, "GreenTECH: The Greening of Business," Panelist
2011 AIA-NY Center for Architecture, Columbia Building Intelligence International Think Tank, "PlaNYC and Green Codes," Panelist

2011 Earth Institute, Columbia University, "Bringing Sustainability into Routine Management Decisions," Panelist

2010 US Green Building Council Annual Greenbuild Conference, Presenter
2010 White House Council on Environmental Quality, GreenGov Conference, Panelist
2010 Higher Education Legal Manager Conference, Panelist
2010 Millenium Campus Conference, Earth Institute at Columbia University
2010 Smart Cities Conference, IBM and Columbia University, Panelist
2009 Urban Green Expo, USGBC New York, Panelist
2009 Science & the City Podcast, New York Academy of Science
2009 UBS Best and Brightest Speaker Series, Speaker
2009 Café Science, The Greening of an Urban University, Presenter
2009 Greening the Urban Economy, Earth Institute at Columbia University, Panelist
2009 Clean Construction Conference, Columbia University and US EPA, Steering Committee member
2008 The Politics of Food Conference, Columbia University and Manhattan Borough President's Office, Executive Steering Committee member
2008 Graduate School of Architecture and Planning Environmental Conference, Columbia University, Panelist
2008 NECSC Annual Conference on Campus Sustainability, Princeton University, Presenter
2008 Sallan Foundation Sustainability Conference, Panelist
2008 International Advisory Committee conference, Shanghai, China, Presenter
1998 27th Annual ABA Conference on the Environment, Co-Chair and Moderator
1997 *The National Environmental Policy Act: A Study of its Effectiveness After 25 Years*, Executive Office of the President, Washington, DC. (supervising editor and author)
1995 *Environmental Quality: The 25th Anniversary Report of the Council on Environmental Quality*, Executive Office of the President, Washington, DC. Chapter 3, "The National Environmental Policy Act" (author).
1995 NATO Pilot Study: Environmental Aspects of Reusing Former Military Lands, DoD Participant

Other Publications & Bibliography

2002 NHK TV (Japan), "Unity Canvas," documentary
Artists Talk on Art: Expressions of Loss -- WTC Memorial Project

Education

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, Cambridge, MA J.D. 1988

Teaching Fellow, Harvard College (Joseph Nye, “International Conflicts in the Modern World.”) Board member, Environmental Law Society; La Alianza; Harvard Radcliffe Chorus

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, Evanston, IL

B.A. History, 1981

Research Assistant, Department of History; U.S. House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee intern

Selected Civic, Honors, Awards

- *Bar Memberships:* Admitted: District of Columbia Bar; California Bar (inactive). American Bar Association Standing Committee on Environmental Law (appointed by ABA President, 1997-99)
- *Boards:* Second Nature (national higher education sustainability organization), Columbia Community Service, Thomas Berry Great Work Award committee member
- *Steering committees:* Manhattan Borough President’s Go Green Committees; North East College and University Sustainability Consortium; Urban Green Council Conference Education Committee, Programs Committee. *Memberships:* Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE), USGBC, Ivy Plus Sustainability Working Group
- Unity Canvas: Project Director and Founder of collective 300+ artists’ response to 9/11. Exhibited at NY-NJ Port Authority 2006, Williamsburg Art & Historical Center, Brooklyn, NY in 2002.
- “New Yorker of the Week” NY 1-TV (2002)

Special Skills and Interests

Languages: Spanish and French fluency.

From: [Santucci, Laura](#)
To: [Emma Wolfe](#)
Cc: [Patrick Gaspard](#); [Maxine Griffith](#); [Chloe Drew](#)
Subject: Re: Great People!
Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2014 10:15:46 AM

Emma - will send

On May 14, 2014, at 10:15 AM, "Emma Wolfe" [REDACTED] wrote:

Got it - if you don't mind forwarding the resumes that would be great. I know we were talking to some agencies about [REDACTED] so I will check back in.

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To: [REDACTED] [Maxine Griffith \(mfg30@columbia.edu\)](mailto:mfg30@columbia.edu)
Subject: FW: SBS - Staten Island Business Solutions Center Director - Posting ID 151045
Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2014 12:40:42 PM
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Max and Patrick,

Valeria is going to receive an offer from SBS for the position she identified below and interviewed for.

From: Shapiro, Leigh
Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2014 12:34 PM
To: Santucci, Laura
Subject: SBS - Staten Island Business Solutions Center Director - Posting ID 151045



DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS SERV.
Job Posting Notice

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| Job ID: | 151045 | # of | 1 |
| Business Title: | STATEN ISLAND, BUSINESS SOLUTIONS CENTER DIRECTOR | | |
| Civil Service Title: | ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS PROMOT | | |
| Title Code No: | 10009 | Level: | M2 |
| Job Category: | Community & Business Services | | |
| Career Level: | Manager | | |
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| Work Location: | 110 William St. N Y | | |
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The Director of the NYC Business Solutions, Staten Island Center is responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of NYC Business Solutions' Center in Staten Island as well as leading the Center towards its goal of providing high-quality services to help small businesses in Brooklyn to start, operate, and expand. Specifically, the Director executes the center's strategy, drives business development, supports service delivery, oversees ongoing operations, manages a team of account managers, and cultivates and manages key center partnerships.

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Responsibilities:

- Lead all day-to-day operations of the NYC Business Solutions, Staten Island Center.
- Develop and execute a business development and service delivery strategy for the center.
- Ensure high-quality service delivery to the businesses that access NYC Business Solutions' set of services.
- Direct the Center's outcomes measurement, marketing, business development, partnership development, reporting, and project coordination.
- Provide primary oversight and strategic management of the Center's outcomes, identifying areas for improvement, spearheading corrective action plans, and working closely with key staff on strategies to improve overall performance.
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- Attend morning and evening events in the Staten Island community as needed, in the interest of strengthening partnerships and business development efforts.

Minimum Qual Requirements

1. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university and five years of full-time paid experience acquired within the last fifteen years, of supervisory or administrative experience including

handling of business promotion or urban economic problems, at least 2 years of which must have been in a managerial or executive capacity with primary focus on business promotion or urban economic planning; or

2. A satisfactory equivalent combination of education and experience. However all candidates must have 2 years of managerial or executive experience as described in "1" above.

Appropriate graduate study in an accredited college or university may be substituted for the general experience on a year-for-year basis. All candidates must have a four-year high school diploma or its equivalent approved by a State's Department of Education or a recognized accrediting organization.

Preferred Skills

- At least 5-7 years of relevant work experience, including experience managing teams in a fast-paced work environment.
- A strong belief in the potential of small businesses and the value of understanding and addressing their needs.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to work well with staff across a variety of positions and levels of seniority throughout the center, the Staten Island business community, and the Department of Small Business Services.
- Excellent leadership skills and the ability to manage a team towards achieving annual performance goals/metrics.
- The ability to think innovatively and generate new ideas that can translate directly into results.
- Strong writing, analytical, interpersonal, time-management, and communications skills
- Flexible, adaptable, customer-focused, and goal-oriented with a commitment to high standards of excellence.
- Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience required; advanced degree preferred.
- Experience providing direct technical assistance to small businesses preferred.
- An understanding of the political and community based landscape in Staten Island preferred.
- Valid NYS Driver's license

To Apply

To apply for this position, please ALSO email your resume and cover letter including the following subject line: Director – NYC Business Solutions, Staten Island to: careers@sbs.nyc.gov

Salary: \$60,000 - \$65,000

NOTE: Only those candidates under consideration will be contacted.

Residency Requirement

New York City residency is generally required within 90 days of appointment. However, City Employees in certain titles who have worked for the City for 2 continuous years may also be eligible to reside in Nassau, Suffolk, Putnam, Westchester, Rockland, or Orange County. To determine if the residency requirement applies to you, please discuss with the agency representative at the time of interview.

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Appropriate graduate study in an accredited college or university may be substituted for the general experience on a year-for-year basis. All candidates must have a four-year high school diploma or its equivalent approved by a State's Department of Education or a recognized accrediting organization.

Preferred Skills

- At least 5-7 years of relevant work experience, including experience managing teams in a fast-paced work environment.
- A strong belief in the potential of small businesses and the value of understanding and addressing their needs.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to work well with staff across a variety of positions and levels of seniority throughout the center, the Staten Island business community, and the Department of Small Business Services.
- Excellent leadership skills and the ability to manage a team towards achieving annual performance goals/metrics.
- The ability to think innovatively and generate new ideas that can translate directly into results.
- Strong writing, analytical, interpersonal, time-management, and communications skills
- Flexible, adaptable, customer-focused, and goal-oriented with a commitment to high standards of excellence.
- Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience required; advanced degree preferred.
- Experience providing direct technical assistance to small businesses preferred.
- An understanding of the political and community based landscape in Staten Island preferred.
- Valid NYS Driver's license

To Apply

To apply for this position, please ALSO email your resume and cover letter including the following subject line: Director – NYC Business Solutions, Staten Island to: careers@sbs.nyc.gov

Salary: \$60,000 - \$65,000

NOTE: Only those candidates under consideration will be contacted.

Residency Requirement

New York City residency is generally required within 90 days of appointment. However, City Employees in certain titles who have worked for the City for 2 continuous years may also be eligible to reside in Nassau, Suffolk, Putnam, Westchester, Rockland, or Orange County. To determine if the residency requirement applies to you, please discuss with the agency representative at the time of interview.

POSTING 05/21/2014
DATE:

POST Until Filled
UNTIL:

From: [Patrick Gaspard](#)
To: [Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca](#)
Subject: Re: Donna Brazile
Date: Sunday, September 20, 2015 7:27:03 PM

Good to be back in Africa.
[REDACTED]

> On Sep 21, 2015, at 1:22 AM, Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca <PSalazar-Rodriguez@cityhall.nyc.gov> wrote:

>
> Thanks much!
> Hope you are fab!
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>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: Patrick [[mailto:](#)[REDACTED]]
> Sent: Sunday, September 20, 2015 7:21 PM
> To: Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca
> Subject: Re: Donna Brazile

>
> Hey Prisca. Donna can be reached at
> [REDACTED]
> Office - [REDACTED]

>> On Sep 21, 2015, at 1:11 AM, Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca <PSalazar-Rodriguez@cityhall.nyc.gov> wrote:

>>
>> HI! Can you share her contact info with me- Thanks!
>>
>>

>> -----Original Message-----
>> From: B
>> Sent: Sunday, September 20, 2015 6:37 PM
>> To: Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca
>> Cc: Snyder, Thomas; Arslanian, Kayla
>> Subject: Re: Donna Brazile

>>
>> I saw donna this AM. She is game to meet. No need for call. Pls sched
>> when she's in town

>>
>> ----- Original Message -----
>> From: Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca
>> Sent: Saturday, September 19, 2015 04:39 PM
>> To: B
>> Cc: Snyder, Thomas
>> Subject: Re: Donna Brazile

>>
>> Will do.

>>
>> Sent from my iPhone

>>
>>> On Sep 19, 2015, at 4:18 PM, B <BCCD@cityhall.nyc.gov> wrote:

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>>> We should do this. Pls set up a call for me to ask her to meet

>>>
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>>>

>>> ----- Original Message -----

>>> From: B
>>> Sent: Saturday, September 19, 2015 04:14 PM
>>> To: Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca
>>> Subject: Fw: Donna Brazile

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>>> -----Original Message-----

>>> To: Patrick Gaspard
>>> Subject: Re: Donna Brazile
>>> Sent: Sep 19, 2015 4:11 PM

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>>> Good idea. Will do

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>>>
>>>

>>> -----Original Message-----

>>> From: Patrick Gaspard
>>> To: Bill de Blasio
>>> Subject: Donna Brazile
>>> Sent: Sep 18, 2015 4:11 PM

>>>

>>> Bill, after spending time with Donna this week, I'm convinced that it would be helpful to you to have some one on one time with her. Just two of you. She's in NYC frequently and I know you're on Sunday show with her this week.

From: [Drew, Chloe](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Referral List
Date: Wednesday, January 29, 2014 9:08:56 PM
Attachments: [Michael Gaspard Referral List 9 PM Jan 29th 2014.xlsx](#)

Gentlemen: see attached! I hope that this helps. Let me know if you need more background. Keep the lists of good names coming.

From: Amit Bagga [mailto:amit@transition2013.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2014 09:04 PM
To: Drew, Chloe
Subject: Gaspard Referral List

| First Name | Last Name | Agencies of Interest | Assessed Level |
|------------|-------------|--|---|
| Donna | Lawrence | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] large agency |
| Valerie | James | [REDACTED] [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |
| Barbara | Turk | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] large agency |
| Danny | Fisher | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |
| [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | Senior role in DM shop or senior public affairs role | Dep or Asst Commissioner; Commish for small agency |
| [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | Positions in First Lady's Office | Mid-level |
| Carla | Hoke Miller | [REDACTED] [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] [REDACTED] |

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|------------|------------|--|---------------------------|
| [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | DOHMH, ACS, DYCD, HRA | Dept or Asst Commissioner |
| Diana | Dixon | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |
| [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | DYCD, DOE, ACS, DM LBP, UPK | Dept or Asst Commissioner |
| [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | Any | Senior comms role |
| [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | DHS, DCA, SBS, OLR, Voter Assistance Commission, UPK | Senior press role |
| [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | EDC, DCAS, HDC | Senior Management Role |
| Tony | Martin | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] [REDACTED] |

| Status/ notes | Action Item | Date Status was updated |
|---------------|--|-------------------------|
| [REDACTED] | Left message to convey our thanks for interest in serving and to convey that candidate is on our radar and we're very interested in speaking with them | 1/29/2014 |
| [REDACTED] | Left message to convey our thanks for interest in serving and to convey that candidate is on our radar and we're very interested in speaking with them | 1/29/2014 |
| | Left message to convey our thanks for interest in serving and to convey that candidate is on our radar and we're very interested in speaking with them | 1/29/2014 |
| | Spoke with; "thanks for the call" | 1/29/2014 |
| | Spoke with; has a pending offer from a private firm; is still interested in admin opps | 1/29/2014 |
| [REDACTED] | Circling back, pending mid-level appointments | 1/29/2014 |
| | Left message to convey our thanks for interest in serving and to convey that candidate is on our radar and we're very interested in speaking with them | 1/29/2014 |

Left message to convey our thanks for
interest in serving and to convey that
candidate is on our radar and we're very
interested in speaking with them 1/29/2014

Left message to convey our thanks for
interest in serving and to convey that
candidate is on our radar and we're very
interested in speaking with them 1/29/2014

Spoke with; provided detailed information 1/29/2014

Left message to convey our thanks for
interest in serving and to convey that
candidate is on our radar and we're very
interested in speaking with them 1/29/2014

Spoke with; provided detailed information 1/29/2014

CD in process of reaching out 1/29/2014

Team in process of reaching out 1/29/2014

| Referral source | IRM/Profile update |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| [REDACTED] | Has full profile |
| [REDACTED] | Has full profile |
| [REDACTED] | Has full profile |
| [REDACTED] | Has profile w CV |
| [REDACTED] | Has profile w CV |
| [REDACTED] | Has profile w CV |
| [REDACTED] | Has full profile |



Has full profile



Has profile w CV



Has full profile



Has full profile



Has full profile



Has full profile



Profile needs to be
fleshed out

From: [Chloe Drew](#)
To: [patrick.gaspard](#); [Santucci, Laura](#)
Subject: DEP & OLTPS
Date: Thursday, January 16, 2014 8:20:10 PM
Attachments: [OLTPS Jan 16th 805 PM.pdf](#)
[DEPJan 16th 8 PM \(1\).pdf](#)

Patrick,

See attached the most current DEP list and I'm also sending OLTPS for reference.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Have a great evening (or actually morning!)

Chloe

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Chloe Drew

c. [REDACTED]

D-Level Screening



**D-Level
Screening**
**DANIEL
ZARRILLI**

Residence:
Staten Island

Most recent title:
Director of
Resiliency

Most recent org:
NYC Office of the
Mayor

Profile status:
± 78% Complete

**Resume or
bio on file:**
Yes

Confidential Notes:

Priority notes:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Link to online CV file
M.S. - MIT

Review 1 Notes:

[REDACTED] Resiliency @ OLTPS. Worked at engineering firm and EDC as waterfront property manager for a few years.

-Director of Resiliency (NYC Office of the Mayor) 06/13: Oversaw the City's implementation of 'A Stronger, More Resilient New York'

-Senior Policy Advisor - Coastal Protection

NYC Office of the Mayor - Special Initiative for Rebuilding and Resiliency: Authored Chapter 3 - Coastal Protection of the City's comprehensive climate change resiliency plan 'A Stronger, More Resilient New York'

-Senior Vice President of Asset Management/ Portfolio Manager, EDC ('04-'13): Responsible since February 2010 for profit/loss, including all leasing, operations and construction across a portfolio of maritime and market assets in New York City. Promoted to Senior Vice President in 2008 to take on responsibility for the Asset Management division's property management, preventative maintenance and violation avoidance efforts. Promoted to Vice President in 2006 to take on responsibility for the Asset Management division's construction and maintenance contracts, including procurement, contract administration, contract negotiation and project controls. Hired as Assistant Vice President in 2004 to manage, improve and expand the harbor's most proactive waterfront inspection and rehabilitation program.

-Worked for Bechtel Infrastructure Corp ('99-'04)

Unknown project

largest construction and engineering company in US

Referred by:

Endorsed by:

Positions under consideration:

[REDACTED]



Most recent title:
Development and
Resiliency
Manager

Profile status:
± 100% Complete

Resume or bio on file: Yes

Priority notes:

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Review 1 Notes:

CV on File
MCP, MIT

At current position since May, 2013. Former Project Manager, & Sustainability Coordinator at the Washington DC Deputy Mayor's Office for Planning and Economic Development (3/10-5/13). - Former Director of Development for Full Spectrum of New York, a sustainable housing/real estate developer ('06-'09). - Former Special Assistant to the NYC First Deputy Comptroller & Chief Investment Officer, handling real estate finance and green building investment (11/02-1/06). - Former Investment Analyst for AFL-CIO Building Investment Trust & Housing Investment Trust ('00-'02).

- Current Adjunct Faculty, Urban Env. Systems Management/Pratt Institute, School of Arch. - Current Adjunct Faculty, The Real Estate Dev. program at Columbia University Arch. School. - LEED Accredited Professional. - Urban Land Institute, Sustainability Council, New York Chapter.

Development and Resiliency Manager 5/2013 - 11/2013

New York City Mayor's Office of Housing Recovery Operations

-Designed and managed water and energy resiliency policy and systems deployment strategy in coordination with the redevelopment of large-scale residential redevelopment in Breezy Point.

-Managed capital, feasibility and systems strategies for the purpose of reducing water and energy expenses and risk, and improving resiliency and infrastructure operational redundancy during extreme weather events,
-Secured a pro-bono Phase One feasibility study for Breezy Point from the US Environmental Protection Agency Combined Heat and Power Partnership program and two third-party energy engineering firms.
-Managed a \$50 million Hazard Mitigation Grant Program submission to the US Federal Emergency Management Agency for the design and deployment of storm surge mitigation structures in Breezy Point

Project Manager, & Sustainability Coordinator 3/2010 - 5/2013

Washington, DC Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development

Managed development partners, architects, engineers, contractors, consultants, public agencies, lenders, and investors in the development, analysis and structuring of construction and operating budgets, debt and investment terms, intercreditor agreements, third-party funding, construction costs, land disposition and development finance agreements, affordability covenants, ground leases, First Source requirements, requisitions, entitlements, design and sustainability goals

Director of Development 7/2006-8/2009

Full Spectrum of New York

-Originated and managed the development of sustainable and environmentally responsible mixed use and mixed income community development projects in distressed and emerging urban communities.
-Wrote and managed development budgets; structured project financing with lenders, equity investors, foundations, and public agencies; managed architecture, planning, engineering and design professionals in developing project costs, schedules and sustainability goals.
-Managed client and community relationships, and represented Full Spectrum at industry conferences, as well as legislative hearings and Mayor Michael Bloomberg's PlaNYC Task Force.

Referred by:

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Endorsed by:

Positions under consideration:

[REDACTED]

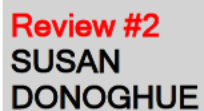
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Most recent title:
Senior Advisor,
Assistant
Commissioner for
Strategic Initiatives

Profile status:
± 100% Complete

Resume or bio on file: Yes

Priority notes:

[REDACTED]

managed the implementation of the Bloomberg Administration's PlaNYC 2030 blueprint for sustainability at NYC Parks

Created inaugural Sustainability Plan for NYC Parks.

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CV on file
MPA, NYU

Review 1 Notes:

[REDACTED]

Referred by:

[REDACTED]

Endorsed by:

[REDACTED]

Positions under consideration:

[REDACTED]



Review #1
ALLAN
FROMBERG

Residence:
Brooklyn

Most recent title:
Deputy
Commissioner of
Public Affairs

Most recent org:
TLC

Profile status:
± 78% Complete

**Resume or
bio on file:**
Yes

Confidential Notes:

Priority notes:

NO CV (linkedin on file)
Sheepshead Bay HS 1978 (only education listed)

[REDACTED]

Deputy Commissioner of Public Affairs (TLC)

Review 1 Notes:

[REDACTED] /communications, right now Deputy Commissioner of Public Affairs at TLC,
[REDACTED]

Deputy Commissioner

NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission

July 1996 - Present (17 years 7 months)

Agency chief spokesperson and public information officer, liaison to the Mayor's Press Office.

Referred by:

[REDACTED]

Endorsed by:

Positions under consideration:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



Review #1
CURTIS
CRAVENS

Residence:
Brooklyn

Most recent title:
Regional Director
for New York City
Regional Office

Most recent org:
NYS Dept. of
State,
Brownfields,
Division of
Coastal
Resources

Profile status:
± 78% Complete

**Resume or
bio on file:**
Yes

Confidential Notes:

Priority notes:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NO CV (linkedin on file)
MFA, Photography University of New Mexico

[REDACTED]

Also current Brownfield Redevelopment Specialist at the NYS Dept. of State (2004-2013)

Review 1 Notes:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Brownfields and coastal protection expert. Served in Mayor Bloomberg's office as lead on coastal protection planning. [REDACTED].

Under the Brownfields program, DOS provides financial and technical assistance to municipalities and community-based organizations. Funding can be used to complete revitalization plans and implementation strategies for areas affected by the presence of brownfield sites, as well as site assessments for strategic sites. DEC provides relevant technical assistance and advice to the Department of State and BOA grantees, particularly regarding site assessments on strategic brownfield sites in BOA study areas.

[REDACTED] director of development- Greenpoint Manufacturing and Design Center (GMDC): Since its inception in 1992, GMDC has rehabilitated six North Brooklyn manufacturing buildings for occupancy by small manufacturing enterprises, artisans and artists. Creates and sustains viable manufacturing sectors in urban neighborhoods through planning, developing, and managing real estate and offering other related services.

Referred by:

[REDACTED]

Endorsed by:

[REDACTED]

consideration:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



Review #1
IBRAHIM
ABDUL-MATIN

Residence:
Brooklyn

Most recent title:
Senior Consultant

Most recent org:
The Frontier
Project

Profile status:
± 100% Complete

**Resume or
bio on file:**
Yes

Confidential Notes:

Priority notes:

[REDACTED]

CV on file
MPA Baruch

Review 1 Notes:

[REDACTED]

Referred by:

[REDACTED]

Endorsed by:

[REDACTED]

Positions under consideration:

[REDACTED]

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Review #1
STEVEN
CAPUTO

Residence:
Unknown

Most recent title:
Deputy Director

Most recent org:
OLTPS

Profile status:
± 67% Complete

**Resume or
bio on file:**
Yes

Confidential Notes:

Priority notes:

NO CV (Linkedin on file)
No address or email
MPA, Columbia

[REDACTED]

Review 1 Notes:

Has been deputy director at OLTPS since 2010, [REDACTED]

At OLTPS- oversees the NYC Clean Heat initiative to accelerate citywide adoption of the cleanest heating fuels, and advises on energy and climate policy

Two-time Fellow of the Design Trust for Public Space, Caputo coauthored the New York City High Performance Infrastructure Guidelines (2005) with the Department of Design and Construction, and the High Performance Landscape Guidelines (2010) with the Department of Parks and Recreation. He previously worked at Polshek Partnership Architects, Arup, and the Spatial Information Design Lab.

Referred by:

Endorsed by:

Positions under consideration:

[REDACTED]

D-Level Screening



**D-Level
Screening**
LIAM
KAVANAGH

Residence:
Unknown

Most recent title:
First Deputy
Commissioner

Most recent org:
NYC DPR

Profile status:
± 67% Complete

Resume or
bio on file:
Yes

Confidential Notes:

Priority notes:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NO CV (short bio on file)
Degree unknown, Lehman College

Review 1 Notes:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Endorsed by:

[REDACTED]

Positions under consideration:

[REDACTED]

Review 1 Notes:

Has held current position at ARL since Sept 2011. Here he has consulted on the implementation of a multi-year initiative to enhance NYC DEP services while reducing operations cost, and prepared diagnostic analysis of infrastructure damage & rebuilding plans from Hurricane Sandy.

- Former Regional Water Operations Manager for ARCADIS,(Sept 2008-Aug 2011). Responsible for management of over 150 professional/technical employees executing major infrastructure projects at various water/wastewater offices in the northeast region.

- Former DEP Dep. Commish, Bureau of Engineering, Design and Construction (2005-2007) Directed over 400 professional, technical and support staff & had primary responsibility for the Department's multi-billion dollar capital budget and related design & construction program (2008 to 2017 ten-year plan was \$19 billion). Proj. mgmt. involving both in-house and bureau managed consultant workforces.

- Former Dep. Commish, Bureau of Wastewater Treatment (2001-2005). Managed a system of 100+ complex wastewater treatment facilities in NYC serving over 8m residents, including reg. compliance programs, financial and resource mgmt for a diverse workforce of approx. 2,000 unionized staff.

- DEP Wastewater Facilities Operations Director (91-01)

- Joined DEP in 1973 and worked up the ranks.

-Holds a NYS Prof. Eng. Liscence.

- BS, Civil Engineering, NYU

Referred by:

Endorsed by:

Positions under consideration:

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (DEP)

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



Review #2
ANGELA LICATA

Residence:
Flushing

Most recent title:
Deputy
Commissioner,
Environmental
Planning and
Analysis

Most recent org:
DEP

Profile status:
± 67% Complete

**Resume or
bio on file:**
Yes

Confidential Notes:

Priority notes:

[REDACTED]

CV not on file, bio linked

BA in Political Science with a concentration in Environmental Policy Making, SUNY Binghamton

-Currently Deputy Commissioner for Environmental Planning and Assessment (fmr. Assistant Commish)

-At DEP since '88

-responsible for >25 major initiatives Strategy 2011-2014

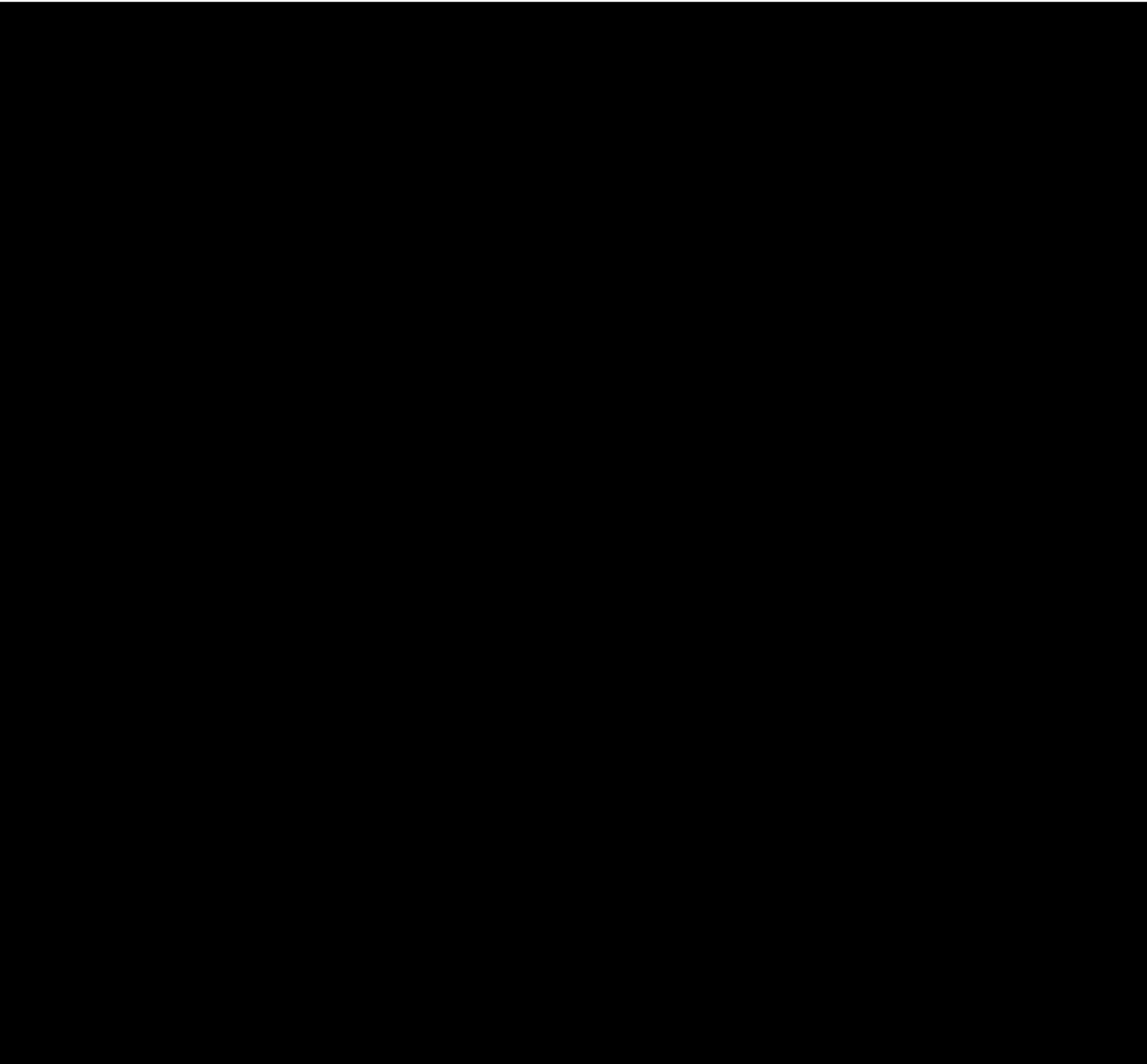
-environmental impact assessments, land use and long range planning, hazardous material site assessments

-long range planning, hazardous material site assessments. -has performed many complicated environmental reviews and has negotiated complex land use decisions

-overseeing a study addressing water and sewer rate structures

-directs efforts related to the protection of Jamaica Bay, climate change, stormwater best management practices, and planning for the new growth stimulated by rezoning throughout the City

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| Review 1 Notes: |
| Referred by: |
| Endorsed by: |
| Positions under consideration: |



Review #1



Review #1
ANTHONY
FIORE

Residence:
New York

Most recent title:
Energy Office
Director

Most recent org:
Department of
Environmental
Protection

Profile status:
± 78% Complete

**Resume or
bio on file:**
No

Confidential Notes:

Priority notes:

No CV on file
MPH, Unknown

Anthony Constantinople-Constantinople

Review 1 Notes:

Office of Energy is responsible for setting the strategic energy goals for the agency, developing metrics and quality assurance programs for tracking consumption and energy costs, and initiating and managing new and ongoing energy projects.- Named Director in May 2013.

Has worked extensively on energy projects and the issues connected with hydroelectric facilities.

Chief of Staff to Deputy Commissioner for Operations-DEP (until 2011)- operations of the DEP's office of strategic projects, provided information on studies conducted over the past several years.

Referred by:

Endorsed by:

Positions under consideration:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



Most recent title:
President /
Administrator

Profile status:
± 78% Complete

Resume or bio on file: Yes

Priority notes:

No CV; LinkedIn on file
MCP in City Planning, from UPenn

Review 1 Notes:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Former DEP Commissioner (2005-09),

[REDACTED]

Referred by:

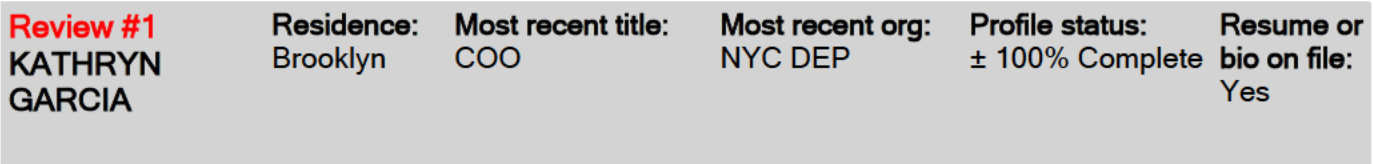
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Endorsed by:

[REDACTED]

Positions under consideration:

[REDACTED]



Review 1 Notes:

COO at DEP- Responsible for the operations of the Bureaus of Water Supply, Water and Sewer Operations, and Wastewater with a combined staff of 4,000 employees, a \$540M expense budget and a \$1,906M four-year capital budget. Also responsible for the Energy Office, Fleet Management and Strategic Planning.

Deputy Commissioner for Operations, DEP- Responsible for the operations of the Bureaus of Water Supply, Water and Sewer Operations, and Wastewater Treatment.

Assistant Commissioner for Strategic Project, DEP- Responsible for the implementation of the Water and Harbor Water sections of PlaNYC as well as serving as the acting Deputy Commissioner of the Bureau of Environmental Compliance, and a key financial advisor to the Commissioner.

Chief of Staff, DEP- Key advisor to the Commissioner with a particular focus on ensuring the implementation of the agency's Environmental Health and Safety program, capital budget development, and PlaNYC.

Referred by:

Endorsed by:

Positions under consideration:

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (DEP)

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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Review #1
STEVEN
LAWITTS

Residence:
Brooklyn
(Park Slope)

Most recent title:
Chief Financial
Officer and
Executive Deputy
Commissioner

Most recent org:
NYC Department
of Environmental
Protection

Profile status:
± 100% Complete

**Resume or
bio on file:**
Yes

Confidential Notes:

Priority notes:

[REDACTED]

CV on file
MBA, Columbia

Review 1 Notes:

Chief Financial Officer and Executive Deputy Commissioner, 2010 - Present: Direct operating and capital budget, customer service and revenue collection, procurement, information technology, human resources, engineering audit, facilities and fleet. \$3.5 billion annual enterprise budget and \$14 billion, ten-year capital program. Reduced operating budget by 20% (\$200 million) over four years; structured and negotiated settlement with unions that had been without a contract for up to 15 years, and delivered smaller-than-planned water-rate increases for 4 consecutive years. Initiated public-private partnerships to develop energy, transform operations to achieve long-term savings, and privatize operation of new plants. Completed nation's largest automated-meter-reading program; \$250 million technology project completed on-time and within budget, with new customer tools including: managing water usage and cost in real time, 2% discount for direct debit, paperless billing, automated leak notification, rate-plan selection/optimization for property owners/managers. Acting Commissioner in Commissioner's absence. Executive Director of New York City Water Board.

Commissioner (Acting), 2008 - 2009: Chief Executive for nation's largest public water and wastewater utility, with nearly 6,000 employees and an annual enterprise budget of \$2.7 billion, including \$1.1 billion in operations and maintenance and a ten-year, \$13 billion capital program (the largest of any City agency). Direct responsibility for all operations, including water supply, water and sewer operations and wastewater treatment; engineering, design and construction; finance and administration; planning; legal; communications; and environmental, health & safety. Led agency to be released from Federal criminal probation and monitor oversight for the first time since 2001. Achieved record capital commitments, both in absolute dollars and as percentage of plan. Executive Director of New York City Water Board. Board Member of NY Municipal Water Finance Authority.

First Deputy Commissioner, 2006 - 2008: Direct responsibility for all operating, construction, finance and administrative functions, except legal and public affairs. Acting Commissioner in the Commissioner's absence. Executive Director of the New York City Water Board

Referred by:

Endorsed by:

Positions under consideration:

From: Malegiannakis, Michael
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2016 7:23 AM
Subject: Morning Press Clips – Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Morning Press Clips – Tuesday, September 27, 2016

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Mayor de Blasio in the News:

CUNY APPLICATION FEE WAIVER

[CUNY Application Fee to Be Waived for Low-Income Students](#)

NY TIMES – Elizabeth Harris

New York City public school students from low-income families will no longer have to pay a fee to apply to the City University of New York, the city announced on Monday, part of an effort to encourage more young people to go to college.

...The application fee is \$65 per student, but Mayor Bill de Blasio said that while the amount can seem trivial to some, for many families it is not. And for students who are not sure about applying to college, it is one more hurdle standing in the way of their continued education.

[Low income kids to get a break on \\$65 CUNY application fee](#)

NY POST – Selim Algar

All low-income city schoolkids are now officially off the hook for the \$65 CUNY application fee, Mayor de Blasio announced Monday. The city expects some 37,500 high-school seniors to take advantage of the exemption, beginning with CUNY applications slated to go out in October, officials said. Roughly 6,500 eligible kids were able to take advantage of the break in recent years, and de Blasio said he expects that number to skyrocket with the new policy.

[CUNY application fee of \\$65 waived for low-income city public school students](#)

DAILY NEWS – Jennifer Fermino

Applying to college just got cheaper for some of the city's poorest families. Mayor de Blasio and CUNY officials announced Monday that the \$65 application fee currently required by the city's public colleges will now be waived for low-income public school kids. Officials say the change in policy will benefit an estimated 37,500 high school seniors this year alone. For struggling families, de Blasio said, "\$65 matters."

[\[PRO\] City to eliminate CUNY application fees for 37,500 students](#)

POLITICO NY – Eliza Shapiro

[CUNY application fee to be waved for thousands of low-income city students](#)

AM NY – Alison Fox

Starting this fall, low-income city public school seniors will be able to apply for CUNY schools free of charge, the mayor's office said on Monday. The application fee is typically \$65 and nonrefundable.

The fee will be waived for all public high school seniors who are eligible for the federal free or reduced lunch program, as well as students living in federally subsidized public housing, a foster home, or who are homeless, and students who receive public assistance, according to de Blasio's office.

[Eliminate CUNY enrollment rates for low-income students](#)

EL DIARIO - Staff

The mayor of New York, Bill de Blasio, the foreign minister of education, Carmen Fariña, and the chancellor of university studies, James B. Milliken, announced today in a joint statement the exemption from the application fee for the University City new York (CUNY) for those students who prove to belong to a low - income family.

[CUNY Application Fees Waived for Low-Income Public School Students](#)

DNA INFO – Amy Zimmer

By the time New York City's low-income high school students reach their senior year, they've already overcome many hurdles in their bid to get into college: staying in school, remaining focused and getting good grades. Now the city is looking to remove one barrier to smooth their college admissions process: waiving the \$65 application fee to all City University of New York programs for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch, among other eligibility requirements.

... "With 'College Access to All,' there's a sense that everything you're doing is leading up to going to college," Bill de Blasio announced Monday. "We knew that something as narrow as the application fee was standing in the way."

[New York City waives CUNY application fee for low-income students](#)

CHALKBEAT - Christina Veiga

Getting into college requires more than good grades and a moving personal essay. It also requires an application fee that can derail plans for students who can't afford it. Starting this October, that will no longer be a problem for about 37,500 high school seniors applying to City University of New York schools. On Monday, Mayor Bill de Blasio, schools Chancellor Carmen Fariña and officials from CUNY announced the elimination of the \$65 application fee (for up to six schools) for low-income students.

PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

[New York Today: Debating the Debate](#)

NY TIMES – Samantha Schmidt

Less than an hour into last night's debate, Donald J. Trump made it local. He once again praised the stop-and-frisk policing strategy that was used by the New York Police Department for over a decade, saying it "brought the crime rate way down."

...Michael R. Bloomberg, then the mayor, appealed the judge's ruling, but when Mayor Bill de Blasio took office, he repudiated the policy and dropped the appeal. Mrs. Clinton retorted that under Mr. de Blasio, crime had continued to drop, to which Mr. Trump said: "You're wrong."

[AP FACT CHECK: Trump on Stop-And-Frisk](#)

NY TIMES – Associated Press

A claim from the presidential debate and how it stacks up with the facts: TRUMP: "Stop-and-frisk had a tremendous impact on the safety of New York City. Tremendous beyond belief." THE FACTS: Trump is correct that the murder rate has plummeted in New York in the last two decades. But the same could be said for many other large American cities during the same period, and there's certainly no way to credit stop-and-frisk for the decline. Stop-and-frisk was a popular tactic for much of the last 15 years in New York. But even as it's fallen out of favor under the administration of Mayor Bill de Blasio, the murder rate remains a long way off from where it was in the 1990s, when it topped 2,000 a year. City police department statistics show there were 352 murders and non-negligent homicides in 2015, compared with 673 in 2000 and 539 in 2005.

[Donald Trump gets the facts about stop-and-frisk completely wrong in presidential debate](#)

DAILY NEWS – Jason Silverstein

Stop and learn, Donald. The GOP presidential nominee revealed during the presidential debate he apparently knows nothing about stop-and-frisk — the unconstitutional policing policy Trump said he wants to take nationwide. Trump stated two major falsehoods about the banned NYPD policy during the debate — as Hillary Clinton and moderator Lester Holt both called him out.

...He told Clinton she was "wrong" in pointing out that crime has continued falling under Mayor de Blasio. Once again: You're wrong, Trump.

[Trump Urges Cities To Use Stop/Frisk; Mayor: He Kidding?](#)

CHIEF LEADER - Mark Root

Stop-and-frisk was a prime issue in the 2013 mayoral election, and now it's become one in the 2016 presidential race. Republican Donald Trump, who has made significant gains in the polls against Democrat Hillary Clinton, claimed Sept. 21 that the tactic was so successful in New York that if elected he would take it nationwide, drawing an angry rejoinder from Mayor de Blasio that he didn't know what he was talking about.

[Clinton, Trump clash in first debate: CNN's Reality Check Team vets the claims](#)

CNN - Reality Check Team

Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump clashed Monday in their first head-to-head debate of the general election season, with Trump in particular straying from the truth, CNN's Reality Check Team found.

...A federal judge deemed the policy carried out under Michael Bloomberg's mayoralty to violate the law of the land in August 2013, and Bloomberg vowed to appeal. But a few months later, Bloomberg was out of office, and his liberal successor, Bill de Blasio, dropped the appeal as part of a settlement with New York police in January 2014.

['Look at that power red': Clinton-Trump debate verdict depends on who you ask](#)

GUARDIAN - Amber Jamison

Who won the first Clinton-Trump presidential debate? Depends who you back.

..."Don't tell American women they don't have stamina," wrote Karen Hinton, former spokeswoman for New York City mayor Bill de Blasio.

[Opinion: DONALD TRUMP'S SNIFFLING, HUMBLING DEBATE DEBACLE](#)

NEWS WEEK - Matthew Cooper

“How are you, Donald,” Hillary Clinton said as she shook her opponent’s hand on stage at Hofstra University on Monday. She wasn’t going to use the “Mr. Trump” honorific like some sort of Apprentice contestant. Trump, of the other hand, asked her if Secretary Clinton was a good label then slipped and used “Hillary” a few times. ...He chided Saudis who don’t pay their bills, NATO freeloaders, Clinton allies Sidney Blumenthal and Patti Solis Doyle, New York Mayor Bill De Blasio and, of course, Clinton herself. He fat shamed hackers and was unapologetic about insulting Rosie O’Donnell.

MISCELLANEOUS MENTIONS

[For Tenants Facing Eviction, New York May Guarantee a Lawyer](#)

NY TIMES – Jessica Silver-Greenberg

Outside Housing Court in the Bronx, the line invariably winds down the block, snaking past the vendors at tables hawking cellphone plans and by a man selling moving boxes. Inside, tenants clutching folders of documents, or lugging toddlers on their hips, stagger through the hallways.

...Despite \$62 million set aside this fiscal year by Mayor Bill de Blasio, a Democrat, to bolster legal help, more than 70 percent of low-income tenants in New York City still go without lawyers in Housing Court, according to a report published in June by the newly created Office of Civil Justice, part of the city’s Human Resources Administration.

[New York City Considers Granting the Right to a Lawyer in Housing Court](#)

WSJ – Jacob Gershman

New York City is weighing a plan that would entitle low-income residents in housing court a right to a lawyer. The New York City Council on Monday held a hearing on the bill, whose supporters say would give poor tenants a right to legal representation that currently no other jurisdiction in the country grants.

...It’s not exactly clear how much the bill would cost taxpayers, but one estimate put the price tag at \$200 million a year. Advocates say the financial impact would be offset by reduced shelter demands. Mayor Bill de Blasio administration’s hasn’t taken a position on the proposal, according to the Times.

[Push to probe Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito for bias over claims of racial remarks regarding NYCHA hiring](#)

DAILY NEWS - Staff

Mayor de Blasio’s Human Rights Commission has been asked to investigate allegations that City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito pressured NYCHA to replace a black development manager in the Bronx with a “Spanish manager.”

Community activist Tony Herbert announced Monday he’d demanded probes from the commission, as well as the Manhattan U.S. attorney’s office and city Department of Investigation. “What we don’t need is someone creating dissension between African-Americans and Hispanics in this day and age,” Herbert said.

[Advocates say poor Bronx, Brooklyn neighborhoods choked with garbage truck pollution](#)

DAILY NEWS – Erin Durkin

Poor neighborhoods in the Bronx and Brooklyn are choking on pollution from commercial trash trucks, advocates say in a new report. The problem was worst in the South Bronx - where researchers counted up to 304 commercial trucks per hour at the busiest intersections. Nearly half of those trucks, 45%, were commercial waste haulers - meaning one private trash truck passed every 24 seconds, according to the report set to be released Tuesday by the Transform Don’t Trash coalition.

...The de Blasio administration is preparing to launch a new system where the city will be divided up into zones, and one private company will be chosen to collect trash from businesses in each zone.

[Cops resume protest outside Mayor de Blasio's favorite Brooklyn gym, demanding wage hike](#)

DAILY NEWS – Molly Crane-Newman, Neuman Blau

Chanting “we want a new contract,” a group of off-duty city cops heckled Mayor de Blasio as he walked into the Park Slope YMCA for his morning workout Monday. “We’re trying to get a contract for the men and women of the New York City Police Department,” said Patrolmen’s Benevolent Association First Vice President John Puglissi. Hizzoner remained silent and smiled as he walked past the picketers into the gym on Ninth St. at around 9 a.m. The PBA has refused to accept the 11-percent raise hikes over a seven year stretch issued to the city’s other uniformed labor groups. The city’s largest police union has long argued that its members deserve to be paid as much as their counterparts in surrounding, more affluent jurisdictions.

[De Blasio deputy has amnesia when it comes to shady nursing home deal](#)

NY POST – Yoav Gonen, Rich Calder

First Deputy Mayor Tony Shorris suffered numerous memory lapses about the Rivington Street nursing-home fiasco, telling investigators more than two dozen times that he couldn't recall incidents, e-mails or details, records show. Mayor de Blasio's right-hand man claimed he couldn't remember a meeting with Stacey Cumberbatch, a city commissioner, or the content of any conversations they had about Rivington in 2014. His schedule showed a July 25, 2014, meeting with Cumberbatch, then head of the Department of Citywide Administrative Services, where the deal was on the agenda.

[Councilman urges Bharara to probe cost overruns for Sandy reconstruction](#)

NY POST – Carl Campanile

A Queens Councilman is urging US Attorney Preet Bharara to launch a probe into massive cost overruns on the city's program to rebuild homes damaged by Hurricane Sandy. It was revealed last week the cost of the Build it Back program has ballooned by \$500 million, from \$1.7 billion to \$2.2 billion. Taxpayers are on the hook for the overruns.

...The Build It Back program, started by former Mayor Bloomberg and continued by de Blasio, has come under a firestorm of criticism for delays.

[De Blasio's wedding minister lands on police watchdog agency](#)

NY POST – Michael Gartland, Natalie Musumeci

Mayor de Blasio appointed two new members to the city's police-watchdog agency Monday – including the Presbyterian minister who officiated at his wedding. Frederick Davie, the executive vice president of the Union Theological Seminary at Columbia University, and Angela Fernández, the executive director and supervising lawyer of the Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights, are the newest members of the Civilian Complaint Review Board. Davie oversaw Hizzoner's nuptials to First Lady Chirlane McCray in 1994.

[De Blasio heckled by cops as he goes to gym](#)

NY POST - Lorena Mongelli, Jamie Schram

Scores of NYPD officers jeered Mayor Bill de Blasio as he strolled into his favorite Brooklyn gym Monday morning, demanding that he use his workout to think about a new police contract.

But Hizzoner, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt with "Brooklyn" emblazoned on it, ignored members from the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association as he entered the YMCA in Park Slope.

[\[PRO\] Council debates right to counsel bill that lacks administration support](#)

POLITICO NY – Gloria Pazmino

[High-stakes pre-K studies show mostly good signs for City Hall](#)

POLITICO NY - Eliza Shapiro

New independent evaluations of Mayor Bill de Blasio's universal pre-Kindergarten program show largely good news, but some daunting challenges remain for the mayor's signature initiative, according to a set of studies to be released by the Department of Education later on Tuesday.

[Shorris to testify on nursing home sale at public hearing](#)

POLITICO NY - Sally Goldenberg, Laura Nahmias

First deputy mayor Tony Shorris will testify at what is expected to be a long and contentious City Council hearing on one of the biggest snafus of Mayor Bill de Blasio's administration: the city-enabled sale of a nursing home to a luxury condo builder, which yielded the seller a \$72 million profit. Shorris' planned attendance at the hearing on Thursday, confirmed by spokesman Eric Phillips, will mark the highest-profile public airing of the controversy surrounding the sale of Rivington House on the Lower East Side of Manhattan.

[State Defends Progress in MWBE Program as Others Debate Transparency](#)

NY OBSERVER – Madina Toure

In the minority- and women-owned business community, the talk is typically that the city isn't doing enough to give them contracts and that the state's leading the way. But some elected officials and advocates are pointing out that while the state appears to have a lofty MWBE participation goal—they increased it from 10 percent of state contracts in 2011 to 30 percent in 2014—it is not being transparent about how its goals are being implemented.

...In a report published last year, the Black Institute—run by Bertha Lewis, a former ally of Mayor Bill de Blasio who has since become a sharp critic—noted that unlike the city, the state has not released any data beyond the split between women-owned businesses and minority-owned businesses. Lewis said an archaeologist is needed to understand the state's data.

[City launches first campaign promoting Muslim human rights](#)

METRO - Amanda Mikelberg

In the wake of several instances of Islamophobic violence in New York City, and against the backdrop of an election that questions the rights of Muslims in the U.S., the city launched a multi-pronged campaign Monday to confront hate and promote respect. Mayor Bill de Blasio and the NYC Commission on Human Rights created the campaign, the first Muslim-specific tolerance initiative, to promote “respect, understanding and support for the city’s diverse communities.” It begins with a series of social media ads on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter that state “I am Muslim. I am NYC” along with the photo of a real Muslim New Yorkers, and the hashtag #IAmMuslimNYC.

[For a better life for immigrants in New York](#)

EL DIARIO - Andrew Friedman

Immigrants are the backbone of the city of New York, where more than a third of the population was born abroad and half of all residents speak a language that is not English.

...Two years ago, the New York Mayor Bill de Blasio mayors of Chicago and Los Angeles joined to launch a program called Cities for Citizenship (Cities for Citizenship) , in order to help eliminate such obstacles. The program, jointly coordinated by the Center for Popular Democracy and the National Partnership for New Americans, has made mayors of 26 cities and counties to invest in programs that make it easier for legal residents to become citizens

[Opinion: City commissioner goes to bat for business improvement districts](#)

CRAIN’S NY - Aaron Elstein

A de Blasio administration official criticized Crain’s for an article about the growth of business improvement districts, or BIDs. In a letter written last week to leaders of the city’s 72 BIDs, Department of Small Business Services Commissioner Gregg Bishop said the article “grossly mischaracterized the nature, value and complexity of your efforts” and “missed an opportunity to tell the real story.” Bishop added that he’d met with Deputy Mayor Alicia Glen and the two had worked on a response to the piece that was published Monday by Crain’s, which also wrote an editorial praising BIDs.

[De Blasio Taps Bernie Sanders's Fundraising Team For Upcoming Campaign](#)

GOTHAMIST – Scott Heins

When Bill de Blasio finally endorsed Hillary Clinton last October—much later than many expected given the Mayor's past work as the presidential candidate's campaign manager in 2000—he attempted to make up for lost time by assuring the public, "There's a lotta spine there, a lotta steel there." He also noted that it was Clinton's "very sharp, progressive platform" that made her his preferred choice over Democratic opponent Bernie Sanders. Then, de Blasio proved that he really meant it by traipsing through the snow, campaigning door-to-door for Clinton ahead of Iowa caucus. But now, looking ahead to his own campaign prospects in 2017's mayoral contest, de Blasio has reportedly hired the fundraising team that helped fuel Sanders's grassroots campaign, and has been taking private meetings with the Vermont Senator.

[Funding Issues, Waitlists Plague City’s Services for Seniors](#)

GOTHAM GAZETTE - Ben Jurney

A June City Council report on the budget for the city Department for the Aging (DFTA) detailed that there are approximately 1,400 seniors on waiting lists for case management services. The average age of these seniors is “85+,” with an average income of “\$12,000-\$20,000,” according to LiveOn, a senior advocacy organization. The City Council report examined the adopted budget for the new fiscal year, which began July 1, and makes clear that DFTA is not being funded with a sense of urgency to quickly reduce waitlists and serve the city’s oldest, often neediest residents.

...The administration of Mayor Bill de Blasio has also declined to provide funding to address other causes of the waitlist, independent of salary woes. The June City Council report showed that \$1.8 million was baselined to strengthen existing services, short of the \$3 million allocated in fiscal year 2016. The \$3 million would have, at a very minimum, allowed DFTA to maintain its then-level of service. Bobbie Sackman, director of public policy at LiveOn, told Gotham Gazette that the city’s Office of Management and Budget (OMB) told LiveOn that the \$1.2 million difference has been added since. Sackman could not confirm this information and an inquiry from Gotham Gazette to a budget spokesperson in the mayor’s press office was not returned by publication.

[In a shift, new rules make it easier for New York City students to switch schools](#)

CHALKBEAT - Sarah Darville

It’s just become easier for students to transfer between New York City schools — a big change for the labyrinthine school system, where it has been notoriously difficult to switch schools for more than a decade.

...That flexibility reflects the de Blasio administration's preference for individualized solutions to students' and schools' problems. (This approach has been on display in the past when Chancellor Carmen Fariña has advised concerned parents at public meetings to email her directly.)

[Rikers Panel Soliciting Input on Island's Future](#)

CHIEF LEADER - Mark Toor

A commission formed by City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito to study the future of Rikers Island—possibly with an eye toward closing it—is soliciting public comment on a new website.

...In June, Mr. de Blasio signed legislation that would create a parallel system of civil summonses for quality-of-life offenses that would bypass the criminal-justice system entirely. The NYPD has until next year to decide how to implement it.

[NYC Mayor's Office launched first ever citywide campaign to halt anti-Muslim violence](#)

MIC - Sarah Harvard

Anti-Muslim hate crimes spiked in 2016 — most notably during the start of the presidential election cycle — and New York City officials hope to combat their rise through a series of public service announcements and educational workshops. On Monday, New York City Mayor Bill De Blasio's Commission on Human Rights launched an expansive social media campaign aimed at stemming these instances of Islamophobia. The campaign consists of five banner ads featuring Muslim New Yorkers. The text embedded in the ads reads, "I am Muslim. I am NYC." Cumulatively, they seek to remind New Yorkers that religious-based harassment and discrimination is illegal in the city.

Agency Mentions:

[Brooklyn Officer Charged With Murder and Manslaughter in Off-Duty Shooting](#)

NY TIMES – Alan Feuer

A New York City police officer was charged on Monday with second-degree murder, accused of fatally shooting a man during an off-duty confrontation on July 4 in Brooklyn, the officer's lawyer said. The officer, Wayne Isaacs, is the first police officer in New York State to be prosecuted by the attorney general, Eric T. Schneiderman, since he was given the power to investigate killings involving the police. Officer Isaacs was driving home after finishing a 4 p.m.-to-midnight shift when he got into a traffic dispute with another driver, Delrawn Small, at a red light on Atlantic Avenue in the Cypress Hills section of Brooklyn, the authorities said.

[Opinion: Police Officers Need to Get Better at CPR](#)

NY TIMES – Farzon Nahvi

The first time I tried to intubate a patient who had stopped breathing, my supervisor snatched the tube from me at the last minute. "What are you going to do after you place the tube?" she asked. Her intuition was right: I was completely unprepared for the next step. It was an important reminder that no matter how dire the situation, it is inappropriate to act unless you're ready for what comes next.

...Perhaps the most vivid recent example of an officer's first-aid unpreparedness was in 2014, when Peter Liang of the New York City Police Department fired a shot in a Brooklyn housing project. The bullet ricocheted down a stairwell and hit a man named Akai Gurley. While Mr. Gurley lay on the floor dying, Mr. Liang stood by as Mr. Gurley's girlfriend dialed 911 and was coached to perform CPR over the phone.

[Officer Indicted on Murder Charge in Road Rage Incident](#)

WSJ – Thomas MacMillan

An off-duty New York City police officer who authorities say shot and killed an unarmed man in a road-rage incident in July was indicted on a murder charge Monday by a Brooklyn grand jury. The indictment, which follows an investigation by Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, is the first case to be brought against a police officer since the governor appointed Mr. Schneiderman as special prosecutor of all alleged police killings of civilians.

[Cop arrested, suspended after threatening girlfriend, trying to steal her furniture in Brooklyn](#)

DAILY NEWS – Ryan Sit

An off-duty NYPD officer was arrested after trying to steal his girlfriend's furniture and threatening her in Brooklyn, police said on Monday. Sem Belmont, 35, was charged with petit larceny and menacing for the domestic dispute at the woman's home in Dyker Heights around 11:25 p.m. Sunday, police said. Belmont, who joined the NYPD in 2015, will

automatically be suspended for 30 days without pay, in keeping with the department's policy whenever a police officer is arrested.

[NYPD cops pay \\$1,500 fine for lavish dinners courtesy of ex-Queens Library boss Thomas Galante](#)

DAILY NEWS – John Marzulli

The city Conflicts of Interest Board announced Monday that two NYPD chiefs and a retired chief have each paid a \$1,500 fine for glomming pricey restaurant dinners courtesy of then-Queens Library boss Thomas Galante's expense account. Just-promoted Chief of Personnel Diana Pizzuti admitted that she accepted "gifts in the form of meals" at Christo's Steakhouse (\$151 per-person), San Pietro (\$124-per-person), and Quality Meats (\$145 per-person). Galante also picked up the tab at Quality Meats on W. 58th St. for Pizzuti's husband, Robert Iovino, who was celebrating his 55th birthday.

[Number of smartphone, electronic device thefts in subways down](#)

DAILY NEWS – Dan Rivoli

The subway is safer for selfies. A surge in thefts of smartphones and other electronic devices in the subway has leveled off, NYPD Transit Bureau's Vincent Coogan told the MTA board on Monday. Coogan said there was a spike in electronics thefts between 2007 and 2011, a period when smartphones became common. "While we always promote awareness of one's surroundings, we are pleased to have a transit system where riders can feel comfortable with their property and use their electronic devices freely," Coogan said.

[Suspicious device found near Manhattan hospital turns out to be hoax](#)

DAILY NEWS – Kerry Burke, Joseph Stepansky

A homeless man who found a suspicious device near a Washington Heights hospital Monday night said the first cops he tried to notify laughed and drove away without investigating. Kenneth Jackson, 68, said he found what later turned out to be a fake bomb in a bag of nudie magazines near where ambulances dock at New York-Presbyterian Hospital Columbia on W. 168th St. near Broadway at 7:45 p.m., police said.

[Off-duty cop who killed Delrawn Small in road rage incident indicted on murder charges; widow welcomes news](#)

DAILY NEWS – John Marzulli, Christina Carrega-Woodby, Leonard Greene

A city cop was indicted Monday on second-degree murder charges in the road-rage shooting death of driver Delrawn Small, who was killed in a July 4 confrontation with the off-duty officer, sources said. The cop, Wayne Isaacs, will be charged Tuesday, a day after a grand jury handed up the indictment to state Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, who — under a new law — acts as a special prosecutor in matters involving police shootings. This is the first case in which Schneiderman is prosecuting a cop for killing a civilian since Gov. Cuomo issued a July 2015 executive order empowering the attorney general to prosecute the cases.

[Police keep hounding man who recorded Eric Garner video, his lawyer says](#)

DAILY NEWS – Ginger Adams Otis

He recorded the final moments of Eric Garner's life — and cops haven't left Ramsey Orta alone since, his lawyer said Monday in a letter asking the state attorney general to launch a special investigation of the criminal proceedings against him. Since Garner's 2014 death, Orta has been arrested six times, Andrew Plasse wrote to Attorney General Eric Schneiderman. "You can intervene when there is prejudice in a criminal proceeding," Plasse said, noting Orta's case and Garner's death both need special investigations.

[Man busted for allegedly driving knife through open window of NYPD car in Staten Island, no cops injured](#)

DAILY NEWS – Rocco Parascandola, Joseph Stepansky

A 35-year-old man thrust a knife into the open window of an NYPD cruiser in Staten Island — and then said he had no memory of the random act, police said Monday. Neither officer sitting in the car was injured when Mesach Araujo-Rivas approached the marked vehicle and pulled the gravity knife from his pocket at Port Richmond Ave. near Harrison Ave. in Port Richmond at 1 a.m. Saturday, cops said.

[NYPD investigating white-faced dummy found hanging from tree in Brooklyn](#)

DAILY NEWS – Erin Durkin

The NYPD is investigating a bizarre Brooklyn incident involving a white-faced dummy found hanging from a tree near a Brooklyn housing project. City Councilman Stephen Levin gave police a picture that was passed on to him through friends showing "a dummy hanging from a tree" at the Cooper Park Houses in Greenpoint. Police said the dummy's face was painted white and that a cord was used to suspend it in the air.

[Man busted nearly 40 times for taking transit vehicles on joyrides claims he's not getting proper mental health care in jail, sues NYC for \\$15M](#)

DAILY NEWS – John Marzulli

Darius McCollum, the notorious bus and train thief, is now playing lawyer. McCollum has filed a \$15 million lawsuit against the city alleging he is not receiving the mental health treatment he needs in jail while awaiting trial for stealing an empty Greyhound bus. McCollum is one of New York City's most notorious criminals, having been arrested nearly 40 times for taking transit vehicles on joyrides and even dressing up like an MTA employee.

[Column: Release cop camera footage: Learning tough lessons from the unrest after Keith Lamont Scott's killing in Charlotte](#)

DAILY NEWS – Errol Louis

It took extraordinary public efforts — nightly demonstrations, including prayer vigils and the spontaneous takeover of a highway — to get the police department in Charlotte, N.C., to release two videos that officers recorded in the crucial moments leading up to the killing of Keith Lamont Scott.

...It's part of a disturbing national trend of police departments — including the NYPD — attempting to hide the recorded actions of officers from the citizens, taxpayers and elected officials who hired them.

[Teacher found guilty of raping student four years after attack](#)

Emily Saul

NY POST –

A former

Williamsburg high school teacher was found guilty Monday of raping a just-graduated student. William Abreu, 47, now faces up to 4 years in prison for the 2009 summer attack on the 17-year-old, recent graduate of the school in his office. The woman, now 24, flew in from Honduras to testify against the former Progress High School vice-principal, who she told jurors approached her on graduation day to offer her a summer job....He was fired by the city Department of Education in November 2013, after the allegations surfaced.

['Road rage' cop charged with second-degree murder](#)

NY POST – Shawn Cohen, Bruce Golfing

An NYPD cop was charged with second-degree murder Monday in an off-duty road-rage shooting in Brooklyn that left another driver dead in the street — marking the first case brought under an executive order signed in the wake of the Eric Garner killing, sources said. Wayne Isaacs, 37, was indicted on the rap, along with first-degree manslaughter, by a Brooklyn grand jury following a probe by state Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, who last year began serving as a special prosecutor for all police killings of civilians in New York, sources said.

[Cops fork over \\$1.5K each for accepting steak dinners from library CEO](#)

NY POST – Michael Gartland

Three high-ranking NYPD cops have agreed to pay fines of \$1,500 each for accepting high-priced steak dinners from former Queens Library CEO Thomas Galante, it was announced Monday. Galante was fired by the library's board in 2014 for his lavish spending. Chief of Housing James Secreto admitted to chowing down on the library's tab on four occasions in 2012 and 2013 — at Wolfgang's Steakhouse, Quality Meats and San Pietro, all in Manhattan, as well as Christo's Steakhouse in Astoria.

[Dozens hurt when buses crash at Lincoln Tunnel](#)

NY POST – Tina Moore

More than two dozen people were injured — including one woman whose jaw was broken — in a rush-hour bus collision in the Lincoln Tunnel on Monday morning, police said. Emergency workers evaluated 44 people and took about 28 to area hospitals after two New Jersey Transit buses crashed around 8:45 a.m., officials said. "They had to cut the door out of one of the buses to remove passengers," Port Authority Police spokesman Joe Pentangelo said. None of the injuries was life-threatening, he said. One of the bus drivers was issued a summons for an unsafe lane change.

[Off-duty cop arrested for threatening girlfriend: police](#)

NY POST – Daniel Prendergast

An off-duty NYPD cop was arrested for stealing his girlfriend's furniture and then threatening her with his gun, authorities said Monday. Sem Belmont was arrested Sunday evening for the incident that happened back in June at his girlfriend's home in Dyker Heights, Brooklyn.

[17 gang members indicted for dealing crack near schools](#)

NY POST - Rebecca Rosenberg

More than a dozen dealers affiliated with a notorious drug-trafficking gang were indicted for peddling crack-cocaine near schools and playgrounds, authorities said Monday in a statement. The NYPD and other agencies rounded up 17 defendants over the last two weeks in Manhattan and the Bronx, many of them alleged members of the gang “No Sleep Get Money,” according to the Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor. The gang, also known as “N\$GM,” brazenly conducted business at all hours in the lobbies, hallways and stairwells of East Harlem’s AK Houses, a privately-owned affordable housing complex, officials said.

[City Board of Elections employee found dead in office](#)

NY POST – Lorena Mongelli, Daniel Prendergast

A worker at the city Board of Elections was discovered dead in a Bronx office Monday, officials said.

The woman’s body was found in a bathroom at the elections facility on the Grand Concourse near Morris Avenue when employees started showing up around 9:20 a.m., police said. The woman had last been seen alive by her co-workers at the office Saturday. It’s believed she may have passed away over the weekend, sources said. The medical examiner will determine the cause of death.

[350 low-income Success Academy kids still waiting on MetroCards](#)

NY POST – Selim Algar

The Department of Education is still holding out on MetroCards for roughly 350 low-income Success Academy students in Harlem and Brooklyn, the charter operator said Monday. The DOE promised to deliver more than 2,600 MetroCards last week after an outcry from parents whose children still had to shell out train and bus cash nearly a month into the school year, Success claims. While Success did receive several shipments since then, the network said Monday that hundreds remain missing — and that the DOE is making additional bureaucratic demands in order to fully process the order.

[Man busted for ramming knife into cop car’s window](#)

NY POST – Amanda Woods

A man was arrested after he allegedly thrust a folding knife into a police car window over the weekend, cops said. Two officers were inside their marked car on Port Richmond Avenue near Harrison Avenue in Port Richmond just after 1 a.m. on Saturday when Mesach Araujo-Rivas, 35, approached them, removed an open folding knife from his pants pocket and held the knife inside their window, according to police. The officers got out of their car and arrested Araujo-Rivas after a brief struggle, cops said. Neither of the officers were injured.

[Sharpton’s daughter could be doomed by past personal injury suit](#)

NY POST – Julia Marsh, Emily Saul

Well, it worked for her last time. Dominique Sharpton’s \$5 million trip-and-fall lawsuit against the city came just three years after she cashed in on another personal injury suit — and it could come back to haunt her. The Rev. Al Sharpton’s 30-year-old daughter settled the suit against trucking company Roslyn Leasing Inc. in January 2012 for an undisclosed sum. In that case, Dominique Sharpton says she was hit by a careless driver as she was crossing West 145th Street in 2008.

[Overall crime and shootings are down](#)

POLITICO NY – Azi Paybarah, Brendan Cheney

Last week, when Donald Trump said he would use stop-and-frisk to combat crime in places like Chicago, he pointed to New York City as proof that the strategy works. Critics were quick to point out — as POLITICO New York reported — that crime has remained near record-low levels since the NYPD began reducing its widespread usage of the technique starting in 2011.

The NYPD on Monday released weekly crime figures showing the city is as safe as it has ever been, without stop-and-frisk.

[\[PRO\] NYPD suspends officer who fatally shot man at traffic light](#)

POLITICO NY – Azi Paybarah

[\[PRO\] New York leading 21-city partnership focused on smart city technologies](#)

POLITICO NY - Miranda Neubauer

[Wayne Isaacs, cop who shot Delrawn Small, indicted for second-degree murder, source says](#)

AM NY – Alison Fox

The off-duty officer who fatally shot Delrawn Small after they stopped at a red light in Brooklyn over the summer was indicted on Monday for second-degree murder and first-degree manslaughter, according to a source. The officer, Wayne Isaacs, was expected to be arraigned in Brooklyn on Tuesday morning, the source said. Isaacs had been stripped of his gun and badge and placed on modified duty about a week after he shot and killed Small. Isaacs had just finished his shift at the 79th Precinct when he and Small, 37, both stopped for the light just after midnight on July 4.

The shooting was first reported as road rage and police said that Small apparently punched Isaacs several times before the cop pulled his gun.

[TSA dog named for Stephen Siller, fallen FDNY firefighter on 9/11, retires after Tunnel to Towers run](#)

AM NY – Alison Fox

It's time for this dog to take a paws. Ssiller, a 7-year-old black lab named for a firefighter who died on 9/11, retired from the Transportation Security Administration Sunday. "Ssiller has been an ideal partner," his handler, TSA Inspector Christopher Neeson, said in a statement. "It's going to be a big change for him in retirement, one that he deserves for so many years of service to the mission. I imagine he'll miss working in the airport." Ssiller was named for FDNY Firefighter Stephen Siller, who had finished his shift and was heading home when he heard about the attacks. He turned around and drove to the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel but found it closed, so he strapped on his gear and ran to the towers on foot. Siller died during the rescue efforts.

[Top cop: 'No known viable threats' to presidential debate at Hofstra](#)

AM NY - Staff

Hours before the presidential debate at Hofstra University in Hempstead, Nassau County's police commissioner said there are "no known viable threats" to the knowledge of law enforcement. More than 1,000 sworn officers, including "a significant number of undercover officers in plainclothes and suits," will be on hand for Monday night's debate, acting Police Commissioner Thomas Krumpter said. "Safety and security is the top priority and nothing will be compromised," Krumpter said at a late morning news conference. He said State Police, the NYPD, MTA police, Suffolk police, Hempstead police and Garden City police will be on hand, as will the FBI, ATF and Secret Service.

[City Council weighing a reform of sightseeing bus industry](#)

AM NY - Vincent Barone

Lawmakers are exploring the idea of capping the number of sightseeing buses in New York City as part of larger regulation overhauls to the industry. Citing concerns of street safety and congestion, City Council members discussed three pieces of legislation at a Council hearing Monday that aim to limit the number of double-decker tour buses on city streets; establish tighter guidelines for licensing drivers; and require companies to provide more detailed information about routes, bus schedules and crashes to the city.

[NYPD officer charged with off-duty road rage shooting of Delrawn Small](#)

METRO - Kimberly Aquilina

An NYPD officer was indicted on Monday for second-degree murder in connection with the "road rage shooting" death of Delrawn Small on July 4. Wayne Isaacs, an NYPD officer of three years assigned to the 79th Precinct in Bedford-Stuyvesant, will be arrested on Tuesday, New York Daily News reported, for allegedly shooting 37-year-old Small in front of witnesses on Atlantic Avenue in East New York after a confrontation.

[After 5 days without gas, Park Hill residents want answers](#)

SI ADVANCE - Irene Spezzamonte

Residents of the Park Hill Apartments complex in Clifton are demanding answers after they say they have been without gas for five days. National Grid shut off the gas at 185 and 225 Park Hill Ave. on Sept. 21 due to a request from the Department of Buildings (DOB), according to a spokeswoman for the utility, who referred further questions to the DOB. According to the DOB website, there was a complaint made for work without a permit and the installation of a gas line in the basement and no sprinkler protection in the laundry room.

[Hundreds march against domestic violence](#)

EL DIARIO - Camille Padilla Dalmau

On the steps of the Supreme Court in the Bronx, Ana Rojas, 54, let fly balloons in the air. Monday granddaughter Sasha had her birthday, but his life was taken away early in 2010 when he was stabbed with his mother and sister by her stepfather.

...This year was the first time participating in motion a representative of the human rights commission of the City Commissioner Carmelyn Malalis.

[FDNY confirms 45 wounded in check NJ Transit buses](#)

EL DIARIO – Staff

At least 45 people were injured in the Monday morning after two buses collided NJ Transit within the Lincoln Tunnel, as confirmed by the Fire Department of New York (FDNY). The collision, which collapsed the two lanes of the center tunnel, caused a prolonged congestion full vehicle during 'rush hour'. The road was reopened around 11 am NJ Transit officials said the crash was carried out by a bus line 127 that was embedded behind a transport line 128. Of the total casualties, 41 reported minor injuries while three were in serious condition, according to the FDNY detailed local media.

[MTA paid up to \\$ 431 million in compensation to passengers](#)

EL DIARIO - Editor

The tragedies are paid. And though the money never compensates the horrible consequences that can have a bus or train accident, the reality is that the Metropolitan Transportation Authority of New York (MTA) are coming in expensive judicial compensation for injured passengers. According to a report by the Daily News, and thanks to a request covered by the law on freedom of information, it came to light that in the last five years the agency had to pay up to \$ 431 million for 4,592 cases recorded during this period.

[UWS School Plan Would 'Fracture Community,' Officials Say at Protest](#)

DNA INFO - Emily Frost

Elected officials have joined local residents in protesting a move by the Department of Education that would change where local students attend school — saying the decision would "fracture the community." Residents of Lincoln Towers — a large apartment complex along West End Avenue between West 67th and 70th streets — have been fighting a plan by the DOE that would send some children from the complex to P.S. 191 instead of the high-achieving P.S. 199. Under the plan, which has not been voted on yet, students from two of the six buildings in the complex would be zoned to attend P.S. 191, which earned a controversial "persistently dangerous" designation from the state last year.

[Woman Dies Accidentally Falling From Hell's Kitchen Roof, NYPD Says](#)

DNA INFO - Trevor Kapp, Aidan Gardiner

A woman died after accidentally falling from her Hell's Kitchen roof where she'd been hanging out with a friend Sunday morning, police said. Elena Gladkikh, 27, was atop her six-story apartment building on West 37th Street, near 10th Avenue, about 8:45 a.m. when she fell off the roof and landed on the ground below, an NYPD spokesman said. She was pronounced dead at Bellevue Hospital, the spokesman said. The Medical Examiner will determine how she died, police said.

[Neighborhood Streets and Plazas Could Be Redesigned in Plan to Reduce Crime](#)

DNA INFO - James Fanelli

The city's newest crime fighters may be architects and urban planners. City officials have recently explored the idea of redesigning streets, plazas and buildings in The Bronx and Brooklyn to prevent crime, DNAinfo New York has learned. Last spring, the Department of Design and Construction gave a presentation to the mayor's office and the NYPD that showed how swaths of Morrisania and Brownsville could be made safer through design tweaks that enhance "natural surveillance" — the concept that would-be lawbreakers are deterred from committing crimes in public areas when they believe more people are watching.

['Intersection of Doom' Needs Safety Improvements, Kew Gardens Residents Say](#)

DNA INFO – Ewa Kern- Jedrychowska

A group of Kew Gardens residents, who said a corner in their neighborhood is so dangerous for pedestrians that they started calling it the "Intersection of Doom," are pushing for traffic safety improvements, including a red light camera and lane separators. Locals started a petition urging the city to make a number of changes at the busy intersection of Park Lane South and Metropolitan Avenue, near Forest Park, which serves two bus routes — the Q54 and Q37 — and is located less than 300 feet from a daycare center, they said.

... From 2012 to September 2016, nine people were injured in crashes at the intersection, according to data provided by the Department of Transportation.

[NYPD Officer Charged With Murder for Fatal Road-Rage Shooting, Sources Say](#)

DNA INFO – Camille Bautista, Murray Weiss

An off-duty NYPD officer who fatally shot an unarmed driver during a road rage incident in East New York in July was charged with second-degree murder on Monday, sources said. Wayne Isaacs was indicted by a Brooklyn grand jury for the death of 37-year-old Delrawn Small. The officer was seen on video gunning down the victim. Isaacs chose not to testify before the jury, sources said. The indictment marks the first case under State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman's office where a police officer has been charged for killing an unarmed civilian, sources said. The charges were first reported by the New York Post.

[City Adds Bike Lanes to 31st Avenue Despite Objections from Community Board](#)

DNA INFO - Jeanmarie Evely

The Department of Transportation has started installing bike lanes along 31st Avenue, despite worries from members of Queens Community Board 1 that portions of the street are too dangerous for cyclists. The first painted lines of the new lanes appeared earlier this month. The lanes are expected to be a mixture of shared and protected bike paths on 31st Avenue stretching from the Astoria waterfront through Woodside and into East Elmhurst.

[New 7-Story Charter School to Rise in Clinton Hill, Records Show](#)

DNA INFO - Alexandra Leon

A new, seven-story charter school could be opening in Clinton Hill. The new school at 15 Quincy St., between Downing Street and Classon Avenue, would include three floors for classrooms, a cafeteria, a resource room, an underground parking garage and office space for teachers, according to permits filed with the city's Department of Buildings.

Local News:

[The Resurrection of Greenwich Street](#)

NY TIMES – David Dunlap

A quarter-mile stretch of Greenwich Street disappeared from the map of Lower Manhattan in 1967, then from the face of New York on Sept. 11, 2001. Now, it is reappearing as an important boulevard. Three of the four World Trade Center towers have their entrances on it, as does Santiago Calatrava's Oculus, which is the Westfield shopping mall and the trade center transit hub. Mr. Calatrava's St. Nicholas National Shrine is taking form in the elevated Liberty Park, reached by a broad staircase from Greenwich Street. Diners overlook the street from the recently opened Eataly.

[Ahmad Khan Rahami's Father and Wife Retain A.C.L.U. to Defend Him](#)

NY TIMES – Benjamin Weiser, Eli Rosenberg

The question of legal representation for Ahmad Khan Rahami, the man accused of carrying out recent bombings in Manhattan and on the Jersey Shore, took a new turn on Monday when the American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey said that it had been retained by his father and his wife to defend him on federal charges, at least until he was given a federal public defender or other lawyer. Alexander Shalom, a senior A.C.L.U. lawyer in New Jersey, said the group had also written to prosecutors in the United States attorney's offices in both Manhattan and Newark, which have filed charges against Mr. Rahami for his alleged role in the bombings, stating that he should not be questioned by the authorities.

[Bones Unearthed in Finger Lakes Backyard Are Those of Long-Dead Inmates](#)

NY TIMES – Lisa Foderaro

Like a lot of new homeowners, Eric Johnson II had ambitious plans when he moved into his tidy beige house this summer. He envisioned a swing set in back for his 2-year-old son, and a detached garage. But when he and his father started leveling the ground and removing shrubs this summer, they made an unexpected and macabre discovery. "I said, 'You better take a look,'" recalled Mr. Johnson's father. "I was moving dirt around and I looked down and there were bones sticking out of the ground."

[Editorial: Bringing Prison Guards to Justice](#)

NY TIMES – Editorial

New York State prison guards sometimes get away with barbaric acts of brutality because their union shields even the worst of them from prosecution — and because district attorneys in communities dominated by prisons are hesitant to

bring difficult, politically unpopular cases. The Justice Department stepped forcefully into this vacuum last week, charging five corrections officers with fraud and violating the civil rights of an inmate who was beaten nearly to death at Downstate Correctional Facility in Fishkill in 2013. This prosecution sends a powerful message to both the union and local district attorneys who have grown complacent about such episodes.

[Hillary Clinton Leads Donald Trump by 24 Points in New York State](#)

WSJ – Josh Dawsey

Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton has a 24-point lead over Republican rival Donald Trump among likely voters in their home state of New York, according to a Wall Street Journal-NBC 4 New York-Marist poll released Monday. The poll, which came out hours before Mrs. Clinton and Mr. Trump faced off in their first debate at Hofstra University on Long Island, showed Mrs. Clinton leads Mr. Trump 57% to 33% among likely voters statewide. The poll found 8% don't support either candidate and 2% are undecided.

[Andrew Cuomo's Approval Rating Inches Down to 40%](#)

WSJ – Erica Orden

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo's approval rating hit 40%, his second-lowest performance since he took office, according to a Wall Street Journal-NBC 4 New York-Marist poll of statewide registered voters released Monday. Mr. Cuomo's rating was down one point since April, when 41% of voters said his job performance was excellent or good. His lowest approval rating was 37% in May 2015. The poll was conducted between Wednesday and Friday, a period during which nine people associated with Mr. Cuomo's administration, including a longtime top aide, were charged by federal prosecutors with public corruption involving some of the governor's signature economic-development programs.

[New York Subway Ridership Falling Since Spring](#)

WSJ – Josh Barbanel

Straphanger alert: Subway trains at rush hour may not be as crowded as ever. After New York subway ridership soared last year to the highest levels since 1948, the number of passengers has fallen slightly in each month beginning in April, compared with the same months in 2015, according to figures released Monday by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. In July, the most recent month for which figures are available, there were 5.4 million weekday subway rides on average, down 1.8% from July 2015. Weekend trips fell by 3.5%.

[ACLU Representing Bombing Suspect](#)

WSJ – Associated Press

The American Civil Liberties Union is representing a man accused of setting off bombs in New York and New Jersey and injuring 31 people. A lawyer for the organization's New Jersey chapter entered a notice of appearance in Ahmad Khan Rahami's case in federal court in Newark on Monday. Mr. Rahami has been hospitalized since he was caught following a shootout with police in Linden last week. Prosecutors said he had been incapacitated and intubated since undergoing surgery for his wounds.

[New Law Lets People Be Buried With Pets](#)

WSJ – Associated Press

New York state will now allow people to be buried with the cremated remains of their pet. Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed the measure into law on Monday. Cemeteries wouldn't have to offer the option, and religious cemeteries would be specifically forbidden from doing so. Mr. Cuomo, a Democrat, says many New Yorkers consider their pets to be a member of the family, and say the previous regulation banning the burial of cremated pet remains with their human companions was "unnecessary."

[Some Airbnb Rentals Too Crowded: Report](#)

WSJ – Associated Press

A report on New York City Airbnb rentals has found cases of air mattresses in kitchens, bunk beds in dining areas and listings for up to 32 people. Democratic state Sens. Jeffrey Klein and Diane Savino said the report they issued Monday shows the need for tighter rules governing the popular online home rental service. The study looked at 110 rentals offering space for 13 or more people. Mr. Klein said some rentals were unsafe and illegal.

[Broadway Seeks Box-Office Boost](#)

WSJ – Pia Catton

A year after Broadway broke box-office and attendance records, the industry is finding there may not be a blockbuster fall. According to data provided by the Broadway League, an industry group, ticket sales for the season to date are \$6.5 million lower than they were at this time last year. Theater leaders are hoping that shows scheduled to open later in the year will help the grosses catch up, attributing the gap to a slow start and the number of shows still in previews.

[For One Weekend, the World Plays Baseball in Coney Island](#)

WSJ – Louie Lazar

Dale McIlwain sat in a half-empty MCU Park in Brooklyn last Thursday night, rooting for Great Britain's national team in a qualifying game for the World Baseball Classic. Wearing a navy cap with "GB" on it and a pinstriped jersey with his own surname stitched across the back, he had traveled to the ballpark from his home in the Rockaways, Queens. McIlwain, 45, said he became "immersed in British culture" at around age 10—he loved "Monty Python" and avidly watches detective shows like "Luther"—and recently traveled to England for the first time. There, he said, he "made lots of friends," and has been cheering on British athletes ever since.

[Taste Talks Awards Honor New York City Chefs and Restaurants](#)

WSJ – Charles Passy

Several New York City chefs, restaurants and food professionals were honored by the Brooklyn-based Taste Talks organization at its national awards program Monday night at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. Missy Robbins, whose Italian restaurant Lilia opened earlier this year in Williamsburg, was named best new chef in the country's Eastern region. Wildair, a wine-centric dining spot on the Lower East Side, was named best new restaurant, also in the Eastern region category.

[Corner of Surf and Stillwell Aves. renamed for Nathan's founder](#)

DAILY NEWS - Staff

Hot dog! The corner of Surf and Stillwell avenues in Coney Island was ceremonially co-named for Nathan and Ida Handwerker, the founders of Nathan's Famous, which opened at the location 100 years ago this year. The stand has served millions, including countless campaigning politicians and, of course, the world's hot dog eating legends.

[Tom Hanks interrupts Central Park wedding photos in his sweatpants to take selfie](#)

DAILY NEWS - Brian Lisi

Look at me, I am the photographer now. Bringing light to an already special day like he does with all his movies, Tom Hanks made a surprise cameo in the wedding photos of a lovely couple in Central Park. New York City-based photographer Meg Miller (of Meg Miller Photography) was snapping away photos of newlyweds Elisabeth and Ryan after their Upper East Side ceremony when the two-time Oscar winner hijacked the shoot "Captain Phillips"-style.

[Hasidic Jewish man convicted in gang assault of gay black man spent less than a half hour in Brooklyn holding cell before making bail](#)

DAILY NEWS - Christina Carrega-Woodby

A Hasidic Jewish man convicted of participating in the gang assault that left a gay black man blinded in his right eye spent less than 30 minutes in a Brooklyn holding cell on Monday after a judge increased his bail. On Friday, Brooklyn Supreme Court Justice Danny Chun found Mayer Herskovic, 23, guilty of second-degree gang assault, unlawful imprisonment and menacing charges after lengthy bench trial. Justice Chun ordered Herskovic to return to court Monday morning to increase his bail amount since his conviction carries a possible three and a half to 15 year prison sentence.

[SAT scores drop slightly in New York State](#)

DAILY NEWS – Lisa Colangelo, Ben Chapman

SAT college entrance exam scores dipped slightly for New York State, following a slight decline in scores nationwide. The College Board, which administers the test, said Monday that the member of the Class of 2016 had a 1,467 mean score out of 2,400, down 5 points from 2015. Performance slipped nationally on all sections — math, writing and critical reading.

[New York state Republicans releases anti-Cuomo ad](#)

DAILY NEWS – Ken Lovett

The state Republican Party on Monday released a web ad using the scandals surrounding the Cuomo administration to urge people to vote for Republicans this November. The ad highlights the arrests of nine Cuomo associates last week on bribery and fraud charges. Calling Cuomo "knee-deep in corruption," the ads urges people to "send Cuomo a message on

Nov. 8 and vote Republican.” Cuomo has denied knowing of any wrongdoing. The ad neglects to mention that GOP lawmakers have also faced criminal charges.

[Second Ave. subway line needs to ramp up testing rapidly to open in December](#)

DAILY NEWS – Dan Rivoli

To get riders on the Second Ave. subway on time, the MTA needs to ramp up the number of equipment tests ahead of the December opening, an independent engineer told the board Monday. The megaproject’s independent engineer, Kent Haggas, said the Metropolitan Transportation Authority needs to complete 300 tests on key equipment like fire alarms, radio communications and elevators — with only 12 weeks to go. “That’s an average of 25 a week,” Haggas said. “You’re at 10, so it’s got to ramp up, as of last week.”

[Editorial: Local boy makes good: Austin Marx helps Baruch College, his alma mater, open up opportunities for all](#)

DAILY NEWS – Editorial

Top this New York success story: A young man from Queens, strapped for funds, has two choices for his higher education: City College or nothing at all. Austin Marx enrolls in CCNY’s Baurch School of Business, later to be renamed Baruch College. He graduates without particular distinction, with a degree in accounting. Then, zoom: After a stint on Wall Street he founds his own investment firm and amasses wealth sufficient to make whatever life choices he pleases.

[MSG unveils exhibit chronicling Pope Francis’ visit](#)

NY POST – Stephanie Pagonis, David K. Li

Now his holiness is right up there — with Willis Reed and the Hulkster! Pope Francis’ visit to New York City and his Mass at Madison Square Garden were immortalized by the World’s Most Famous Arena on Monday with an exhibit chronicling last year’s famed trip. Artifacts from the pontiff’s Big Apple tour comprise the 21st of MSG’s “Defining Moments” displays. Francis will be on a concourse wall outside Section 113, sandwiched between tributes to Wrestlemania I from March 13, 1985 and the famed limping-off-the-bench Reed-inspired Game 7 NBA Finals win by the Knicks on May 8, 1970.

[Meet the woman who took on Robert Moses and saved lower Manhattan](#)

NY POST – Robert Rorke

Next time you take a walk down Broome Street, from Little Italy into SoHo, treasure the little historic churches, the classic Italian restaurants and cafes, the cast-iron buildings, cobblestone streets, galleries and boutiques. Fifty years ago, they were almost swallowed up by an eight-lane highway called the Lower Manhattan Expressway (LOMEX) that was scheduled to cross Broome and tear northward through the West Village to connect the East River bridges to the Holland Tunnel.

[New Yorkers can now rest in peace with their pets](#)

NY POST - Kirstan Conley

Pet owners can now rest in peace and spend eternity with their furry friends. Gov. Cuomo signed a bill on Monday that allows pet remains to be buried with humans with a cemetery’s written consent. “For many New Yorkers, their pets are members of the family,” Cuomo said. “This legislation will roll back this unnecessary regulation and give cemeteries the option to honor the last wishes of pet lovers across New York.”

[Airbnb critics slam allowance of ‘rooms of doom’](#)

NY POST – Rich Calder

Airbnb is allowing homeowners to advertise “rooms of doom” that accommodate as many as 30 people by stuffing beds into laundry rooms and air mattresses into kitchens, two state legislators charged Monday. State Sens. Jeff Klein (D-Bronx) and Diane Savino (D-SI) said a review of Airbnb ads during the first two weeks of August found 110 accommodations for between 13 to 30 guests. “What we found . . . is potential rooms of doom,” Klein said during a lower Manhattan press conference.

[Editorial: The City Council’s ‘green’ scheme is anti-environment](#)

NY POST – Editorial

You’d expect a City Council dominated by progressives to avoid adding to the globe’s environmental problems, but no. The council on Wednesday is set to pass a law mandating that home heating oil include 20 percent biofuels, up from 2 percent. And never mind the science that says this will increase the release of toxins. At least energy mogul John

Catsimatidis, a generous political donor, stands to make out big. His \$62 million contract to supply the city with blended biofuels will become even more lucrative.

[Editorial: Cuomo's dodgy answer to corruption](#)

NY POST - Editorial

Just days after the indictment on corruption charges of two of Gov. Cuomo's closest aides, including his longtime right-hand man, the governor is crusading for "real ethics reform" ... in the Legislature. He's threatening to prevent any pay hike for lawmakers unless they go along. Oddly, Cuomo isn't proposing any fixes for his own shop. Heck, he won't even return the six-figure campaign donations he's gotten over the years from two companies named in the federal indictment.

[Opinion: Now NYC has publicly funded mobs](#)

NY POST – Seth Barron

It was bad enough Brooklyn City Councilman Antonio Reynoso and a mob of approximately 100 supporters "shut down" a public hearing of the City Planning Commission last week, ostensibly because they oppose a housing development in Williamsburg near the disputed Broadway Triangle. Worse, it turns out that the groups that organized the protest, and whose members wore branded T-shirts throughout the demonstration, are actually prominent nonprofit organizations that receive extensive funding from the city.

[PRO] [IDC members call for strict Airbnb regulation](#)

POLITICO NY – Addy Baird

[PRO] [Klein calls Percoco, Kaloyeros charges 'shocking'](#)

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[PRO] [Milliken promotes finance deputy](#)

POLITICO NY – Conor Skelding

[PRO] [U.S. Chamber of Commerce endorses Faso in N.Y.-19](#)

POLITICO NY - Nick Niedzwiadek

[PRO] [Schneiderman taps new investment protection bureau chief](#)

POLITICO NY – Colby Hamilton

[Wildstein: Port commissioner knew about Bridgegate plan](#)

POLITICO NY – Ryan Hutchins

William "Pat" Schuber, a member of the board that controls the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, was told of the George Washington Bridge lane closures before they occurred, according to the admitted planner of the scheme. David Wildstein, who was the second-highest-ranking New Jersey official at the agency, said in federal court on Monday that he met with Schuber — a former Republican assemblyman and Bergen County executive — before launching the lane closures and told him the traffic changes were part of a plan targeting Mark Sokolich, Democratic mayor of Fort Lee.

[Durst headlines list of local Republicans and independents backing Clinton](#)

POLITICO NY – Dana Rubinstein

Douglas Durst, the prolific Manhattan developer who also co-founded an organic farm and once dressed up as a tree for Halloween, is considered a liberal by many in New York real estate. But, technically, he's not registered with any political party, according to his spokesman. And he, like a few other New York independents and Republicans, is voting for Hillary Clinton. Ahead of Monday night's debate in Long Island, the Clinton campaign announced "Together for America New York," which it describes, in a press release, as "the first group of a growing number of Republicans and dependents who are stepping forward to endorse Hillary Clinton for president." Durst, the co-developer of One World Trade Center, is among the most prominent members.

[Fred Dicker leaves the New York Post](#)

POLITICO NY – Jimmy Vielkind

Fred Dicker, the longest-serving member of the Capitol press corps, has parted ways with the New York Post. Monday's editions of the tabloid did not contain Dicker's weekly column, a staple of state politics that has offered tidbits of news,

gossip and analysis during the past six gubernatorial administrations. In an email to the Times Union, which first reported Dicker's move, he described the change as "an amicable departure after some 2,000 columns over nearly 34 years." In recent years, Dicker had focused on his weekly column and ceded day-to-day coverage of the Capitol to others.

[\[PRO\] Over 80 percent of Alcantara's campaign funded by IDC](#)

POLITICO NY – Bill Mahoney

[State raises more than \\$700 million in carbon proceeds program](#)

POLITICO NY - Scott Waldman

The vast majority of proceeds in a nine-state carbon and cap-and-trade program was raised in New York, a new report has found. The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative generated \$1.8 billion in auction proceeds from the sale of carbon credits to industrial customers, according to a report released Monday. Almost half of that, or \$728 million, was raised in New York alone, more than double the nearest two states. Maryland was second with \$374 million in revenue and Massachusetts had \$316 million.

[Some legislators, but not many, make the case for a pay raise](#)

POLITICO NY - Bill Mahoney

In the six months since a commission began weighing a pay hike for state legislators and members of the executive branch, Gov. Andrew Cuomo and his appointees have repeatedly called on legislators to explain why they should get a raise. "I think if the legislators believe they deserve a raise, they should make that case to the commission and they should make that case prior to Election Day," the governor said in August. "I think this a major issue and they shouldn't do it in the shadows."

[Flanagan expects 'hard questions' on Buffalo Billion](#)

POLITICO NY - Jimmy Vielkind

Senate Republican leader John Flanagan said there should be "hard questions" about the Buffalo Billion and other economic development programs ensnared in federal charges unsealed last week. Flanagan, of Long Island, said he was "saddened" by charges that implicated SUNY Polytechnic president Alain Kaloyeros, a former political adviser to Gov. Andrew Cuomo, Joe Percoco, and lobbyist Todd Howe as well as several other corporate executives.

[It's Good to Be Sheldon Adelson](#)

OBSERVER - Jillian Joregensen

It turns out it's easy to score great seats to a presidential debate—when you're Republican donor and casino magnate Sheldon Adelson. Four seats in the section reserved for Republican Donald Trump's VIPs were set aside for Adelson, the exorbitantly wealthy CEO of Las Vegas Sands and donor to GOP causes who originally backed Marco Rubio but came around to Trump in May, as seen in a photo sent along by an Observer source.

[Gov. Cuomo signs law allowing pets to be buried with their humans](#)

AM NY - Alison Fox

[Lincoln Tunnel crash involving NJ Transit buses injures dozens, officials say](#)

AM NY – Lauren Cook

[Presidential debate moderator Lester Holt also in spotlight](#)

AM NY – Emily Ngo

[Presidential debate: Donald Trump, Hillary Clinton to face off at Hofstra University](#)

AM NY – Reuters

[Trump, Clinton debate at Hofstra: What to know as presidential candidates face off](#)

AM NY – Nicole Brown

[Column: At first Hillary Clinton, Donald Trump debate don't expect much about issues](#)

AM NY – Mark Chiusano

[Bipolar BU student missing in NYC for 8 days](#)

METRO – Amanda Mikelberg

[Second Avenue Subway could be delayed, again](#)

METRO - 6SQFT

[NYPD touts seizure of drugs, fake prescriptions on South Shore](#)

SI ADVANCE - Kyle Lawson

[Photos from the 2016 Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers run in NYC](#)

SI ADVANCE - Jim Waggoner

[Victims of alleged drunken drivers share stories at 'Walk like MADD'](#)

SI ADVANCE - Kyle Lawson

[Study finds New York is the 7th best state for teachers, Jersey #1](#)

SI ADVANCE - Diane Lore

[Cameras on school buses: Would the idea work on Staten Island?](#)

SI ADVANCE - Diane Lore

[Watch: Healing process infinite for victims of drunk driving](#)

SI ADVANCE – Kyle Lawson

[New law allows pets to be buried alongside owners](#)

SI ADVANCE – Rachel Shapiro

[2018 North Shore waterfront set to be an 'exciting' place](#)

SI ADVANCE - Tracey Porpora

[South Beach Psychiatric Center breaks ground on new inpatient facility](#)

SI ADVANCE - Susan Lunny Keag

[Editorial: For the thousandth time, we need to fix the traffic mess!](#)

SI ADVANCE - Editorial

[Editorial: Express buses should have never been cut in the first place](#)

SI ADVANCE - Editorial

[That may have been inspired to commit attacks Rahami NY and NJ](#)

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[Bus crash in the Lincoln tunnel leaves dozens injured](#)

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[MTA launches LaGuardia Link shuttle](#)

METRO - Kimberly M. Aquilina

[New law allows you and Fido to someday share a casket](#)

METRO - Kimberly M. Aquilina

[Tom Hanks crashes Central Park wedding](#)

METRO - Cristabelle Tumola

National News:

[Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump Press Pointed Attacks in Debate](#)

NY TIMES – Patrick Healy, Jonathan Martin

In a relentlessly antagonistic debate, Donald J. Trump and Hillary Clinton clashed over trade, the Iraq war, his refusal to release his tax returns and her use of a private email server, with Mr. Trump frequently showing impatience and political inexperience as Mrs. Clinton pushed him to defend his past denigration of women and President Obama. Mr. Trump repeatedly interrupted Mrs. Clinton and at times talked over her throughout the 90-minute debate, making slashing attacks that surely pleased his Republican base but may have been off-putting to women and undecided voters. He also left unchallenged her assertion that he paid no federal taxes for years.

[How Hillary Clinton Went From Hesitant to Scorching](#)

NY TIMES – Michael Barbaro, Matt Flegenheimer

It started with a mystifying missed opportunity on race. It ended with a piercing attack on gender. Hillary Clinton's performance in the first presidential debate on Monday veered from uncertain and tentative to firm and, ultimately, scorching. No amount of practice, it seemed, could fully prepare her — or perhaps anyone — for Donald J. Trump's hurricane of factual distortion, taunting interruptions and blustery generalities. Mrs. Clinton seemed to slowly but steadily learn how to confront and subdue Mr. Trump on the fly, as tens of millions of Americans watched.

[Our Fact Checks of the First Debate](#)

NY TIMES - Staff

Hillary Clinton and Donald J. Trump kept fact-checkers busy throughout their first debate on Monday night as they sparred over their policies and records on the economy, national security, the environment and their personal pasts. In keeping with how he has run his campaign, Mr. Trump stretched the facts more often than Mrs. Clinton did; a couple of times, Mrs. Clinton literally called out for fact-checkers from the stage.

[U.S. Murders Surged in 2015, F.B.I. Finds](#)

NY TIMES – Timothy Williams, Monica Davey

The country's murder rate jumped more last year than it had in nearly half a century, newly released federal crime data showed, although the number of homicides remained far below the levels of the 1980s and '90s. The data, part of an annual report released on Monday by the F.B.I., showed that the murder rate rose 10.8 percent across the United States in 2015, part of a nearly 4 percent increase in violent crime.

[Kerr Putney, Charlotte Chief, Had Cause in His Life to Distrust Police](#)

NY TIMES – Richard Fausset, Alan Blinder, Yamiche Alcindor

Kerr Putney, who 15 months ago was sworn in as Charlotte's second black police chief, has spoken openly of his own lingering, lifelong distrust of the police. He has invoked the "racist bigoted history" in American policing. And he has publicly stated that he believes his father's death was an unacknowledged murder, one poorly investigated by officials in his hometown, Roanoke Rapids, N.C., because the police there "didn't care about the value of a black life."

[Editorial: An Ugly Campaign, Condensed Into One Debate](#)

NY TIMES - Editorial

"Debate" is an iffy word for an exercise in which candidates are prompted by moderators to dole out their stump speeches bit by bit under hot lights while a clock counts the seconds and every quip and jab and stumble is used to keep score and proclaim a "winner." But when just one candidate is serious and the other is a vacuous bully, the term loses all meaning.

International News:

[Unrelenting Assault on Aleppo Is Called Worst Yet in Syria's Civil War](#)

NY TIMES – Rick Gladstone, Somini Sengupta

Undeterred and infuriated by Western accusations of war crimes and barbarity in the aerial assault on Aleppo, the Syrian government and its ally Russia intensively bombed the city in northern Syria on Monday for the fourth consecutive day.

Residents and rescuers there described the bombardment as among the worst yet in the five-year war. Both the Kremlin and the Syrian government appeared to harden their position that the United States and its partners had caused the disintegration of a fleeting cease-fire last week. The Russians went as far as suggesting that the Western portrayal of them as war criminals in the Syria conflict risked a further alienation in relations.

[Iran's Supreme Leader Advises Ahmadinejad Not to Run for President](#)

NY TIMES – Thomas Erdbrink

Iran's most powerful figure ruled out on Monday a return to politics by former President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, known in the West for his denial of the Holocaust and for bombastic threats against Israel. The decision by Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, reported by the semiofficial Fars news agency, means that the country's hard-line faction lacks a serious candidate to challenge the incumbent president, Hassan Rouhani, during elections in May.

[After Five Decades of War, Colombia Signs Peace Agreement With Rebels](#)

NY TIMES – Nicholas Casey

In a Caribbean resort city, far from the jungles where guerrilla battles once raged, the Colombian government and the country's largest rebel group signed a peace agreement on Monday evening. The ceremony, held in Cartagena, brought an end to a 52-year-old war with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, whose Marxist insurgency marked the last major war in the Americas.

[Scientists Inspect the Great Barrier Reef, From 28,000 Feet Above](#)

NY TIMES – Michelle Innis

Heron Island, a coral cay at the southern tip of Australia's Great Barrier Reef awash in piercing sunlight and translucent seas, has been a proving ground for reef science for more than 80 years. Because of its clear blue waters and mostly cloudless skies, Heron Island is one of a handful of sites worldwide where scientists from the United States, Bermuda and Australia have converged with a tricked-out NASA Gulfstream jet to modernize the way the world looks at its fragile coral reefs, an early warning system of a changing climate.

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NBC 4 - Hofstra Presidential Debate (Team Coverage)
FOX 5 - Hofstra Presidential Debate (Team Coverage); BridgeGate Scandal
ABC 7 - Hofstra Presidential Debate (Team Coverage); Houston Shooting Rampage

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ABC 7 - Hofstra Presidential Debate (Team Coverage); Officer Wayne Isaacs Charged

Mayor de Blasio in Broadcast:

Mayor Bill de Blasio, Chancellor Fariña Announce Elimination of CUNY Fee Waiver for Low-Income Students

[ABC 7 - Diana Williams - 5:17 pm](#)

The City of New York is helping to relieve one of the financial barriers for low-income students who want to enroll in college. Mayor Bill de Blasio and Schools Chancellor Carmen Fariña announced the elimination of the CUNY application fee. It is estimated that more than 37,000 high school seniors will qualify for the \$65 fee waiver.

[NBC 4 - Sibila Vargas - 5:27 pm](#)

The cost of applying to college will now be \$0 for some New Yorkers. Today the Mayor and other dignitaries announced a new plan to waive application fees to CUNY schools for low-income students. The fee is \$65. One student says that this means she is one step closer to her dream of going to college. The fee waiver goes into effect in mid-October.

Members of NYC Police Union Protest Outside Mayor's Gym

[ABC 7 - Diana Williams - 5:25 pm](#)

New York City's police union is releasing a new TV ad critical of Mayor Bill de Blasio over the lack of progress in their contract negotiations. The new ad claims the Mayor refuses to protect people that protect New Yorkers by paying a fair wage. NYPD officers have been working under an expired contract since 2012.

[NBC 4 - Chuck Scarborough - 5:42 pm](#)

Mayor de Blasio got an unexpected greeting on his way to the gym today. Members of the NYPD chanted and hoisted signs outside the Prospect Park YMCA when the Mayor showed up for his workout this morning. Those officers have been working without a contract for six years and they say the Mayor is unwilling to fairly negotiate. The City offered the officers an 11 percent raise, phased in over seven years, but officers say that is not a fair deal.

[FOX 5 - Dari Alexander - 5:38 pm](#)

While Mayor de Blasio was inside working out, members of the PBA were outside of his Brooklyn gym protesting for more money. Dozens of police officers gathered outside the YMCA in Park Slope demanding that Mayor de Blasio work out a new contract for rank-and-file police officers. They have been working under an expired contract since 2012. This is

the second time the police union has protested for better wages. Back in August, they held court outside of Gracie Mansion.

Agency Mentions:

Second-Degree Murder Charges For Off-Duty Officer in Fatal Road Rage Shooting

ABC 7 - Diana Williams - 5:11 pm

An off-duty police officer accused of killing a man in a July 4th road rage incident has been indicted for second-degree murder. 37-year-old Wayne Isaacs is scheduled to be arraigned tomorrow. He is expected to surrender at Brooklyn Criminal Court. Investigators say the victim, 37-year-old Delron Small was not armed. Police say Isaacs opened fire on him after he approached his vehicle at a red light.

CBS 2 - Kristine Johnson - 5:14 pm

FOX 5 - Steve Lacy - 5:37 pm

NBC 4 - Chuck Scarborough - 6:12 pm

Stuyvesant High School Principal Eric Contreras Seeks to Expand Diversity at Elite High School

ABC 7 - Joe Torres - 5:49 pm

Rich history and academic excellence, two of the hallmarks of Stuyvesant High School – one of New York City's eight elite high schools. Administrators acknowledged that in the area of diversity there is room for improvement. And that is just one of the goals for Stuyvesant's new principal, a Latino pioneer. He is the interim acting principal at Stuyvesant High School, which means Eric Contreras is a pioneer. He is the first Latino principal to ever head one of New York City's elite high schools. One of the goals for the new principal has to do with increasing diversity. Stuyvesant High School has a population of roughly 3,500 students, less than one percent are black; Latinos account for only 2.5 percent. Principal Contreras hopes to change that. The former social studies teacher, whose daughter was one of only nine Latinas in last year's graduating class, recognizes the school's emphasis on mathematics and science, but he wants to see a greater focus on engineering. Contreras took a pay cut to serve as Stuyvesant's new principal.

NYCHA Announces New Improvements in the Bronx

NBC 4 - Sibila Vargas - 5:40 pm

Major improvements are coming to five City housing complexes in the Bronx. Residents can expect to see new walkways, benches, and building facade. Also, added security measures that include new lighting and new doors. Today, City Councilmember Andy King announced the changes as part of a \$4 million project aimed at improving the lives of residents. He says each complex will also be adding a clothing recycling program. Construction is expected to begin next year, and will take two-and-a-half years to complete.

Protesters Expected Outside Tonight's Presidential Debate

NBC 4 - Ray Villeda - 5:09 pm

Thousands of police officers are being deployed this evening to try to make sure that everything stays peaceful. The free speech zone near campus is expected to be packed with protesters tonight. The NYPD bomb unit is on scene. There are checkpoints to get into the free speech area.

FOX 5 - Linda Schmidt - 5:02 pm

The Nassau Police Department has been planning for the event for the last two-and-a-half months. They are working with the NYPD, Secret Service, and ATF.

Local News:

NY State Lawmakers Introduce Bill to Combat Hazardous Airbnb Listings

ABC 7 - Lauren Glassberg - 5:56 pm

It's designed to take the middle man out of finding a place to stay, but some New York State lawmakers say landlords are turning Airbnb rentals into serious hazards. "What we found when we investigated these individual sites is really potential rooms of doom," State Senator Jeff Klein said. State Senator Klein is talking about listings on Airbnb that have spaces maxed out with mattresses. There are too many people too be safe. He looked at more than 100 listings in the city that allowed more than 13 guests. "What they doing in many cases, is maximizing the number of individuals who can actually

stay there, by putting beds inches away from the refrigerator or stove, and needless to say, putting people potentially at risk," State Sen. Klein said. Klein is co-sponsoring two pieces of legislation. The first would ban one- and two-family homes from being used for short term rentals. The second would require Airbnb to police its own site. "We believe they have an obligation and responsibility to know who they are allowing to advertise on their site. We believe they have a responsibility and obligation to make sure that if someone is living in apartment or house out on their site they should know that it's safe, that it is not in violation of the building codes," State Senator Diane Savino said. For its part, Airbnb says it has taken down listings in the past that do not meet their standards and that, "We are eager to work with lawmakers...to find a sensible solution that will allow New Yorkers to responsibly share their primary home and crack down on commercial operators." Of the listings state lawmakers found questionable, almost half were in Brooklyn and 39% were in Manhattan. 14% were in Queens and 1% was in the Bronx. Staten Island had no such listings. Klein plans to introduce his proposals to the legislature in the coming weeks. "I don't want to wait until something bad happens," State Sen. Klein said. Meanwhile, Governor Andrew Cuomo has yet to sign a separate piece of legislation that would prohibit the advertisement of short term rentals on Airbnb and similar sites. That would effectively destroy Airbnb and how it operates. It's something Airbnb says it would fight.

CBS 2 - Alice Gainer - 6:11 pm

Metro-North: On Track for 2018 Deadline

NBC 4 - Sibila Vargas - 5:21 pm

Metro North says that technology that could prevent another train accident is on track to meet the 2018 federally-mandated deadline. In August, the Federal Railroad Administration, said that Metro-North had made almost no progress on installing its Positive Train Control or PTC. PTC is designed to prevent accidents like the deadly Metro-North derailment that happened in the Bronx three years ago.

Workers Clear Debris From 469 Subway Stations, Riders Want It Done More Often

CBS 2 - Brian Conybeare - 5:31 pm

There has been a new effort to clean subway tracks and reduce track fires, and train delays. CBS-2 first told viewers about 'Operation Track Sweep' two weeks ago, and took another look at the progress on Friday. The MTA board members got an update on the two-week effort to clean trash and debris from tracks at all 469 stations citywide. Five-hundred workers removed 20,776 garbage bags from 1,153 sections of track. A grand total of 311, 640-lbs of debris was carted away. "It used to be a lot worse than what it is right now, that's for sure," Christian Sarnelli said. The difference was noticeable at Whitehall Street Station in Lower Manhattan, where huge vacuum trains came through. All of the straphangers at Whitehall Street said they absolutely noticed a difference. The tracks are cleaner than they were two-weeks-ago, but they want to see it done more often. "Absolutely, they should continue to do it, because it's safer, it's cleaner, and it smells better," Linda Hamilton said. MTA Board Vice Chairman Fernando Ferrer said they have been prevented from performing such a cleanup more often due to limited resources. Three new vacuum trains hit the tracks next year to help and in December, workers will get new portable track vacuums that they can use from subway platforms. As for the other disgusting messes underground — like walls with muck coming down and the smell of urine — can those problems be attacked too? "That's what our station cleaners do on a daily basis," Ferrer said. "Still not as good as I'd like to see it, and our riders would like to see it, but we're doing our part." The MTA has posted signs urging everyone to do their part as well. "People have to remember that the subways are for people and not a garbage can," MTA board member Charles Moerdler said. So please use garbage cans and not the tracks.

Doubts Raised about Second Avenue Subway Opening on Schedule

NBC 4 - Rana Novini - 6:18 pm

The MTA has been saying for a while now that the Second Avenue Subway would be open this December. But today, there are mixed messages about the completion of the line. On the one hand, the MTA and the project manager are optimistic about opening on December 31st. On the other hand, they raised serious doubts about staying on schedule. But as the anticipated deadline approaches, commuters are skeptical the line will be completed in time. At a committee meeting today, the Second Avenue project manager raised serious concerns about opening the turnstiles by December 31st. The biggest concerns were systems testing. Right now, it is being done at a rate of eight to 10 per week. To open on time, that rate needs to more than double. Construction crews have been working around the clock, but it needs to ramp up even more. Fire alarms and elevators are still not done. Some parts of the project that were supposed to be done by now were pushed back. The biggest concerns are for the on-time completion of the 86th Street station and especially the 72nd Street hub. To open by the New Year, it will take a lot. Commuters will believe it when they see it.

Community Programs Fighting Gun Violence in Harlem

FOX 5 - Zachary Kiesch - 5:41 pm

A program in Manhattan called S.A.V.E., or Stand Against Violence East Harlem, is not only acknowledging that gun violence exists, but is intent on addressing the issues from within the community. Experience is valued. And there is no better teacher than one who can relate. They are looking at gun violence as a disease – one that is preventable. They look at data and other information to identify the most vulnerable and seek to stop gun violence before it starts. Their most valued assets are outreach workers from the neighborhood. They are people like Chris Foye and others who can influence youngsters to affect positive change. Foye told the story of how his 13-year-old child was killed by a stray bullet in 2009. S.A.V.E. announced a collaboration with Getting Out and Staying Out, a program for formerly incarcerated young people. In addition to the mentors, they help steer folks towards the wrap-around services they need the most: job readiness and training, mental health care, and consistent support. As Foye told us, we are dealing with high risk: the shooters. These guys live in and grew up around these neighborhoods. If anybody is going to reach the youngsters – if anybody has earned the respect – it is these men.

Madison Square Garden Pays Tribute to Pope Francis Visit in ‘Defining Moment Showcase’

FOX 5 - Dari Alexander - 5:19 pm

Madison Square Garden is paying tribute to Pope Francis with its latest addition to the arena’s ‘Defining Moment Showcase.’ The Pontiff’s historic visit to the Garden last year has become the 21st most watched event held at the world famous arena. Pope Francis celebrated an uplifting mass in front of thousands. The exhibit features photos and memorabilia.

CBS 2 - Kristine Johnson - 5:56 pm

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Mayor de Blasio in Broadcast:

NYPD Officers to Protest Outside Mayor de Blasio's Gym Over Contract Dispute

[ABC 7 - Ken Rosato - 5:09 am](#)

Dozens of officers from the NYPD plan to protest in Brooklyn right outside Mayor Bill de Blasio's favorite gym. This will not be the first time. They're calling on the Mayor to use his workout time on working on a new contract for officers. The Patrolmans Benevolent Association says its members are taking time away from their families and second jobs to press the Mayor for a fair deal.

[NBC 4 - Pat Battle - 6:09 am](#)

In the next hour members of the NYPD will return to Brooklyn to confront Mayor de Blasio. Last month dozens chanted "one term mayor" as he left the Park Slope cafe where he was eating breakfast. Today, they'll protest outside the gym he works out at in the neighborhood. The officers are protesting over their lack of contract. They've been working without one for six years. The Mayor's Office says they're offering an 11 percent increase in salary over seven years, and the officers complain that is not a fair deal.

[FOX 5 - Kerry Drew - 5:40 am](#)

Dozens of protesters and police officers are going to wait for the Mayor outside his gym, the Prospect Park Y in Brooklyn. The officers are demanding the Mayor work out a new contract with the police department. PBA president Pat Lynch said since the Mayor spends a "significant portion" of his workday at the gym, that's where his members will go to meet him. Patrolmen have been working on an expired contract since 2012. City Hall has offered an 11 percent raise over seven years, but the offer was rejected.

[PIX 11 - Scott Stanford - 5:38 am](#)

NYPD officers are expected to go to Mayor de Blasio's gym in Brooklyn and stage a protest. Members of the Patrolmans Benevolent Association are going to picket at the YMCA at Park Slope. They're pushing for pay raises. Several officers protested last month outside the gym.

Agency Mentions:

NYPD Bomb Squad Shows off Total Containment Vessel

ABC 7 - Lori Stokes - 5:05 pm

There's new video from the NYPD Bomb Squad, showing off its new bomb transport vehicle. The vehicle was used a week ago to remove the unexploded bomb on West 27th Street in Chelsea. It's called a total containment vessel and it's designed to absorb bomb fragments and the shockwave of an explosion if a device detonates inside.

Local News:

Workshop Planned for Commuters to Voice Concerns Over L Train Closure

ABC 7 - Ken Rosato - 5:21 am

There's a new way for commuters worried about the L train closure to voice their concerns. The MTA has to close the tunnel under the East River to repair it from damage from Superstorm Sandy. This evening, the group Transportation Alternatives will host a workshop in Manhattan at 6:30 pm on East 14th Street. Commuters will be able to suggest ideas for how to get around during the closure.

MTA to Announce Results of Operation Track Sweep Today

CBS 2 - Mary Calvi - 5:45 am

The MTA will announce the results of Operation Track Sweep today. 500 workers spent two weeks removing trash and debris throughout the system. Removing garbage lowers the risk of track fires, which can lead to delays. Operation Track Sweep ended Friday. CBS-2 found big improvements in some stations, but there's still lots of trash in others.

College Student Suffering from Bipolar Disorder Missing, Last Seen in Midtown

ABC 7 - Lori Stokes - 5:08 am

A desperate search continues this morning for a college student with bipolar disorder. The 25-year-old student was last seen at the W Hotel on East 49th and Lexington Avenue last Sunday. His friends say that they received tips that he was recently seen around Bryant Park. The student was visiting the area and had just picked up an instrument from a fellow double bass player. His network of close friends are spearheading the search effort and his family in Indianapolis are strapped with medical expenses and cannot make it to New York.

NBC 4 - Darlene Rodriguez - 5:06 am

Man Attacked on Subway Platform

NBC 4 - Tracie Strahan - 5:08 am

A man on the Upper West Side was attacked at the 59th Street station a few nights ago. A surveillance video has been released of two men attacking a man on the platform, using brass knuckles to beat him up. They escaped on a southbound A train and stole \$350. The victim says he didn't know the men.

CBS 2 - Ali Bauman - 5:16 am

FOX 5 - Kerry Drew - 5:07 am

PIX 11 - Scott Stanford - 5:08 am

TELEMUNDO 47 - Jorge Viera - 6:06 am

Artist Creates Memorial to Fake Staten Island Ferry Tragedy

NBC 4 - Darlene Rodriguez - 5:20 am

A Staten Island artist is having some fun with tourists and gullible New Yorkers. He put up a memorial in Battery Park and dedicated it to a fake tragedy on the Staten Island Ferry that claims an octopus took down a ship in the 1960s. He also created a fake mini-documentary about the disaster, saying that no one remembers it because it happened the same day President Kennedy was assassinated. There's also a fake memorial museum including a gift shop.

CBS 2 - Steve Langford - 5:23 am

New Push Emerges to Include Pictures in Emergency Alert Messages

ABC 7 - Ken Rosato - 5:51 am

There's a push to update the nation's emergency alert system so it can include pictures. Last week, police asked a million New Yorkers to be on the lookout for Ahmad Khan Rahami, the suspected Chelsea bomber. The alert did not have his photo included because the system does not currently allow for pictures. The proposed update also would increase the allowed lengths of messages. Right now, there is a 90 character limit. Amber Alerts are currently part of the wireless emergency alert system.

NBC 4 - Darlene Rodriguez - 5:48 am

CBS 2 - Chris Wragge - 5:46 am

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Tunnel to Towers Run Includes Semper Fi Runners from New Jersey Explosion

NBC 4 - Darlene Rodriguez - 5:56 am

This year's tunnel to towers run honoring the firefighters who ran from Brooklyn to Manhattan on 9/11 included some extra runners. Around 100 runners from the Semper Fi run on the Jersey Shore joined the New York 5k after their run was cancelled because pipe bombs exploded along the route before the race began. They said everyone was so welcoming and excited to see them come out to join the race.

CBS 2 - Chris Wragge - 5:42 am

PIX 11 - Kala Rama - 5:09 am

Chelsea Bomber Got Bomb Designs From Al Qaeda Magazine

FOX 5 - Kerry Drew - 5:38 am

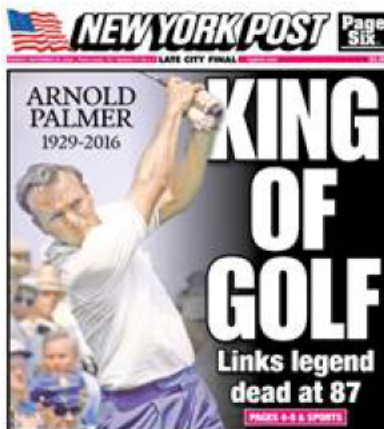
Ahmad Rahami may have gotten the designs for his bombs from "Inspire" magazine, which is published by Al Qaeda and includes instructions for building homemade explosive. A memo from the Department of Homeland Security says his bombs matched the techniques in the magazines.

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NY TIMES – Rick Rojas

Last Monday, James P. O'Neill stood in a crowded auditorium to be publicly sworn in by Mayor Bill de Blasio as the commissioner of the New York Police Department. By that point, though, he had already been tested. Mr. O'Neill, who had been privately sworn in the Friday before, responded to a bombing on a bustling sidewalk in Manhattan that injured more than two dozen people on his first full day on the job. "He woke up as police commissioner of New York City," Mr. de Blasio said at the ceremony, "and by that evening, he was facing adversity."

[Senator Calls for Upgrades to Alert System](#)

WSJ – Zolan Kanno-Youngs

Sen. Charles Schumer said the system that sent emergency alerts to New Yorkers' cellphones while a suspected terrorist was on the loose must be modernized to include pictures, links and phone numbers. Standing next to a photo of Ahmad Khan Rahami, who is suspected of planting bombs in Chelsea and New Jersey, Mr. Schumer said on Sunday that the Wireless Emergency Alert system technology was outdated.

... While Mayor Bill de Blasio has said the alerts were "extremely helpful" in tracking Mr. Rahami, Mr. Schumer said he had yet to see proof they led to his capture.

[Police union to renew push for pay raises by protesting Mayor de Blasio as he exercises at Brooklyn YMCA](#)

DAILY NEWS – Erin Durkin

City cops are heading back to Mayor de Blasio's Brooklyn gym Monday morning to protest for better pay hikes. Members of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association plan to picket starting at 7 a.m. at the Park Slope YMCA, where de Blasio works out most mornings — drawing scrutiny for an unusual routine that involved getting driven from Gracie Mansion on the upper East Side and sometimes arriving at City Hall well after 10 a.m. Dozens of cops also showed up for de Blasio's gym time two mornings last month, chanting "Pay us now, work out later."

[Mike Pence defends Donald Trump's call for nationwide stop-and-frisk policing](#)

DAILY NEWS – Adam Edelman

Mike Pence on Sunday stood by Donald Trump's call last week for nationwide stop-and-frisk policing practices, despite the fact that such policies have been ruled unconstitutional. "Stop-and-frisk literally saved lives in New York City when it was implemented, and it's been implemented in cities around the country," Trump's running mate said on "Fox News Sunday."

...The NYPD began scaling back stops under former NYPD Commissioner Ray Kelly even before Scheindlin's decision and accelerated the trend when former NYPD Commissioner Bill Bratton came in with Mayor de Blasio in 2014.

[PBA to protest de Blasio outside his favorite gym](#)

NY POST – Michael Gartland

Dozens of city cops plan to protest outside Mayor de Blasio's favorite gym this week as their union demands he use his "me" time to work out a new contract for rank-and-file police officers. Members of the Police Benevolent Association are expected to be in force outside the Prospect Park YMCA in Brooklyn around 7 am Monday — well before de Blasio usually shows up. "If Mayor de Blasio wants to sit down and negotiate a fair contract with New York City police officers, we'll meet him any time, any place," said PBA President Pat Lynch. "Since the gym is where he's spending a significant portion of the workday, our members will meet him there, even if it means taking time away from their families and second jobs."

[Schumer to FCC: Wireless emergency alert system should include photos](#)

SI ADVANCE - Susan Keag

U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer is calling on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to make emergency alerts as smart as our phones.

...Mayor de Blasio also called for photos to be added to alerts during a radio interview on Friday.

MISCELLANEOUS MENTIONS

[De Blasio, Focusing on Small Donors, Hires Team That Bolstered Sanders](#)

NY TIMES – William Neuman

Despite not endorsing Bernie Sanders for president, Mayor Bill de Blasio certainly has many things in common with the senator from Vermont — a kinship that has led to several private meetings between the two, including a dinner in Vermont during a family vacation last month. Now the men have another thing in common: Mr. de Blasio has hired the senator's digital fund-raising team, seeking to bring some of its small-donor smarts to his 2017 re-election campaign in New York. The consultant, Revolution Messaging, sent out an initial fund-raising email on Saturday, adding to the flood of solicitations for political donations that many New Yorkers are getting from the presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and Donald J. Trump.

[NYC Controller Scott Stringer knocks Mayor de Blasio's 'lackadaisical' computer science education plans](#)

DAILY NEWS – Erin Durkin

City Controller Scott Stringer took another shot at Mayor de Blasio Sunday, calling it "ridiculous" that his "lackadaisical" plan for computer science education will take 10 years to complete. De Blasio has promised computer science classes in all city schools by 2025, a decade after the plan was announced last year. Stringer, who has declined to rule out challenging de Blasio for mayor next year, said on the John Catsimatidis AM 970 radio show that the plan should be sped up.

[Hyers tweet on Cuomo-related arrests criticized](#)

DAILY NEWS – Ken Lovett

Mayor de Blasio's former campaign manager Bill Hyers raised eyebrows last week by seemingly celebrating on twitter the arrests of nine Gov. Cuomo associates even while the mayor and his City Hall and campaign team are still under investigation. Referencing a part of the federal criminal complaint that said longtime Cuomo aide and close friend Joseph Percoco and lobbyist and long-time Cuomo insider Todd Howe used the word "ziti" for money, Hyers tweeted out late Thursday night that he "Ordered Ziti and meatballs tonight."

[Cutting-edge solar panels light the way to renewable energy at Brooklyn Navy Yard](#)

DAILY NEWS – Glenn Blain

Sunshine is about to power up the Brooklyn Navy Yard. City and navy yard officials will unveil Monday a 3,152-panel rooftop solar installation that will generate a significant portion of the industrial center's power. "We've always thought of ourselves as being on the cutting edge of manufacturing all the way back to naval times," Brooklyn Navy Yard President and CEO David Ehrenberg told the Daily News.

...City and navy yard officials hailed the solar installation as a key step toward meeting Mayor de Blasio's goal of installing 100 megawatts of renewable energy at public buildings by 2025.

[Editorial: Get tough, Bill on anti-housing NIMBY councilmembers](#)

DAILY NEWS - Editorial

By wielding the power of "no" more befitting a small child than an elected official, City Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer has stopped a worthy plan for affordable housing dead in its tracks. Thus, for the second time in as many months, an individual council member has vetoed a project aimed at increasing the supply of apartments with reasonable rents amid an uproar by anti-development constituents. Mayor de Blasio has made building affordable housing a top priority — cheered on by the City Council's progressive posse as long as developers build anywhere but in their districts.

[Environmental critics rail against city's biofuel push](#)

NY POST – Carl Campanile

The City Council plans to pass legislation Wednesday to dramatically boost the level of biodiesel fuel in home heating oil, despite claims by critics that the edict could do more environmental harm than good. Current city law requires that 2 percent of home heating oil contain biofuels, such as soybean or other vegetable oils.

...But in a letter Sept. 20 to the council and Mayor de Blasio, Jonathan Lewis of the Clean Air Task Force, said, "Increased demand for vegetable-based biodiesel will contribute to higher levels of palm-oil production and higher net GHG [greenhouse gas] emissions."

[Couple rips de Blasio for empty promise to help after their tree was cut down](#)

NY POST – Abigail Gepner

Thanks for nothin', Mayor. An East Village couple is furious that heedless contractors working on a condo building next door mistakenly chopped down their beloved, six-story-tall backyard Norway Maple — and they say Mayor de Blasio only added insult to injury with an empty promise to help. Alexander Poma, 50, and Leslie Steven, 60, of East Seventh Street, say they got a bureaucratic runaround from the NYPD, Parks Department and Department of Buildings before dialing into the mayor's call-in show on WNYC Friday to complain about the blunder by a subcontractor of L&M Development, which is building a high-rise next door.

[Scott Stringer's diva demands for office revealed in emails](#)

NY POST – Michael Gartland

City Comptroller Scott Stringer acted more like a pampered diva than a civil servant after getting elected in 2014, as he launched a barrage of complaints about how his new office space didn't meet his exacting standards, new e-mail records show. Stringer grouched to city facility workers about the temperatures in his offices at 1 Centre St., derided the space as "uninhabitable" and even threatened to go to the mayor with his complaints.

... "When you're taking a new office, you should be excited about the new office," Bill Hyers, Mayor de Blasio's 2013 campaign manager, told The Post. "What did he care about? He was uncomfortable with the temperature."

[Editorial: Gangster politics — the wrong way to fight a housing project](#)

NY POST - Editorial

Last Wednesday night, Brooklyn City Councilman Antonio Reynoso crossed the line — literally and figuratively — in a thuggish bid to thwart a housing development. Rabsky Group, a local developer, plans to build 1,100-plus apartments — 30 percent of them affordable units — on long-vacant Pfizer sites at the Broadway Triangle where Bedford-Stuyvesant, Bushwick and Williamsburg converge.

...Mayor de Blasio and Speaker Mark-Viverito need to rein in their progressive ally — and the City Council as a whole should consider a formal vote of censure.

[Column: The real scandal of New York City's Sandy recovery](#)

NY POST – Nicole Gelinas

We know New York isn't good at building train stations or tunnels. Last week, we learned New York can't even build . . . houses. Surprise: The city's plan to help people rebuild after Hurricane Sandy is way over budget — and eating into money for libraries, school-bathroom repairs and potholes. You can blame Bloomberg for part of this debacle. ...Philosophy aside, Gotham can't do this work right. During a 2013 debate, then-candidate Bill de Blasio castigated Bloomberg for screwing up Build it Back. Already, homeowners were complaining about slow service. But, after three years of de Blasio, the cost has ballooned to \$2.2 billion. Since half the people the city was supposed to "help" dropped out, that's an average of \$220,000 a house.

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POLITICO NY - Colby Hamilton

[working New Yorkers deserve a fair Workweek](#)

EL DIARIO - Mayor Bill de Blasio, Hector Figueroa

When Flavia Cabral leaves his first work at 5 o'clock to go to second on a McDonald's in Manhattan, you have no idea when will his family-not even when you sleep a full night. Like the other 65,000 workers fast food chains in our city, your schedule is at the mercy of your employer. The law does not require companies to alert a reasonable hour who work schedule changes long, how or when they will work. Managers can call when they have just come to their homes to tell them to return to work in an hour.

[Homeless Children Living In Hotly Debated Queens Shelter Get Special Visit To Children's Museum](#)

GOTHAMIST - Jen Chung

Last night, Mayor Bill de Blasio fired the latest salvo in the debate over homeless shelters in Queens. He shared the video below on Twitter, thanking the Children's Museum of Manhattan for welcoming children living in a controversial shelter: "Every child is a gift. Thank you @cmomnyc for making this a special day for some exceptional young New Yorkers."

Agency Mentions:

[NYPD shows off 'total containment' vehicle used to take away undetonated explosive planted by Chelsea bomber](#)

DAILY NEWS – Laura Bult

It's the bomb. The NYPD showed off a slick piece of machinery in a video released Sunday, as Lt. Mark Torre gave a cyber-tour of the vehicle that hauled away an explosive the Chelsea bomber planted on W. 27th St. this month, on the same night another bomb exploded and injured 29 people. Called a "total containment vessel," the equipment is hitched to a police truck and is designed to absorb the blast of an explosive if it detonates while officers are removing it, said Torre, the commanding officer of the NYPD's bomb squad.

[City pol wants sidewalk repairs at NYCHA senior facilities to be a priority](#)

DAILY NEWS – Jennifer Fermino

Stepping on a sidewalk crack is often more than just unlucky for seniors, so one city councilman is trying to make it less likely. Bronx Councilman Ritchie Torres wants the city to prioritize fixing busted sidewalks outside NYCHA senior citizen developments, saying that as a landlord the city must do more to protect some of its most vulnerable residents from hurting themselves tripping on cracks.

[Mothers of men killed in police confrontations rally for mom of Harlem man shot by cops](#)

DAILY NEWS – Ellen Moynihan, Leonard Greene

She is not alone. Mothers of men killed in questionable confrontations with police gathered once again Sunday, this time to support one of their own, whose son was killed four years ago after an emotional distress call to cops. "Today is the day I can live to remember the rest of my life," said Hawa Bah, whose emotionally disturbed son, Mohamed, 28, was killed by cops who shot him eight times in their Harlem apartment Sept. 25, 2012, after she called an ambulance for help .

[Suspicious package in Manhattan deemed not a threat](#)

NY POST – Daniel Prendergast

The NYPD Bomb Squad investigated a report of a suspicious package in Chelsea Sunday – before determining it was merely discarded computer equipment, authorities said. A large police response turned up at West 23rd Street and 10th Avenue around 2:15 p.m. and was just blocks away from where a pressure cooker bomb exploded Sept. 17 and injured 29 people.

[Al Sharpton's daughter sues city over ankle injury she hiked with](#)

NY POST – Julia Marsh

The Rev. Al Sharpton's daughter admitted in a damning legal deposition that she danced, pranced and jetted around to romance her beau after supposedly suffering permanent damage to her ankle when she stumbled in a city pothole. Dominique Sharpton gave the deposition, a transcript of which was obtained by The Post, in her \$5 million lawsuit against the city — and it reveals startling new details about her escapades following the injury.

[\[PRO\] L train shutdown, BQX among topics features at transit conference](#)

POLITICO NY - Miranda Neubauer

[# BuenosDíasNYC: Find the perfect High School](#)

EL DIARIO - Editor

This week is crucial for parents and students who pass high school in 2017. Most high schools in the city will have briefings to show families the characteristics of the schools and the programs they offer.

[Go for a life without domestic violence](#)

EL DIARIO - Carolina Ledezma

For the first time, DA tells his story, but his eyes no longer gush tears. "Thanks to my children I am alive , " confesses this Dominican who for years was a victim of her husband and who on Sept. 26 march through New York in the annual walk against domestic violence Brides'March.

...51% of 914 domestic violence homicides were perpetrated by intimate partners between 2002 and 2014. Source: Office of the Mayor of New York Domestic Violence

Local News:

[For Cuomo and Christie, Parallel Paths to the Top, and Trouble When They Got There](#)

NY TIMES – Vivian Yee

It might be hard to remember now, with one governor embroiled in a corruption scandal for the last three years and his counterpart across the Hudson River plunging headlong into another, but Chris Christie of New Jersey and Andrew M. Cuomo of New York were once lionized for relentlessly prosecuting bad behavior in government. The wars they waged against corrupt politicians, as the attorney general of New York (Mr. Cuomo) and the United States attorney for New Jersey (Mr. Christie), won them bipartisan kudos and, eventually, smooth ascents to their states' highest offices. After the ethical morasses that swamped figures such as former Gov. Eliot Spitzer of New York and Alan Hevesi, the state's former comptroller, and former Gov. James E. McGreevey of New Jersey in the 2000s, Mr. Cuomo and Mr. Christie — each a tough prosecutor with not-so-secret White House aspirations — looked more immaculate than ever.

[You Need an Armed Guard to Plant These Seeds](#)

NY TIMES – Nilo Tabrizy

For the first time in 80 years, a farm in New York State is legally growing cannabis. But no one could get high from these plants. The farm, JD Farms, roughly 230 miles north of New York City, is actually growing industrial hemp, which can be used to make everything from flour to building materials to clothes to plastic. "Industrial hemp and marijuana are actually the same species, but they have bred and evolved to be quite different from each other," said Jennifer Gilbert Jenkins, a professor of agriculture at Morrisville State College, which has paired with JD Farms on a hemp research pilot program.

[Everyone Knows Peter, Paul and Mary. But What About Bob?](#)

NY TIMES – James Barron

The world is full of who-knew jobs, jobs you did not know were jobs until you found out that somebody did them. Who knew that Peter, Paul and Mary had a "recording secretary"? That was the title suggested by Noel Paul Stookey — Paul to

the world. The man who had the job wrote down the vocal lines that Mr. Stookey and Peter Yarrow and Mary Travers improvised in rehearsal so they would remember them. And no, Mr. Stookey did not have a pun in mind, suggesting “recording secretary” as a title for someone who listened in at, um, recording sessions, sometimes telling the engineer to squelch this note or boost that one.

[Manufacturers Find Niche in New York City](#)

WSJ – Keiko Morris

New York City’s abundance of entrepreneurs, its spirited culture of so-called makers turning crafts into cash and its strong attraction for prospective employees made it a clear choice when Shapeways Inc. was deciding to move to the U.S. But the 3-D printing services company also wanted to prove another point. “You can make manufacturing local again,” said Pete Weijmarshausen, chief executive of the company, which was founded in the Netherlands and now has its headquarters in Manhattan and a factory in Long Island City, Queens.

[Youth Work to Bridge Divides on Chelsea’s 10th Avenue](#)

WSJ – Sophia Hollander

Yasemin Smallens was sitting through a discussion of global poverty during her sophomore year at Avenues: The World School when a thought struck her. “This is crazy,” said Ms. Smallens, now a freshman at Vassar College. “We’re talking about all these issues as if they’re so foreign, but we have incredible income inequality within a one-block radius.” Avenues, a Manhattan private school whose estimated annual costs per student exceed \$50,000, is located at West 26th Street and 10th Avenue. It is across the street from the Chelsea-Elliott public-housing complex, where average household income is less than \$28,000 a year.

[American Museum of Natural History Expansion Divides Upper West Side](#)

WSJ – Jennifer Smith

The American Museum of Natural History’s planned \$325 million expansion has divided the Upper West Side since it was announced in 2014. The blowback is such that even the opposition has splintered. Neighbors have split into factions after some community organizations began working with the museum earlier this year in hopes of reducing the project’s footprint in Theodore Roosevelt Park, the green space surrounding the museum.

[Baruch College Gets \\$30 Million Donation](#)

WSJ – Mike Vilensky

The City University of New York’s Baruch College is getting a \$30 million donation toward its school of public and international affairs and is poised to change the school’s name in recognition of the gift. Austin Marx, a 76-year-old Baruch alumnus and investment banker, said he would make the donation, the largest gift ever to Baruch. Trustees on Monday are expected to vote in favor of renaming the Baruch School of Public and International Affairs as the Austin W. Marx School of Public and International Affairs.

[Column: A Gold Toilet That’s Worth the Weight](#)

WSJ – Ralph Gardner Jr

My understanding is that Maurizio Cattelan’s 18-karat gold toilet, currently on display at the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, is meant as something of a spoof on the growing wealth disparity between the 1% and the rest of us. It is titled “America,” after all. But as far as I’m concerned a toilet, gold or otherwise, is no laughing matter.

[Green cabs in outer boroughs taking hit as Uber rides in](#)

DAILY NEWS – Erin Durkin

Green taxis aren’t raking in the green as the outer-borough cab program launched three years ago appears to be running out of fuel. The number of green cab trips has fallen every month in 2016 compared with last year, Crain’s New York reported. In July, trips fell 14% to 43,000 — the lowest number in two years. A chief reason has been competition from Uber, which has grown rapidly in the outer boroughs and allows riders in traditionally cab-starved neighborhoods to easily summon a ride.

[Man claiming he was sodomized by NYPD doesn’t show up to court, judge eyes tossing out his \\$440M lawsuit](#)

DAILY NEWS – John Marzulli

A Brooklyn judge has set a deadline for a tattoo artist who claimed he was sodomized by cops in a subway station to come forward if he wants to retry his civil case for a third time. The problem? The lawyer representing Michael Mineo can’t

find him. Magistrate Judge Steven Tiscione issued an order last week giving the lawyer until Dec. 16 to locate his client or the \$440 million lawsuit will likely be dismissed.

[Elected officials sign letter praising NYC charter schools as 'world-class education' prior to rally](#)

DAILY NEWS – Ben Chapman

Nineteen elected officials signed a letter throwing their support behind the city's charter schools days ahead of an upcoming demonstration in favor of the publicly funded, privately run schools. Elected officials from every borough signed the letter, including Brooklyn Rep. Hakeem Jeffries and Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., who are both speaking at the Wednesday rally organized by charter lobby group Families for Excellent Schools.

[NYC Transit shelled out \\$431M in last five years to settle lawsuits from people injured by MTA trains or buses](#)

DAILY NEWS – Dan Rivoli, Reuven Blau

Ali Muyir craned his neck to see if there was an F train approaching the elevated platform in Brooklyn when his right heel suddenly stumbled over a gap. The 19-year old pre-med student lost his balance and fell onto the track on the edge of the Ave. N concrete platform on Dec. 18, 2009 at 11 p.m. Fortunately, Muyir does not remember what happened next. An oncoming train slammed into the Long Island University student, witnesses said. Doctors were forced to amputate both of his legs below the knees and also operated on his right hand.

[Cuomo campaign won't say if it will return 'tainted' donations](#)

DAILY NEWS – Ken Lovett

The Cuomo campaign is not saying whether the governor will return hundreds of thousands of dollars in donations it received from people and their companies charged criminally in massive state government bribery and pay-to-play scheme last week. Cuomo's office referred questions to state Democratic Party Executive Director Basil Smikle, who did not return a request for comment.

[Bharara won't say whether he wants to stay on](#)

DAILY NEWS – Ken Lovett

Crusading Manhattan US Attorney Preet Bharara added to his impressive list of government corruption cases last week, but his people won't say if he wants to stay on under the next president. "He has said he loves the job, but he has not campaigned for reappointment," Bharara spokesman James Margolin said. "He does not want to get involved in the political process. He wants to stay below the radar on that on the issue."

[State party removes Cuomo foe from DNC](#)

DAILY NEWS – Ken Lovett

Syracuse Mayor and Gov. Cuomo foe Stephanie Miner was quietly booted by the state party the governor controls from her position on the Democratic National Committee. The state Democratic Committee last Monday made the move at its executive committee meeting in Buffalo. Miner was told of the decision a night before by a top party official, but didn't put up much of a fight, a source close to her said.

[NYS Senate Dems try to link GOP candidate to mortgage crisis](#)

DAILY NEWS – Ken Lovett

Democrats are trying to tie a Republican state Senate candidate on Long Island to the sub-prime mortgage crisis. GOP candidate Elaine Phillips was a vice president for mortgage-backed securities sales at Goldman Sachs from 1992 to 2009. "Elaine Phillips was personally involved in people's lives being ruined, all while profiting, and then leaving in 2009 when there was no more money to be made and while the rest of Long Island, New York and America was left picking up the pieces," said Jonathan Heppner, spokesman for Phillips' Democratic opponent Adam Haber.

[New York's fall foliage returning, but not as brightly](#)

DAILY NEWS – Associated Press

The leaves are finally are changing in the Adirondacks, but don't expect very bright fall foliage. After a slow start, state officials expect a 30% change this weekend in the Tupper Lake area and up to 25% around Lake Placid. For most of the rest of the state, changes in color range from 10% to 20%. The warm, dry summer was a factor and could lead to less brilliant colors in some of the region. Leaves already have begun falling without changing colors, which happens it's abnormally dry.

[Hunting season for turkeys in New York state about to get underway](#)

DAILY NEWS – Associated Press

Look out, turkeys! Hunting seasons for turkeys, pheasants and waterfowl all begin Saturday. The two-week wild turkey season starts Oct. 1 in the northern zone and Oct. 15 in the southern zone. About 30,000 pheasants will be released on public hunting lands. The pheasant season begins Oct. 1 in the northern and eastern portions of the state, and Oct. 15 in central and western regions.

[Schumer: Emergency alerts need to be as smart as our phones](#)

NY POST – Reuven Fenton

Texting is so '90s, according to Sen. Chuck Schumer, who wants to modernize the country's emergency alert system. Schumer slammed the wireless emergency alert system run by the Federal Communications Commissions that is currently only capable of sending out 90-character texts. It is the very system used by city officials last week to help find the Chelsea bomber.

[Schumer thinks 'people knew' of alleged Chelsea bomber's plan](#)

NY POST – Reuven Fenton, Sophia Rosenbaum

Someone knew what the Chelsea bomber was planning, Sen. Chuck Schumer said Sunday. "To me, it seems likely that other people knew, given how open he was about this and he exploded a bomb in his backyard," the New York Senator said. "But [investigators] haven't come to a conclusion." Police are still trying to piece together the timeline of what drove Ahmad Rahami to plant numerous bombs in New Jersey and New York last weekend.

[Chelsea bombing suspect may have used plans from 'Inspire' magazine](#)

NY POST – Sophia Rosenbaum

Accused Chelsea bomber Ahmad Rahami may have used al Qaeda's Inspire magazine as a how-to — as many of the terror rag's tips seemed to have turned up in the devices he allegedly planted earlier this month, according to a report. The pressure cooker bombs used in the Chelsea blast on Sept. 17 — which were filled with ball bearings and connected to cellphones — matched techniques described in articles published in issues 1, 3 and 14 of the online magazine, according to a Department of Homeland Security memo.

[This man was behind Trump's 2000 presidential campaign](#)

NY POST – Carl Campanile

The Queens man who spearheaded the push to draft Donald Trump campaign for president in 2000 is seeing his dream come true — 16 years later. Mike Niebauer, a leader in the New York State Independence Party at the time, persuaded his party to endorse Trump and promoted his candidacy at the National Reform Party Convention in Dearborn, Mich.

[Bipolar college student missing during NYC visit](#)

NY POST – Sophia Rosenbaum

A 25-year-old Boston University student with bipolar disorder who was visiting the Big Apple has been missing for at least a week, his concerned family said. Zac Camhi was last spotted leaving the East Side W Hotel on 49th Street — and his family is getting more concerned about his safety each day. "It's very tough for me to share this," his older sister, Tiffany, wrote on Facebook urging her friends to share his photo in hopes of tracking him down.

[After wage hike vote, Senate Republicans stay close to Business Council](#)

POLITICO NY - Jimmy Vielkind

It wasn't a great legislative year for the state's businesses. They unsuccessfully fought an increase in the minimum wage, the second in three years. They pushed for a council to jump-start long-stalled talks on regulatory reform. Its results piddled.

[\[PRO\] Con Ed rate case reflects state's aspirational energy grid](#)

POLITICO NY - David Giambusso

[State delays payments on SolarCity factory equipment](#)

POLITICO NY - Scott Waldman

The state has delayed payments for manufacturing equipment in the SolarCity factory in Buffalo in recent months, according to state progress reports. Gov. Andrew Cuomo visited the factory earlier this month and invited reporters to see the completed building. But in many of the photos of the event, an empty factory stretched out behind the

governor. Without the equipment needed to manufacture 1 gigawatt of solar panels annually, the factory is essentially a 1 million square-foot empty building.

[Bombing suspect radicalized by Taliban in Pakistan: reports](#)

METRO - Amanda Mikelberg

Ahmad Kahn Rahami's terrorist inculcation likely occurred during two visits to a religious school in Pakistan in 2011 and 2013, a Pakistan security official told The Guardian. The Afghanistan-born, U.S.-naturalized Rahami is said to have gone to the Kaan Nuwa Naqshbandi madrassa in Kuchlak, a major hub city for the Taliban. In 2011, he spent three weeks receiving "lectures and Islamic education," the official said. He also spent nearly a year in Pakistan in 2013.

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[Obama Climate Plan, Now in Court, May Hinge on Error in 1990 Law](#)

NY TIMES – Coral Davenport

The pitched battle over President Obama's signature climate change policy, which is moving to the courts this week, carries considerable political, economic and historical stakes. Yet its legal fate, widely expected to be ultimately decided by the Supreme Court, could rest on a clerical error in an obscure provision of a 26-year-old law. That error, which left conflicting amendments on power plant regulation in the Clean Air Act, will be a major focus of oral arguments by opponents of Mr. Obama's initiative when the case is heard on Tuesday in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

[First Clinton-Trump Debate Is Framed by Rifts Over Race and Gender](#)

NY TIMES – Patrick Healy, Alexander Burns

Hillary Clinton and Donald J. Trump are spoiling for an extraordinary clash over race and gender that could come as early as Monday's debate, with both presidential candidates increasingly staking their fortunes on the cultural issues that are convulsing the nation. Mrs. Clinton helped pressure the police in Charlotte, N.C., to release video footage on Saturday of an officer's shooting of a black man. She has expressed concern that too many African-Americans feel that their lives are disposable. And she has repeatedly denounced Mr. Trump for making racist and sexist statements, recently releasing a commercial that shows Mr. Trump describing a woman as "a slob" and another as "flat-chested."

[Court Leader or Leading Dissenter? Chief Justice's Fate Tied to Election](#)

NY TIMES – Adam Liptak

In Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr.'s 11 years on the Supreme Court, his unfolding legacy has been marked by a debate over whether his very occasional liberal votes in major cases were the acts of a statesman devoted to his institution, a traitor to his principles or the legal umpire he said he aspired to be at his confirmation hearings. This election could settle that debate.

[What We Know About the Details of the Police Shooting in Charlotte](#)

NY TIMES – Richard Fausset, Alan Blinder

The fatal police shooting of Keith Lamont Scott here on Tuesday afternoon has sparked outrage and concern, and set off, once again, a national conversation about the treatment of minorities by the police. The details of the case have also been a source of intense debate. Here are some questions that readers have asked reporters at The New York Times since Mr. Scott's death.

[Millions in U.S. Climb Out of Poverty, at Long Last](#)

NY TIMES – Patricia Cohen

Not that long ago, Alex Caicedo was stuck working a series of odd jobs and watching his 1984 Chevy Nova cough its last breaths. He could make \$21 an hour at the Johnny Rockets food stand at FedEx Field when the Washington Redskins were playing, but the work was spotty. Today, Mr. Caicedo is an assistant manager at a pizzeria in Gaithersburg, Md., with an annual salary of \$40,000 and health benefits. And he is getting ready to move his wife and children out of his mother-in-law's house and into their own place. Doubling up has been a lifesaver, Mr. Caicedo said, "but nobody just wants to move in with their in-laws."

[Arnold Palmer, the Magnetic Face of Golf in the '60s, Dies at 87](#)

NY TIMES – Dave Anderson

Arnold Palmer, the champion golfer whose full-bore style of play, thrilling tournament victories and magnetic personality inspired an American golf boom, attracted a following known as Arnie's Army and made him one of the most popular athletes in the world, died on Sunday, according to a spokesman for his business enterprises. Palmer was 87. The spokesman, Doc Giffin, said the cause of death was complications from heart problems. Paul Wood, a spokesman for the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, confirmed that Palmer died Sunday evening at UPMC Shadyside Hospital in Pittsburgh.

[Editorial: Why Donald Trump Should Not Be President](#)

NY TIMES - Editorial

When Donald Trump began his improbable run for president 15 months ago, he offered his wealth and television celebrity as credentials, then slyly added a twist of fearmongering about Mexican "rapists" flooding across the Southern border. From that moment of combustion, it became clear that Mr. Trump's views were matters of dangerous impulse and cynical pandering rather than thoughtful politics. Yet he has attracted throngs of Americans who ascribe higher purpose to him than he has demonstrated in a freewheeling campaign marked by bursts of false and outrageous allegations, personal insults, xenophobic nationalism, unapologetic sexism and positions that shift according to his audience and his whims.

International News:

[In Push on Aleppo, Syria and Russia Seem Ready to Further Scorch Its Earth](#)

NY TIMES – Anne Barnard, Somini Sengupta

Make life intolerable and death likely. Open an escape route, or offer a deal to those who leave or surrender. Let people trickle out. Kill whoever stays. Repeat until a deserted cityscape is yours. It is a strategy that both the Syrian government and its Russian allies have long embraced to subdue Syrian rebels, largely by crushing the civilian populations that support them.

[Plan to Let Migrant Children Attend School Enrages Many Greeks](#)

NY TIMES – Niki Kitsantonis

Mariya bint Loqman Abdulkarim is 9. She arrived in Greece in February after fleeing Syria with her family and crossing from Turkey in a rickety boat. Since then, she has been living in a shabby state-run camp, her future uncertain, her present reduced to the bare necessities. Not long ago, the Greek government decided to give her a shot at something closer to a normal life: Along with 22,000 other refugee children, she would be allowed to attend public school starting in October.

[Writer Charged With Insulting Islam Is Killed as Extremism Boils Over in Jordan](#)

NY TIMES – Rana Sweis, Peter Baker

Some of the most extreme elements in Jordan made clear in recent weeks that Nahed Hattar should pay for a provocative cartoon he posted online depicting a bearded man in bed with two women ordering God to bring him cashews and wine. So when Mr. Hattar, 56, a prominent writer from a Christian family, showed up at a court on Sunday to face criminal charges of insulting Islam, at least one man with a gun decided a trial was not enough. As three bullets ripped through the writer in front of the courthouse, Jordan's simmering tensions boiled over.

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DAILY NEWS – Larry McShane

The repeated video clips of black men gunned down by police officers in recent months left new NYPD Commissioner James O'Neill rattled as both a cop and a citizen. "I don't know about a pattern, but there are some videos that I absolutely acknowledge that it doesn't look right to me," O'Neill said during a Thursday sitdown with the Daily News Editorial Board. "I don't want to go into any one individually, but at times it is disturbing. It's very disturbing. ... It does, at times, cause me great angst."

[De Blasio says 'default position' is to release police videos, but defers to NYPD](#)

POLITICO NY – Azi Paybarah

Mayor Bill de Blasio said on Friday he would prefer to release videos of police shootings in controversial encounters, saying the city has a "default position to be transparent" and that releasing such videos has a "calming effect" on the public. But the mayor also said the decision would be made in consultation with the commissioner of the police department — an agency that is currently fighting a lawsuit to withhold video from a body-camera pilot program. "We want to provide the public with the information they need and deserve," de Blasio said during an appearance on WNYC, where he was asked by host Brian Lehrer about how he would handle the release of video from "a controversial incident."

[De Blasio defends measured response, text alert after Chelsea explosion](#)

POLITICO NY – Azi Paybarah

Mayor Bill de Blasio on Friday defended his response to the explosion in Chelsea last weekend, saying it would have been "irresponsible" to immediately label it an act of terrorism, and that it was appropriate to use a citywide alert system to disseminate information about the suspect, without including his photograph. In an appearance on WNYC, de Blasio defended using an electronic alert system to push an alert that included the name and age of the suspect, Ahmad Rahami — but not his photograph — to cell phones throughout the region.

[Lawmakers, wrongly convicted New Yorkers blast NYPD for snubbing Council hearing](#)

POLITICO NY – Khorri Atkinson

Nine wrongly convicted New Yorkers and several City Council members on Friday blasted the New York Police Department over its refusal to attend a hearing on its interrogation tactics and ending wrongful convictions, saying that the agency's snub reflects its continued unwillingness for reforms and transparency. ... Director of the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice Elizabeth Glazer, the only official from Mayor Bill de Blasio's administration who testified Friday, faced tough questioning from lawmakers about the NYPD's interrogation tactics. Glazer often did not give specifics about current procedures; she said the NYPD is better suited to give an accurate response.

[Officer Who Fatally Shot Ramarley Graham to Face NYPD Trial](#)

DNA INFO – Murray Weiss, Jeff Mays

The officer who fatally shot unarmed Bronx teen Ramarley Graham in 2012 inside his Bronx apartment will face a departmental trial, but no date has been set yet for the inquiry, the NYPD said. Graham was shot and killed inside a bathroom in his apartment after he was chased by Officer Richard Haste and other officers. He was trying to flush a small amount of marijuana down a toilet when Haste shot him.

...Since then, Graham's family has called on Mayor Bill de Blasio to fire not only Haste, but the NYPD supervisors and other officers who incorrectly said that Graham had a gun. The mayor has said Haste has a right to "due process," but that a proceeding would take place following an evaluation by the NYPD.

[Parker: We don't have a J'ouvert problem](#)

BROOKLYN DAILY EAGLE – Paula Katinas

In the wake of two shooting deaths on the streets of Crown Heights during the West Indian celebration of J'ouvert early Labor Day morning, there had been talk among city officials to cancel next year's event. But Mayor Bill de Blasio announced within days that J'ouvert would go on as scheduled in 2017. State Sen. Kevin Parker is one elected official who did not want to see J'ouvert canceled. "We don't have a J'ouvert problem. We have a violence problem in our community. Every weekend we have shootings," said Parker, who added that canceling J'ouvert won't stop the violence.

[De Blasio: Citywide Alert On Chelsea Bombing Suspect Was Not Profiling](#)

CBS 2 – Staff

Mayor Bill de Blasio on Friday dismissed complaints that a citywide emergency alert with the Chelsea bombing suspect's name amounted to profiling. Early Monday, the city's Office of Emergency Management used its citywide alert system for the first time to pass on information about a criminal suspect. It included the name of suspect Ahmad Khan Rahami and his age of 28, but advised, "see media for pic."

MISCELLANEOUS MENTIONS

[City Comptroller Trades Sharp Jabs With de Blasio](#)

WSJ – Josh Dawsey

New York City Comptroller Scott Stringer has privately unleashed fierce attacks on Mayor Bill de Blasio, a fellow Democrat, and told allies at parties and fundraisers that he would like to challenge the mayor in next year's election. On Friday, after a 24-hour spat between the two men on a range of issues—including homelessness and economic development—Mr. Stringer delivered one of his sharpest public criticisms of the mayor, heightening speculation he may run against Mr. de Blasio in the September 2017 Democratic primary.

[De Blasio to Stump for Hillary Clinton](#)

WSJ – Josh Dawsey

Mayor Bill de Blasio is heading to Wisconsin on Saturday to campaign for Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton, according to a person familiar with the matter. Mr. de Blasio, a Democrat, plans to visit two predominantly black churches in Milwaukee and make media appearances for Mrs. Clinton before returning to New York late Sunday, this person said. He is expected to criticize Republican nominee Donald Trump for his recent comments on the stop-and-frisk police tactic, which Mr. Trump said should be implemented across the country.

[Corruption Case Deals New York Governor Andrew Cuomo a Blow](#)

WSJ – Erica Orden, Josh Dawsey

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo suffered a serious political setback this week when federal prosecutors charged his former top aide and eight others connected to him with participating in a bribery scheme that exploited his administration for personal gain. For Mr. Cuomo, a second-term Democrat, the episode is the biggest crisis since he took office in 2011, both because it involves loyalists whom he entrusted with great authority and because it is directly tied to a signature economic-development program.

...On Friday, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, a Democrat who has an open feud with Mr. Cuomo, said, “It will take a long time to restore public faith.”

[De Blasio gets snippy over deer-vasectomy proposal](#)

DAILY NEWS – Jennifer Fermino

Don’t question Mayor de Blasio’s expertise in wildlife birth control. De Blasio Friday lashed out at a Staten Islander who suggested his support for a deer vasectomy plan to combat the borough’s wildlife population might stem from NYCLASS’s influence. A caller named Andrew questioned de Blasio about the vasectomy on WNYC’s Brian Lehrer show, which has a weekly “Ask the Mayor” segment. Andrew claimed the vasectomies weren’t backed by science as a method to curb population growth, and asked if the mayor’s backing had anything to do with the animal rights group NYCLASS’s support of it, prompting a rebuke from Hizzoner.

[De Blasio goes after caller during weekly radio show](#)

NY POST – Yoav Gonen

Mayor de Blasio extended his combative streak beyond the press on Friday – going after a caller to his weekly radio show who brought up contributions from the animal rights groups NYCLASS. The caller, identified only as Andrew from Staten Island, asked if the group’s hefty donations influenced Hizzoner’s decision to spend \$2 million on a deer sterilization program — despite significant concerns from experts.

[Editorial: If de Blasio can’t get a handle on his temper, he’s in big trouble](#)

NY POST - Editorial

Well, now we know why Mayor de Blasio waited two years before he started doing radio call-in shows: He just can’t keep his cool when he gets tough questions. On Friday’s Brian Lehrer show, de Blasio lectured one caller, “Please leave your conspiracy theories at home,” and accused another of “the worst of Monday morning quarterbacking.” He also answered some harsh attacks from city Comptroller Scott Stringer with his own cutting remark: “I think it’s breathtaking how little the comptroller understands about this issue.”

[\[PRO\] De Blasio accuses Stringer of 'grandstanding' on affordable housing proposal](#)

POLITICO NY – Laura Nahmias

[Bill de Blasio Says 'It's Breathtaking How Little' His Top Democratic Rival Knows](#)

NY OBSERVER – Will Bredderman

Mayor Bill de Blasio slapped back at city Comptroller Scott Stringer—the man discontented business interests hope to recruit to challenge him in next year’s Democratic primary—for his critiques yesterday of the mayor’s key initiatives to combat income inequality, including of his signature affordable housing plan. Speaking to radio host Brian Lehrer during his weekly “Ask the Mayor” segment on WNYC, de Blasio simultaneously accused his rival of political posturing and of outright ignorance. The comptroller claimed at a Thursday morning meeting of the Association for a Better New York, a group of the city’s financial leaders, that the administration had missed out on funding and opportunities by failing to start a public land bank to manage and develop the 1,175 vacant city-owned properties across the five boroughs.

[It's 'Breathtaking' How Little Stringer Understands About Housing: Mayor](#)

DNA INFO – Jeff Mays

Mayor Bill de Blasio said Comptroller Scott Stringer was being "disingenuous" and "grandstanding" when he criticized the mayor's affordable housing and rezoning plans. Stringer on Thursday laid out an economic vision for the city that proposed using 1,100 vacant city-owned plots of land to create a land bank to allow for the

creation of 57,000 units of permanently affordable housing. He added that de Blasio has not worked with enough urgency to address the scope of the affordable housing and homelessness crises in the city.

['Build It Back' Helping Fewer Homeowners, but Needs \\$500M More, City Says](#)

DNA INFO – Katie Honan

The city will add \$500 million to its multi-billion dollar Build It Back budget despite losing more than half of its original registrants. Director Amy Peterson confirmed the ballooning costs at a City Council oversight hearing Thursday, hours after it was first reported by the Wall Street Journal.

...When asked about the program specifics at an unrelated press conference, de Blasio said he'd have more details around the fourth anniversary of the storm on Oct. 29.

[Build it Back Is Sucking Hundreds of Millions Out of Other Vital Resiliency Projects](#)

VILLAGE VOICE – Alexandra Neason

New York City Council members spat criticism and frustration at members of the de Blasio administration yesterday after learning that the city's Build it Back program is \$500 million over budget and will now require the administration to shift taxpayer money from other vital resiliency projects to pay for it. Councilmembers first learned of the issues with the Superstorm Sandy recovery initiative in a Wall Street Journal report on Wednesday night.

[Cyclist Critically Injured by Hit-and-Run Dump Truck Driver in Midtown](#)

VILLAGE VOICE – Nick Pinto

A cyclist was critically injured by a hit-and-run dump truck driver in Midtown early Friday morning. The cyclist, reportedly in his 30s, was traveling south on Eighth Avenue near the Port Authority bus terminal around 3:30 a.m. when he was struck by a dump truck driver heading east on 40th street, according to an NYPD spokesperson. The cyclist was taken to Bellevue Hospital with life-threatening injuries, while truck driver fled the scene.

...Despite Mayor Bill de Blasio's Vision Zero campaign to reduce cyclist and pedestrian fatalities in New York, more cyclists have already been killed in the city this year than in all of last year. The NYPD has also come under criticism for its participation in the program. By one estimate, police brought enforcement actions in only 2.5 percent of the 38,000 hit-and-runs documented in the city last year.

[Interactive Map Shames Drivers Parked In Bike Lanes](#)

GOTHAMIST – David Colon

Cars blocking bike lanes rank high among the most dangerous and irritating obstacles you encounter when riding a bike in NYC. You not only have to pull into traffic to go around the car, but you never know when a passenger will door you or if the driver will suddenly pull out and send you careening into traffic.

...CarsInBikeLanes is the brainchild of Nathan Rosenquist, a systems administrator and cyclist, who explained in an email that he created the site as a way to call "undeniable attention to the cognitive dissonance of City Hall's bike lane policies and their lack of leadership on the issue." Rosenquist was especially alarmed that Mayor de Blasio, despite being the architect of Vision Zero, went on the Brian Lehrer show recently and excused drivers who briefly double park in bike lanes. "I don't think he understands that it takes a lot less time to be killed on a bike than it takes to let the kids off at home," Rosenquist said.

[Can NYC Find Balance With Controversial Free WiFi Kiosks?](#)

GOTHAMIST – Max Rivlin-Nadler

The goal of fast, affordable Internet for New York City is something that residents and technology advocates have been pushing for almost as long as the Internet has been around. Mayor Giuliani dreamed of an unused water main becoming a high-speed Internet conduit. That never happened. Mayor Bloomberg used a backroom deal with Verizon exact a promise to provide insanely fast fiber optic services to all New Yorkers. That didn't quite pan out, either. By the time Bill de Blasio entered Gracie Mansion in 2014, many people had resigned

themselves to the idea that the largest city in the United States didn't have a fast, affordable Internet option for its citizens.

[City Turns Over E-mails Between de Blasio and 'Agent of the City,' but Many Mayoral Messages Redacted](#)

NY1 – Grace Rauh

Mayor Bill de Blasio likes to share news stories with his so-called "agents of the city." After a former aide, Peter Ragone, sent de Blasio an Associated Press story about the mayor's attempt to push the Democratic presidential candidates to the left, the mayor forwarded the article, just before midnight, to two key outside advisers: Jonathan Rosen, who co-founded the political PR firm BerlinRosen, and John Del Cecato, a Democratic strategist. He included a comment with the story as well, but the city redacted it.

[Tension Between Mayor and Comptroller Spills Into Public View](#)

NY1 – Courtney Gross

You could say City Comptroller Scott Stringer started it. He gave a sweeping address on Thursday slamming the mayor for not utilizing vacant land for affordable housing. According to Stringer, Mayor Bill de Blasio was moving too slowly to fix the city's problems. The mayor says otherwise. "It's breathtaking how little the comptroller understands about this issue," de Blasio said. "We've gone over this publicly many times."

[Quality Inn in Bellerose said to eye severing ties with city homeless agency as crisis on streets hits new record](#)

PIX 11 – Mario Diaz, Paige Leskin

"I can do the math — we are going backwards." This is City Council member Barry Grodenchik's assessment of the homeless crisis since Mayor Bill de Blasio appointed Department of Homeless Services Commissioner Steven Banks nine months ago. Banks finds himself in one of the most volatile chapters of his career. Protestors from Maspeth, Queens have been demonstrating on his Brooklyn doorstep as the commissioner deals with a homeless population that has hit record highs nearly 10 times in the past 23 days.

Agency Mentions:

[Unpopular Portion Cut From Entry Test for New York's Elite High Schools](#)

NY TIMES – Elizabeth Harris

This week, education officials decided to make a change to the New York specialized high school entry exam, a standardized test that is the sole factor in whether students are admitted to some of the city's most competitive high schools, like Stuyvesant High School or Brooklyn Technical High School.

...These paragraphs were, to put it politely, unpopular with many students and their families, and were often criticized as having little relation to what students were taught in school, which could give an advantage to those who could afford to pay for test preparation. The city's Education Department decided to remove them to align the test more closely with classroom instruction.

[Ex-Bronx Science Teacher Pleads Guilty in Child Pornography Case](#)

NY TIMES – Elizabeth Harris

A former teacher and debate coach at one of the city's most competitive high schools pleaded guilty in federal court in Manhattan on Friday to one count of receiving material that contained child pornography. The former teacher, Jon Cruz, 33, was on the faculty of the Bronx High School of Science, and the coach of its storied speech and debate team, which became a formidable national competitor under his leadership. A tireless coach and skilled fund-raiser, he was a popular figure at the school.

[Abandoned SUV that caused LaGuardia Airport chaos traced to illegal cabbie](#)

DAILY NEWS – Graham Rayman

The abandoned SUV that caused air travel chaos at LaGuardia Airport has been traced to an illegal livery cab driver, sources said Friday. The driver is currently being questioned by Port Authority Police, sources said. The car was left vacant outside Terminal B about 11 p.m. Thursday and a man was seen running away, a law enforcement source said. Authorities partially evacuated the terminal and vehicular traffic was diverted for nearly two hours.

[Grandmother of man, 28, shot dead outside Brooklyn housing project demands justice: 'I want the police to find whoever did this'](#)

DAILY NEWS – Edgar Sandoval, Thomas Tracy

The inconsolable grandmother of a 28-year-old man fatally shot outside a Brooklyn housing project is demanding that the killer be brought to justice. “He was my baby. I raised him since he was a baby,” Arnette Ervin, 76, told the Daily News Thursday as her family gathered to mourn Rysheen Ervin. “I want the police to find whoever did this. He can run, but he can't hide.” Rysheen Ervin was shot multiple times in the chest on Osborne St. outside the Howard Houses in Brownsville about 3 p.m. Wednesday.

[Man cuffed in fatal Brooklyn shooting avoids murder rap as cops say killing may have been in self defense](#)

DAILY NEWS – Ryan Sit

Police arrested a man in last month's fatal shooting of a bus driver in Brooklyn, though he was not charged with murder as the killing may have been in self-defense. Winfred Chrispen, 26, was charged with criminal possession of a weapon in connection with the killing of 28-year-old Zaven Gordon at an Auto Zone shop on Flatbush Ave. near Hubbard Place on the night of Aug. 4, police said. Investigators said the confrontation stemmed from an earlier verbal dispute between Chrispen and Gordon's girlfriend.

[EXCLUSIVE: Family of Brooklyn man convicted in bogus murder rap takes home \\$8M settlement](#)

DAILY NEWS – John Marzulli

The widow and daughter of a Brooklyn man who served more than 22 years in prison for murder before his conviction was tossed out by a federal judge will receive \$8.25 million to settle their lawsuit, the Daily News has learned. In a tragic twist of fate, William Lopez died of an asthma attack 20 months after gaining his freedom. He was 55 at the time. "The settlement is a vindication of Willie's innocence, but it's also a bittersweet moment because he's not here to enjoy the proceeds of the suit," said lawyer Dennis Kelly, who represented Lopez's widow Alice Lopez and his daughter Crystal Martinez.

...A spokesman for the city Law Department said in a statement: "In vacating Mr. Lopez's conviction because of newly-discovered evidence and other issues with his criminal case, the Court pointed to his likely innocence. After a review of the issues raised by the Court and the evidence, we have determined that a settlement with Mr. Lopez's family is fair and in the best interests of the city."

[Witness set to testify in NYPD cop's drug conspiracy trial whacked 'Don Corleone'-style, prosecutors say](#)

DAILY NEWS – John Marzulli, Victoria Bekiempis, Graham Rayman, Thomas Tracy

An NYPD cop accused of running with a violent drug crew had his bail revoked Wednesday after a cooperating witness set to testify against him was whacked “Don Corleone” gangland-style in the Bronx, the Daily News has learned. Federal Judge Colleen McMahon made the declaration just hours after victim Robert Bishun, 36, was abducted from his auto body shop and found strangled in the back of his BMW in Fieldston late Tuesday. “I’ve been around the racetrack once or twice. It certainly sounds like a contract killing,” McMahon said, adding that Bishun’s slaying smacked of “movie violence.”

[Group of wrongfully convicted men demands NYPD reform its interrogation, eyewitness ID practices](#)

DAILY NEWS – Molly Crane-Newman, Ginger Adams Otis

Dozens of wrongfully convicted men who spent decades in prison gathered on the steps of City Hall Friday to demand the NYPD reveal its policies on recording interrogations and getting eyewitnesses identifications. Too many innocent people have gone to prison for crimes they didn't commit, organizers said. “This should mark the beginning of finally getting justice reform in the area of videotaping confessions and eyewitness identification reform in the state of New York,” said Barry Scheck of the Innocence Project.

[Robert 'Pudgie' Walsh, retired FDNY lieutenant and Brooklyn Mariners coach, dead at 82](#)

DAILY NEWS - Staff

The FDNY will say goodbye to one of the founders of the Bravest football team on Monday. Retired lieutenant Robert “Pudgie” Walsh died Sept. 21. He was 82. Walsh, the son of an NYPD detective, grew up in working-class Marine Park, Brooklyn. After a stint in the U.S. Navy, he joined the Fire Department as a young man and rose up through the ranks.

[Cops hunt pair who posed as officers in Queens, Bronx robberies](#)

DAILY NEWS – Ben Kochman

Cops are looking for two men who posed as police officers during a string of recent robberies in Queens and the Bronx. In four separate incidents, the pair of posers pulled victims over in a white cargo van, yanked them out of their cars and sprayed a stinging substance in their faces, police said. The men struck three times on Sept. 8, police said. At 1:45 a.m., they pulled over a 23-year-old on E. 135th St. in Mott Haven and stole \$300, cops said.

[Pervy Bronx teacher says he’s ‘very, very sorry’ after pleading guilty in child pornography case, faces 14 years](#)

DAILY NEWS – Shayna Jacobs

A twisted Bronx High School of Science teacher who paid teenage boys for nude photos pleaded guilty Friday to paying for perverse photographs. Jon Cruz, 33, is expected to get between 11 and 14 years in prison for his receiving child pornography conviction when he's sentenced in January in Manhattan Federal Court. In a packed courtroom of supporters — including baby-faced former students — the now-former social studies instructor and debate coach admitted to the vile conduct.

[Bronx charter school teacher busted for beating student who kept \\$4G he gave the teen to buy a pound of pot](#)

DAILY NEWS – Kerry Burke, Ross Keith, Thomas Tracy

A 48-year-old Bronx charter school teacher was arrested Friday for attacking a 16-year-old student who stiffed him during a drug buy, officials said. Kevin Pope, a science teacher at the John V. Lindsay Wildcat Academy in Hunts Point, was arrested at 10 a.m. for beating the teen so badly doctors needed staples to close several deep wounds on the back of the victim’s head, police sources said. Pope then stormed off with the teen’s gold chain, iPhone and wallet — apparent compensation for the money he lost in a botched marijuana buy involving the teen, cops said.

[Editorial: Cops at a crossroads: Police departments must reckon with their training, and with transparency over officer-involved shootings](#)

DAILY NEWS – Editorial

In frankly stating that he is deeply troubled by recent police shootings captured on video, NYPD Commissioner James O’Neill may have pushed American law enforcement toward a critically necessary reckoning. “At times, it is disturbing. It’s very disturbing,” O’Neill told the Daily News Editorial Board, declining to discuss specific cases, except for that of Walter Scott, who was shot in the back while unarmed and moving away from an officer who fired repeatedly from a distance. “What was particularly disturbing about that was obviously the loss of human life,” O’Neill said, “but everything in that video seems to confirm what people might have thought about the police, that we do things like that.”

[Editorial: End the school daze: Fix year-end calendar](#)

DAILY NEWS – Editorial

New York City public schools closed earlier this month in observance of the Muslim holy day Eid al-Adha. Schools will also be shut for the Muslim holy day Eid al-Fitr in June. As a result, the end of the school year is receding further toward July with a high chance that attendance will plummet. Last year, when the final full school day fell on a Monday, the attendance rate drop to 71% from an average above 90%. This year, the final full week of school ends Friday, June 23. Then schools close for a three-day weekend because Eid al-Fitr falls on Monday. Then, classes resume Tuesday, the 27th, followed by a half day to pick up report cards on Wednesday, the 28th.

[Hospital turns away 9/11 volunteer for bringing service dog](#)

NY POST – Marisa Schultz

A 9/11 volunteer being treated for PTSD was turned away from a Manhattan hospital Tuesday because he brought his service dog. Security officers at the New York State Psychiatric Institute in Washington Heights barred Jaime Hazan from an appointment with his doctor when they spotted his companion, Bernie, a service dog. Hazan explained that the 1-year-old Golden Doodle is a working service dog and said he felt “humiliated” when he was told that didn’t matter.

...It took four sympathetic NYPD cops called to the scene to resolve the situation and make clear that disability laws protect service dogs. But by that time, Hazan was too late for his appointment.

[Lil Wayne describes what life is really like inside Rikers Island](#)

NY POST – Tashara Jones

Lil Wayne is releasing a memoir he inked while incarcerated at Rikers Island that includes details of him performing a gay marriage ceremony for two other inmates and finding out his girlfriend had slept with Drake. The rapper, whose real name is Dwayne Carter Jr., is releasing “Gone ’Til November” on Oct. 11, a handwritten journal that describes his eight-month stint at Rikers in 2010 for gun charges. He describes how he playfully married off two other male inmates, and they decorated the hall with toilet tissue and toasted with 13 bottles of Gatorade. He wrote, “Gatorade is liquid gold in this bitch . . . Imagine seeing grown-ass men in jail hanging tissue for wedding decorations. AND one of them is Lil Wayne. Crazy.”

[Bronx teacher assaulted, robbed 16-year-old student over \\$4G in drug money: Police](#)

METRO – Kimberly Aquilina

A Bronx charter school teacher was arrested on Friday for punching and robbing a 16-year-old student who owed him \$4,000 in drug money, according to reports. Kevin Pope, 48, 450 West 147th St., Hamilton Heights, was arrested at 10 a.m. near John V. Lindsey Wildcats Academy on Lafayette Avenue in Hunts Point, a police spokeswoman said. Pope was a science teacher at the charter school, New York Daily News reported. A Kevin Pope is listed on the school’s website as a science teacher. According to NYPD, the student said he and Pope had a verbal dispute over \$4,000 the teen owes Pope for past drug sales. Pope approached the teen at around 5:10 p.m. on Wednesday and demanded money the teen owed him for weed the teacher allegedly sold him but the student never paid for, New York Post reported.

[Report: Lawyer for Eric Garner's daughter, 2, requests DNA test of his other 4 kids](#)

SI ADVANCE – Mira Wassef

The lawyer representing Legacy Garner, Eric Garner's 2-year-old daughter with Jewel Miller, in the estate battle wants the DNA of Garner's other four children to be tested because his name does not appear on their birth certificates, the Daily News reported. Lorraine Coyle, who is Legacy's appointed guardian in the \$6.9 million settlement with the city, made the request during a meeting in Surrogate's Court on Staten Island Wednesday, the article said.

[Video shows off-duty cop drinking beer, shots before allegedly hitting pedestrian](#)

SI ADVANCE – Frank Donnelly

Prosecutors on Friday began showing jurors surveillance video tape of an off-duty cop drinking beer and shots in a Castleton Corners bar several hours before he allegedly mowed down a pedestrian crossing a Mariners Harbor street three years ago. Joseph McClean, the cop, was drinking at a surprise birthday party for his girlfriend at the former Danny Boy's bar on Oct. 3 into Oct. 4, 2013, according to witness testimony.

[Police did not rule out Rahami Ahmad count on help](#)

EL DIARIO – Staff

The investigation into the explosions in New York and New Jersey is ongoing and although the prime suspect, Ahmad Khan Rahami, was arrested promptly, the office of counterterrorism operations of the New York Police (NYPD) does not rule out that there more people involved. "The question is: could a single person assemble all

these devices, that extension of land cover and do it all without help?" The commissioner Intelligence John Miller questioned during an interview with CBS.

[Municipal council seeks to avoid wrongful convictions](#)

EL DIARIO – Camille Padilla Dalmáu

Parents of Johnny Hincapie, 48, taught him that you could trust the police. However at 18, that trust is broken when an officer beat him and threatened him life unless she gave false testimony. "If we had had cameras in every room of police headquarters in the city of New York during that time, I had not spent 25 years in prison because they had recorded the process of what the police were trying to do" Colombian said during a hearing held Friday the City Council to analyze erroneous convictions. At the joint hearing of the Committee of Public Safety and the Committee on Legal Services and Cortes, measures can take the New York City Police Department (NYPD) to decrease the number of false convictions were discussed.

[Join forces to demand the closure of the prison Rikers Island](#)

EL DIARIO – Edwin Martinez

In 1932 Rikers Island became a prison waiting rehabilitate detainees who passed through there to reintegrate into society, but not only failed in its goal but has become a temple to violence, as they say activists, former prisoners and political leaders demanded that the prison be closed immediately. And with the intention of asking the mayor Bill de Blasio that no more over the matter, and to take with political responsibility definitive measures and ordered the closure of the New York prison , dozens of organizations will march today from Astoria, Queens, to the infamous prison in daily acts of violence recorded against prisoners and guards.

[UWS Building Owners Face Jail After Bricks Fell and Killed Baby, City Says](#)

DNA INFO – Aidan Gardner

The city hit the owners of an Upper West Side building with criminal charges more than a year after bricks from its facade fell and killed a 2-year-old girl. Alexander Scharf and Esplanade Venture Partnership, who own The Esplanade at 305 West End Ave., face jail time. They had been told that the building's condition was a danger to the public prior to the incident that killed 2-year-old Greta Greene, Department of Buildings officials said. The owners failed to make the necessary repairs before the bricks fell from a window ledge in May 2015, fatally striking the child while she was in her stroller.

[Community Renews Push to Remove Statue of Man Who Experimented on Slaves](#)

DNA INFO – Dartunorro Clark

East Harlem residents are renewing a campaign to remove a statue of a man who experimented on enslaved women of color, and are calling on city officials to back their efforts at a neighborhood "speak out" on Sunday. The bronze statue of J. Marion Sims, which stands at the corner of Fifth Avenue and East 103rd Street, has been under fire for years by residents who say it honors a man who actively harmed slaves in his pursuit of medical history.

...The Parks Department said it does not remove statues based on content, but is working to add information about the slaves he experimented on without their consent.

[Teacher Beat and Robbed Student Who Owed Him \\$4K for Drugs, Police say](#)

DNA INFO – Kathleen Culliton

A Bronx charter school science teacher was arrested Friday after beating up a 16-year-old student he claimed owed him \$4,000 for drugs, police said. Kevin Pope, 48, a teacher at the John V. Lindsay Wildcat Academy on Lafayette Avenue and Barretto Street, was arrested at the school around 10 a.m. Friday after allegedly attacking a student over \$4,000 worth of drugs he sold the teenager, police said. Pope delivered the brutal beating around 5 p.m. Wednesday, then took off with the teenager's iPhone, wallet and chain, according to police.

[City indicts Upper West Side building owner for crumbling façade that killed toddler](#)

CRAIN'S NY – Joe Anuta

The city has brought criminal charges against the owner of an Upper West Side building whose façade crumbled and killed a two-year old girl in 2015, officials announced Friday. Last May, part of a stone windowsill fell eight stories from 305 West End Ave., killing Greta Green, a two-year-old who was sitting on a bench with her grandmother. A subsequent investigation found that the building owner had ignored several warning signs that the exterior walls of the property were unsafe, the city said, and that an engineer who had been paid to inspect the façade did not follow protocol. Now the New York City Law Department is prosecuting the owner of the building, Esplanade Venture Partnership and its principal, Alexander Scharf, for violating maintenance laws and letting the façade of the property deteriorate.

Local News:

[For Cuomo, Allies' Graft Charges Are Best Bad Outcome](#)

NY TIMES – Jesse McKinley, Vivian Yee

It was the worst — and, in one critical way, the best — news that Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo could have received. The names of the nine people charged in a scheme outlined by federal prosecutors on Thursday read like a starting lineup of friends of the New York governor, longtime acquaintances and deep-pocketed donors and their associates — and one man who had come to be like family to Mr. Cuomo. And the charges contained within were as ugly as they come in government work: bribes, extortion, fraud, conspiracy.

[Why Bomb Suspect's Travels Didn't Set Off More Scrutiny](#)

NY TIMES – Scott Shane, Julia Preston, Adam Goldman

To an amateur eye, Ahmad Khan Rahami's travel history might appear to be a red flag: He had traveled to Pakistan, the home of Al Qaeda, four times between 2005 and 2014. The last time he stayed for a year. So Mr. Rahami's arrest in the bombings last weekend in New York and New Jersey — and the revelation that he cited jihadist leaders in his journal — has raised an obvious question: Did the government miss something?

[Hunt Continues for 2 Men Who Found Suitcase Containing Bomb in Chelsea](#)

NY TIMES – Eli Rosenberg, Adam Goldman

Still no sign of them. Two days after the release of an image that investigators said showed two men who had come upon a suitcase containing an unexploded bomb on a Manhattan street, the authorities said on Friday that their identities and whereabouts remained unknown. Investigators said they considered the men to be witnesses, and wanted to talk to them as part of their effort to piece together the events of last Saturday, when bombs exploded in Seaside Park, N.J., and on West 23rd Street in Manhattan. Several unexploded bombs were found elsewhere, including the one in the suitcase, which was found on West 27th Street a few hours after the bomb went off four blocks away, and five others, which turned up late on Sunday near a train station in Elizabeth, N.J.

[Public Defender Says Prosecutor Denied Him Access to Ahmad Rahami](#)

NY TIMES – Benjamin Weiser

Since he was captured on Monday, Ahmad Khan Rahami, the man accused of carrying out bombings last weekend in Manhattan and on the Jersey Shore, has been hospitalized in Newark, recovering from gunshot wounds he sustained in a confrontation with the police. From his bed at University Hospital, he has been charged by three different prosecutors: the United States attorneys in Manhattan and New Jersey, for his alleged role in the bombings; and the Union County, N.J., prosecutor, for allegedly trying to kill police officers who tracked him down on Monday in the city of Linden. A New Jersey judge has ordered him held on \$5.2 million bail on the state charges.

[Whistle-Blower Suit Accuses Visiting Nurse Service of Fraud](#)

NY TIMES – Nina Bernstein

The Visiting Nurse Service of New York, one of the largest nonprofit home health care agencies in the United States, likes to highlight a lineage going back to its founder, Lillian Wald, who began nursing the poorest immigrant New Yorkers in their homes in 1893. Whatever its outcome, a federal whistle-blower lawsuit served

on the agency on Thursday showcases how far today's billion-dollar entity has come from its early days, when Ms. Wald's visiting nurses charged a dime, or nothing at all, for their services.

[Hasidic Man Found Guilty of Gang Assault in Beating of Black Student in Brooklyn](#)

NY TIMES – Colin Moynihan

A Brooklyn man was convicted on Friday of participating in a racially charged beating of a black college student in fall 2013 that left the victim without vision in his right eye. Justice Danny K. Chun of State Supreme Court in Brooklyn issued the guilty verdict after a bench trial that included video surveillance footage, DNA evidence and testimony from the victim, Taj Patterson, who described being set upon by up to 20 men as he walked through the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn early one morning.

[Gov. Andrew Cuomo Seeks Distance From Bribery Scandal](#)

WSJ – Erica Orden, Mike Vilensky, Josh Dawsey

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo doesn't want to touch the bad bowl of ziti. Faced with scathing allegations about his administration in the pages of a federal criminal complaint—a document that outlined how a former top aide accused of bribery sought ziti, a mafia-type code word for cash—Mr. Cuomo said on Friday he was moving forward with business as usual. “I am more committed to western New York's revitalization than ever before,” the governor said during a speech in Buffalo, referring to the region of the state at the center of the allegations in the public-corruption case made public this week. “We are not going to miss a beat.”

[Officials: 25 Indicted in Record Drug Bust](#)

WSJ – Associated Press

Authorities have made a record drug bust, seizing 33 kilograms of heroin and 2 kilograms of fentanyl, Attorney General Eric Schneiderman and the New York State Police said Friday. Mr. Schneiderman's office said the seizure is the largest ever in the 46-year history of New York's Organized Crime Task Force. The investigation was called “Operation Dirty Dope” and led to the disruption of what Mr. Schneiderman's office called an alleged national heroin smuggling ring.

[Column: Rockaways Block Has Seen Better Days](#)

WSJ – Anne Kadet

I got my first look at Beach 84th Street in the Rockaways entirely by happenstance. Wandering the area for fun last fall, I turned the corner and—whoa. Between the torn-up road, trashy vacant lots and boarded-up homes, I'd never seen a block in such rough shape. I couldn't believe I was in New York City. A few weeks ago, I returned to check my recollection. Surely, my memory was exaggerated. Nope. The empty lots are still filled with 4-foot weeds, rubble and busted machinery. Elsewhere on the block, the sidewalk had crumbled and caved into the sewer below. A shadowy haunted house loomed over a mass of fallen power lines unspooling over the roadbed.

[Attorney General's office takes down 25 dopes who trafficked heroin cut with Novocain, roach spray](#)

DAILY NEWS – Chelsia Rose Marcus

Twenty-five people were indicted Friday in “Operation Dirty Dope,” a sting that busted up a heroin ring, said Attorney General Eric Schneiderman. Investigators from Schneiderman's office and other agencies used wire taps, confidential informants and undercover surveillance to track the alleged traffickers moving heroin and Fentanyl through the region. More than 33 kilos of heroin and 2 kilos of “highly potent” Fentanyl were taken off the streets by Schneiderman's office and agents with the New York State Police and the Massachusetts DEA Task Force.

[Gov. Cuomo ‘had no idea’ about the nine former aides charged in ‘very disturbing’ New York corruption probe](#)

DAILY NEWS – Glenn Blain, Ken Lovett

Gov. Cuomo Friday denied knowledge of any criminal activity within his administration and said he doesn't believe he's a target of an ongoing federal probe that led to the arrest of nine associates. Speaking publicly for the first time since the criminal complaint was unveiled by Manhattan US Attorney Preet Bharara Thursday,

Cuomo during a trip to Buffalo also lamented the arrest of his longtime aide and close friend, Joseph Percoco, who at 19 had worked for Cuomo's now late father, Gov. Mario Cuomo.

[No public defender for Chelsea bomber Ahmad Rahami, judge rules](#)

DAILY NEWS – Larry McShane

Terrorist bombing suspect Ahmad Rahami has access to plenty of doctors — but not a lawyer. A New Jersey federal judge rejected a public defender's call Friday for a court-appointed federal attorney to represent the man suspected in last weekend's bombings in Chelsea and the Jersey Shore. Rahami, 28, remained hospitalized under a doctor's care in Newark after his Monday arrest following a wild gunfight with police.

[Judge allows prosecutors to dip into ex-NYC Councilman Seabrook's pension in order to pay \\$418G in federal corruption penalties](#)

DAILY NEWS – Barbara Ross

Larry Seabrook, the disgraced City Councilman from The Bronx who is serving a five year sentence on federal corruption charges, can't save his public pension from prosecutors who are seizing it to pay his financial penalties, a federal appeals court ruled. The Second Circuit Court of Appeals on Thursday upheld a lower court ruling allowing prosecutors to seize part of Seabrook's pension to pay \$418,000 in forfeiture penalties. Seabrook gets a pension from the decades he spent as a councilman, state senator and state assemblyman.

[Rick Lazio, who lost 2000 Senate race to Hillary Clinton after debate gaffe, gives Donald Trump tips: 'Stay at the podium!'](#)

DAILY NEWS – Meg Wagner

Rick Lazio, whose senatorial hopes were dashed when he waltzed up to opponent Hillary Clinton during their 2000 debate, has a tip for her new rival: Learn from my mistake. Lazio — the Republican who began slipping in New York's 2000 U.S. Senate race after he brazenly approached Clinton mid-debate in a bid to force her to sign a campaign finance pledge — urged Donald Trump not to move on Monday night's presidential debate stage. "My advice? Stay at the podium!" the former U.S. congressman from Long Island told the Daily News in an email Friday.

[Ex-N.Y. Gov. Paterson settles \\$25G with Securities and Exchange Commission after failing to report 'filing issue'](#)

DAILY NEWS – Glenn Blain

Former Gov. David Paterson, who recently launched a new career as a Wall Street broker, is in hot water with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Paterson, 62, agreed to pay a \$25,000 fine for failing to properly report stock transactions while he served on the board of a company seeking to develop a mammoth movie studio in Georgia, the SEC announced Friday. The SEC also accused three company executives of defrauding investors and using their money to enrich themselves. The company — Medient Studios and later called Moon River Studios — eventually shut down without producing a single movie or video game.

[Mayer Herskovic found guilty in brutal Brooklyn gang beating of gay black man](#)

DAILY NEWS – Christina Carrega-Woodby

A Hasidic man was convicted of gang assault on Friday for taking part in a vicious attack on a gay black man in Brooklyn. Mayer Herskovic, 23, faces up to 15 years behind bars for the brutal Dec. 1, 2013, assault in Williamsburg that left Taj Patterson blind in one eye. Brooklyn Supreme Court Justice Danny Chun convicted Herskovic of three charges after the nonjury trial — gang assault in the second degree, unlawful imprisonment and menacing.

[Port Authority cop talks suicidal man out of jumping off George Washington Bridge](#)

DAILY NEWS – Graham Rayman

A Port Authority police officer talked a suicidal man out of leaping to his death from the George Washington Bridge Friday. Officer Juan Guzman was called to the south side of the upper level of the towering span about 2

p.m. The suicidal man had climbed over a protective railing and was inches from plummeting to his death. Dramatic photos released by the Port Authority Police Department show Guzman with his hand on the man's right shoulder talking gently to him.

[Joe Scarborough's son fractures skull in fall down stairs](#)

DAILY NEWS – Meg Wagner

Joe Scarborough's son is recovering after he fractured his skull when he fell down a flight of stairs Thursday. Andrew Scarborough, 25, was rushed to Bellevue Hospital after a "horrible accident," "Morning Joe" co-host Mika Brzezinski said Friday. "They stabilized him. That trauma team is amazing," the MSNBC anchor said Friday. "It's touch-and-go, but they're stabilized." The elder Scarborough, who skipped his Friday show to tend to the family emergency, confirmed that his son is doing "much better" — and is even bragging about his favorite baseball team.

[Bicyclist needs leg amputation after hit-and-run in Midtown](#)

DAILY NEWS – Aidan McLaughlin

A bicyclist will need his leg amputated after he was struck by a hit-and-run driver in Midtown early Friday, according to police. The victim, who is in his 30s, was pedaling downtown on Eighth Ave. when a large truck heading east on W. 40th St. slammed into him about 3:30 a.m., cops said. "The car really smashed into him," said Aaron Neal, 31, who works at a Duane Reade near the crash scene. "I saw the car speeding away. It was some kind of commercial truck." "The guy on the bike busted his head open — there was blood everywhere," Neal added. "Whatever happens, he's lucky if he survives that."

[Ex-congressman says Cuomo should scrap power plant construction](#)

NY POST – Kirstan Conley

Gov. Cuomo should scrap construction of an upstate power plant cited in a sweeping federal corruption probe to maintain his own integrity, says former Ohio congressman and presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich. If Cuomo doesn't stop the project by Competitive Power Ventures "it would raise troubling questions about complicity," said Kucinich, who has joined residents who oppose the planned 650-megawatt plant in Wawayanda, about 75 miles northwest of New York City.

[Cuomo doubles down on Buffalo Billion despite indictments](#)

NY POST – Carl Campanile, Danika Fears

Gov. Cuomo doubled down on his Buffalo Billion revitalization efforts on Friday, while insisting the project had "nothing to do with" the nine people who were indicted Thursday as part of a federal corruption probe. "You hear people say this is going to hurt the Buffalo Billion," he said during a speech at the Albright-Knox Art Gallery in Buffalo. "Anyone who would say that doesn't know what the Buffalo Billion was about in the first place. It had nothing to do with those nine people."

[Cuomo aide used personal email to hide shady deals: feds](#)

NY POST – Carl Campanile

Gov. Cuomo's former aide Joseph Percoco — who is accused of pocketing more than \$315,000 in bribes as part of pay-to-play schemes — used his personal e-mail account to surreptitiously discuss his shady dealings, court papers show. "State employees are not to use personal email addresses to conduct State business unless explicitly authorized," Deleassa Penland, a criminal investigator with the US Attorney's Office in Manhattan, wrote in the criminal complaint. Cuomo's former director of operations, Howard Glaser, who has not been charged in the federal case, was also using his own e-mail account in dealing with official state business, the indictment says.

[James Dolan still paying Cuomo crony busted in bribery scandal](#)

NY POST – Carl Campanile

Madison Square Garden boss James Dolan is sticking by disgraced senior VP Joseph Percoco, who has been charged in an Albany pay-to-play scandal. At least for now. “These charges have nothing to do with Mr. Percoco’s employment at MSG. We believe Joe is a man of good character and hope to see this matter resolved in a timely manner,” MSG said in a statement. Percoco is a former top political confidant and aide to Gov. Cuomo.

[Teacher beats up student who owed him money for weed](#)

NY POST – Larry Celona, Shawn Cohen, Natalie Musumeci

A Bronx charter-school teacher recruited a student to help him score \$4,000 worth of marijuana — and he beat the teen senseless when he found out the kid pocketed the cash, police sources said Friday. Kevin Pope, 48, also stole the teen’s iPhone and wallet and threatened to sexually assault his mother if he didn’t get his money back, the sources said.

...A Department of Education spokeswoman directed all questions to the charter school, which declined to comment.

[Family of dead man wrongfully convicted of murder gets \\$8.25M from city](#)

NY POST – Joe Tacopino

The family of a man who spent 23 years in prison before his murder conviction was overturned agreed Friday to a \$8.25 million settlement from the city. The daughter of William Lopez, whose conviction in the 1989 slaying of a drug dealer was tossed out by a judge in 2013, will split the settlement with Lopez’s wife, according to the daughter’s attorney, Michael Aviles. Less than two years after being released from prison, Lopez suffered an asthma attack and died. His family previously won a \$4.2 million settlement from the state.

[Larry Seabrook loses appeal to hold onto pension](#)

N POST – Lia Eustachewich

An appeals court ruled this week that crooked ex-City Councilman Larry Seabrook must forfeit his taxpayer-funded pension in order to pay back \$418,252 he still owes as a result of his conviction on fraud charges. The Second Circuit ruling came down Thursday and upholds last year’s decision by Manhattan federal court Judge P. Kevin Castel that the feds could seize Seabrook’s cash. Seabrook was convicted on multiple fraud charges in 2012 for steering more than \$1 million in taxpayer money to his family and girlfriend through shady nonprofits he ran.

[Politician witnesses ‘gang’ death before meeting on gang violence](#)

NY POST – Daniel Prendergast, Natalie Musumeci

A Brooklyn lawmaker was preparing for a community meeting on gang violence — but he wasn’t prepared for the real-life example just outside the window, including the sound of gunfire and a fleeing, bloodied victim. “We saw people running, and one guy was running and he was shot in the back — you could see the blood,” state Sen. Jesse Hamilton told The Post, describing the mayhem in Brownsville.

[Legislators might seek Chris Christie impeachment: report](#)

NY POST – Yaron Steinbuch

Key members of the New Jersey Assembly are considering whether to seek the impeachment of Gov. Chris Christie over Bridgegate, according to a report. Some members of the Democrat-controlled Assembly believe testimony in the George Washington Bridge scandal trial suggests the Republican governor had knowledge of the infamous lane closures in Fort Lee as they were happening, NBC 4 New York reports.

[Cyclist gets leg amputated after hit-and-run](#)

NY POST – Kenneth Garger, Shawn Cohen

A 54-year-old bicyclist needed his right leg amputated after he was struck by a hit-and-run dump truck in Midtown early Friday, police sources said. The Syracuse man was pedaling south on northbound Eighth Avenue about 3:30 a.m. when the dump truck barreled into him at the intersection of West 40th Street, police

said. The cyclist, who was in the crosswalk at the time, was tossed from his bike and sustained a serious leg injury.

[Opinion: It's not too late to save New York's own Lenin monument](#)

NY POST – Leonid Bershidsky

Since the fall of communism in 1989, I've been to dozens of cities — most in the former Eastern Bloc — where statues of Lenin have been taken down. I never thought I'd count New York among them, but as of Monday night, the city longer has a statue of the man who led Russia's 1917 revolution. New York's sole Lenin is a special case: It's privately owned by Michael Rosen, a former NYU professor, developer and investor, and his erstwhile partner Michael Shaoul. The two ran a small trading company, Oscar Gruss & Son. They weren't typical Wall Streeters, though.

[Cuomo, wrapping himself in Buffalo, answers Bharara's charges](#)

POLITICO NY – Jimmy Vielkind

"I had no idea about anything that was contained in that complaint," Gov. Andrew Cuomo said Friday. He was speaking to reporters in Buffalo, site of the \$900 million factory for SolarCity that, until Thursday, had been a signature accomplishment. But an 80-page criminal complaint that charged three of the Democratic governor's long-term allies — Joe Percoco, Todd Howe and Alain Kaloyeros — has cast a shadow on the project and the integrity of an administration that rode into office promising to "clean up Albany."

[PRO] [Griffo, Brindisi ask that Kaloyeros be removed as SUNY Poly president](#)

POLITICO NY – Josefa Velasquez

[PRO] [Lawmakers, unions to join efforts to address looming teacher shortage](#)

POLITICO NY – Keshia Clukey

[Corruption charges echo at Business Council event](#)

POLITICO NY – Jimmy Vielkind

The head of the state's Business Council hopes corruption charges against SUNY Polytechnic Institute president Alain Kaloyeros don't "sidetrack any progress we've made." Kaloyeros, who is facing federal and state charges of rigging bids on facilities the high-tech school built in Albany, Buffalo and Syracuse, was relieved of his position at the school on Thursday. He has pleaded not guilty to the charges.

[Zimpher: SUNY to review policies after Kaloyeros arrest](#)

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POLITICO NY – Addy Baird

[PRO] [ESD tabled SUNY Poly payment after corruption charges](#)

POLITICO NY – Nick Niedzwiadek

[Cuomo Vows to 'Learn From' Claims of Corruption in His Economic Development Programs](#)

NY OBSERVER – Will Bredderman

A day after the Justice Department filed accusations of a multibillion-dollar bid-rigging scheme at the heart of his biggest economic development initiative, Gov. Andrew Cuomo appeared on the scene of the alleged crime—Buffalo—to announce both an administrative reshuffling and a renewed commitment to the program. U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara charged Alain Kaloyeros, president of the State University of New York

Polytechnic Institute, with tailoring requests-for-proposals for the Buffalo Billion project so that only his accomplices—developers who had donated heavily to Cuomo’s campaign—could secure the contracts. Kaloyeros, the highest paid state employee prior to his removal yesterday, and SUNY Polytechnic have handled almost all the governor’s economic development agenda in upstate New York.

[Public defender asks to meet with bombing suspect Ahmad Rahami](#)

AM NY – Anthony DeStefano

[New York authorities seize 33 kilos of heroin in record drug bust](#)

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[Former Gov. Paterson pays \\$25G to settle stock reporting case](#)

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[25 busted in nationwide heroin smuggling ring: Officials](#)

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[Anti-bullying workshops set for Stapleton, Great Kills](#)

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[Empire Outlets' construction manager tied to alleged upstate corruption scheme](#)

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["Seers" amass fortune scamming elderly](#)

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[All against Weiner: local and federal authorities investigating the former congressman](#)

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[Restored historic ship returning to once-devastated seaport](#)

CRAIN'S NY – Associated Press

National News:

[Debate Prep? Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump Differ on That, Too](#)

NY TIMES – Patrick Healy, Amy Chozick, Maggie Haberman

Hillary Clinton is determined to get under Donald J. Trump's skin at Monday's debate, and is testing attack lines to try to rattle him. Mr. Trump is largely shunning traditional debate preparations, but has been watching video of Mrs. Clinton's best and worst debate moments, looking for her vulnerabilities.

The two candidates are taking vastly different approaches to what is expected to be one of the most widely watched presidential debates since Carter vs. Reagan in 1980. And their divergent strategies reveal how the candidates and their campaigns see the race, their strengths and their opponents' weaknesses.

[Obama Vetoes 9/11 Bill, but Congressional Override Is Expected](#)

NY TIMES – Julie Hirschfeld Davis

President Obama vetoed legislation on Friday that would allow families of victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks to sue the government of Saudi Arabia for any role in the plot, setting up an extraordinary confrontation with a Congress that unanimously backed the bill and has vowed to uphold it. Mr. Obama's long-anticipated veto of the measure, known as the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act, is the 12th of his presidency. But unless those who oppose the bill can persuade lawmakers to drop their support by next week, it will lead to the first congressional override of a veto during Mr. Obama's presidency — a familiar experience for presidents in the waning months of their terms.

[Charlotte Is Pressured to Release Police Video of Man's Killing](#)

NY TIMES – Alan Blinder

This city's leaders, faced with mounting demands for transparency after a fatal police shooting of a black man led to rioting, resisted calls on Friday for the immediate release of video of the killing and argued that a rushed disclosure could compromise a criminal inquiry. The status of the police video of the shooting of Keith Lamont Scott, 43, and the shooting's circumstances have been debated here for days, and the discussion deepened on Friday, especially after lawyers for Mr. Scott's wife, Rakeyia, released a cellphone video that she took of the episode on Tuesday afternoon.

[Video by Wife of Keith Scott Shows Her Pleas to Police](#)

NY TIMES – Richard Fausset, Yamiche Alcindor

A cellphone video made by the wife of Keith Lamont Scott as he was fatally shot by the police here shows the moments before and after the episode, including the wife's pleas to her husband to get out of his truck, and her pleas to the officers not to shoot him. But the video, which was given to The New York Times on Friday by lawyers for the family, does not include a view of the shooting itself. Nor does it answer the crucial question of whether Mr. Scott had a gun, as the police have maintained. This question and others surrounding the case have transformed Charlotte into the latest crisis in the divisive debate over police treatment of minorities. In the last several nights here, hundreds of protesters have taken to the streets demanding justice. Many have done so peacefully. Others have vandalized property and clashed with the police.

[Tulsa's Prayers, and Past Scars, Softened Reaction to Police Shooting](#)

NY TIMES – Manny Fernandez, Michael Wines

White rioters poured into the streets, burning and looting homes, businesses and churches in a black neighborhood and leaving this city deeply traumatized. That was 1921. Last week, not far from where those haunting events took place, the streets of Tulsa were calm after a white police officer shot and killed an unarmed black motorist. The video of the shooting angered many Tulsa residents, but the subdued reaction was markedly different from the violent clashes that took place in Charlotte, N.C., in recent days, after the police killed a man there.

[Editorial: Health Care Deserves More Attention on the Campaign Trail](#)

NY TIMES - Editorial

The reaction to opening a medical bill these days is often shock and confusion — for the insured and the uninsured. Prices and deductibles keep rising, policies are drowning in fine print, and doctors are jumping on and off networks. So why hasn't the growing burden of health care gotten more attention in the presidential campaign? One reason may be the sheer complexity of the system. Yet Hillary Clinton, if you look closer at her proposals, has a range of interesting ideas on how to tackle costs and improve care. Donald Trump, meanwhile, rarely ventures beyond his "end Obamacare" slogan.

International News:

[Haitians, After Perilous Journey, Find Door to U.S. Abruptly Shut](#)

NY TIMES – Kirk Semple

They passed the corpses of other migrants who had tried to cross the Americas. They were cheated by smugglers and fleeced by armed bandits, and they suffered long stretches of hunger. Finally, after months of traveling across nine international borders, the Haitians made it to Tijuana, where thousands of their countrymen had already been allowed to enter the United States this year. All they had to do, they thought, was wait for their appointments with immigration officials and they, too, would be allowed on American soil.

['Doomsday Today in Aleppo': Assad and Russian Forces Bombard City](#)

NY TIMES – Ben Hubbard

Syria's war escalated abruptly on Friday as government forces and their Russian allies launched ferocious aerial assaults on opposition-held areas of Aleppo amid threats of a big ground offensive, while efforts at the United Nations to revive a cease-fire appeared to collapse. Repeated airstrikes that obliterated buildings and engulfed neighborhoods in flames killed about 100 people in Aleppo, the divided northern Syrian city that has epitomized the horrors of the war, turning the brief cease-fire of last week and hopes for humanitarian relief into faint memories. The bombings knocked out running water to an estimated two million people, the United Nations said.

[South Korea's President Has No Easy Options in Dealing with an Aggressive North](#)

NY TIMES – Choe Sang-Hun

After North Korea conducted its fifth and most powerful nuclear test this month, South Korea's president, Park Geun-hye, met with her country's opposition leaders to discuss how to react. The outcome was not surprising. Her liberal political opponents urged her to talk to the government in Pyongyang. Ms. Park, a conservative, said that would be a waste of time. Rather, she said, South Korea and its allies must focus on tightening sanctions, pressing the North to give up its nuclear program or face collapse.

[Egypt Recovers Over 160 Bodies From Sunken Migrant Boat](#)

NY TIMES – Nour Youssef

The Egyptian authorities said Friday that they had recovered 162 bodies after the sinking of a ship full of mostly Egyptian migrants in the Mediterranean this week. The death toll, which is expected to rise to nearly 300,

reflects the mounting economic pressure on Egyptians as well as a possible shift away from Libya as a point of departure for migrants headed to Europe, migrant aid workers said.

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DAILY NEWS – Larry McShane

The repeated video clips of black men gunned down by police officers in recent months left new NYPD Commissioner James O'Neill rattled as both a cop and a citizen. "I don't know about a pattern, but there are some videos that I absolutely acknowledge that it doesn't look right to me," O'Neill said during a Thursday sitdown with the Daily News Editorial Board. "I don't want to go into any one individually, but at times it is disturbing. It's very disturbing. ... It does, at times, cause me great angst."

[De Blasio says 'default position' is to release police videos, but defers to NYPD](#)

POLITICO NY – Azi Paybarah

Mayor Bill de Blasio said on Friday he would prefer to release videos of police shootings in controversial encounters, saying the city has a "default position to be transparent" and that releasing such videos has a "calming effect" on the public. But the mayor also said the decision would be made in consultation with the commissioner of the police department — an agency that is currently fighting a lawsuit to withhold video from a body-camera pilot program. "We want to provide the public with the information they need and deserve," de Blasio said during an appearance on WNYC, where he was asked by host Brian Lehrer about how he would handle the release of video from "a controversial incident."

[De Blasio defends measured response, text alert after Chelsea explosion](#)

POLITICO NY – Azi Paybarah

Mayor Bill de Blasio on Friday defended his response to the explosion in Chelsea last weekend, saying it would have been "irresponsible" to immediately label it an act of terrorism, and that it was appropriate to use a citywide alert system to disseminate information about the suspect, without including his photograph. In an appearance on WNYC, de Blasio defended using an electronic alert system to push an alert that included the name and age of the suspect, Ahmad Rahami — but not his photograph — to cell phones throughout the region.

[Lawmakers, wrongly convicted New Yorkers blast NYPD for snubbing Council hearing](#)

POLITICO NY – Khorri Atkinson

Nine wrongly convicted New Yorkers and several City Council members on Friday blasted the New York Police Department over its refusal to attend a hearing on its interrogation tactics and ending wrongful convictions, saying that the agency's snub reflects its continued unwillingness for reforms and transparency. ... Director of the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice Elizabeth Glazer, the only official from Mayor Bill de Blasio's administration who testified Friday, faced tough questioning from lawmakers about the NYPD's interrogation tactics. Glazer often did not give specifics about current procedures; she said the NYPD is better suited to give an accurate response.

[Officer Who Fatally Shot Ramarley Graham to Face NYPD Trial](#)

DNA INFO – Murray Weiss, Jeff Mays

The officer who fatally shot unarmed Bronx teen Ramarley Graham in 2012 inside his Bronx apartment will face a departmental trial, but no date has been set yet for the inquiry, the NYPD said. Graham was shot and killed inside a bathroom in his apartment after he was chased by Officer Richard Haste and other officers. He was trying to flush a small amount of marijuana down a toilet when Haste shot him.

...Since then, Graham's family has called on Mayor Bill de Blasio to fire not only Haste, but the NYPD supervisors and other officers who incorrectly said that Graham had a gun. The mayor has said Haste has a right to "due process," but that a proceeding would take place following an evaluation by the NYPD.

[Parker: We don't have a J'ouvert problem](#)

BROOKLYN DAILY EAGLE – Paula Katinas

In the wake of two shooting deaths on the streets of Crown Heights during the West Indian celebration of J'ouvert early Labor Day morning, there had been talk among city officials to cancel next year's event. But Mayor Bill de Blasio announced within days that J'ouvert would go on as scheduled in 2017. State Sen. Kevin Parker is one elected official who did not want to see J'ouvert canceled. "We don't have a J'ouvert problem. We have a violence problem in our community. Every weekend we have shootings," said Parker, who added that canceling J'ouvert won't stop the violence.

[De Blasio: Citywide Alert On Chelsea Bombing Suspect Was Not Profiling](#)

CBS 2 – Staff

Mayor Bill de Blasio on Friday dismissed complaints that a citywide emergency alert with the Chelsea bombing suspect's name amounted to profiling. Early Monday, the city's Office of Emergency Management used its citywide alert system for the first time to pass on information about a criminal suspect. It included the name of suspect Ahmad Khan Rahami and his age of 28, but advised, "see media for pic."

MISCELLANEOUS MENTIONS

[City Comptroller Trades Sharp Jabs With de Blasio](#)

WSJ – Josh Dawsey

New York City Comptroller Scott Stringer has privately unleashed fierce attacks on Mayor Bill de Blasio, a fellow Democrat, and told allies at parties and fundraisers that he would like to challenge the mayor in next year's election. On Friday, after a 24-hour spat between the two men on a range of issues—including homelessness and economic development—Mr. Stringer delivered one of his sharpest public criticisms of the mayor, heightening speculation he may run against Mr. de Blasio in the September 2017 Democratic primary.

[De Blasio to Stump for Hillary Clinton](#)

WSJ – Josh Dawsey

Mayor Bill de Blasio is heading to Wisconsin on Saturday to campaign for Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton, according to a person familiar with the matter. Mr. de Blasio, a Democrat, plans to visit two predominantly black churches in Milwaukee and make media appearances for Mrs. Clinton before returning to New York late Sunday, this person said. He is expected to criticize Republican nominee Donald Trump for his recent comments on the stop-and-frisk police tactic, which Mr. Trump said should be implemented across the country.

[Corruption Case Deals New York Governor Andrew Cuomo a Blow](#)

WSJ – Erica Orden, Josh Dawsey

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo suffered a serious political setback this week when federal prosecutors charged his former top aide and eight others connected to him with participating in a bribery scheme that exploited his administration for personal gain. For Mr. Cuomo, a second-term Democrat, the episode is the biggest crisis since he took office in 2011, both because it involves loyalists whom he entrusted with great authority and because it is directly tied to a signature economic-development program.

...On Friday, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, a Democrat who has an open feud with Mr. Cuomo, said, “It will take a long time to restore public faith.”

[De Blasio gets snippy over deer-vasectomy proposal](#)

DAILY NEWS – Jennifer Fermino

Don’t question Mayor de Blasio’s expertise in wildlife birth control. De Blasio Friday lashed out at a Staten Islander who suggested his support for a deer vasectomy plan to combat the borough’s wildlife population might stem from NYCLASS’s influence. A caller named Andrew questioned de Blasio about the vasectomy on WNYC’s Brian Lehrer show, which has a weekly “Ask the Mayor” segment. Andrew claimed the vasectomies weren’t backed by science as a method to curb population growth, and asked if the mayor’s backing had anything to do with the animal rights group NYCLASS’s support of it, prompting a rebuke from Hizzoner.

[De Blasio goes after caller during weekly radio show](#)

NY POST – Yoav Gonen

Mayor de Blasio extended his combative streak beyond the press on Friday – going after a caller to his weekly radio show who brought up contributions from the animal rights groups NYCLASS. The caller, identified only as Andrew from Staten Island, asked if the group’s hefty donations influenced Hizzoner’s decision to spend \$2 million on a deer sterilization program — despite significant concerns from experts.

[Editorial: If de Blasio can’t get a handle on his temper, he’s in big trouble](#)

NY POST - Editorial

Well, now we know why Mayor de Blasio waited two years before he started doing radio call-in shows: He just can’t keep his cool when he gets tough questions. On Friday’s Brian Lehrer show, de Blasio lectured one caller, “Please leave your conspiracy theories at home,” and accused another of “the worst of Monday morning quarterbacking.” He also answered some harsh attacks from city Comptroller Scott Stringer with his own cutting remark: “I think it’s breathtaking how little the comptroller understands about this issue.”

[\[PRO\] De Blasio accuses Stringer of 'grandstanding' on affordable housing proposal](#)

POLITICO NY – Laura Nahmias

[Bill de Blasio Says 'It's Breathtaking How Little' His Top Democratic Rival Knows](#)

NY OBSERVER – Will Bredderman

Mayor Bill de Blasio slapped back at city Comptroller Scott Stringer—the man discontented business interests hope to recruit to challenge him in next year’s Democratic primary—for his critiques yesterday of the mayor’s key initiatives to combat income inequality, including of his signature affordable housing plan. Speaking to radio host Brian Lehrer during his weekly “Ask the Mayor” segment on WNYC, de Blasio simultaneously accused his rival of political posturing and of outright ignorance. The comptroller claimed at a Thursday morning meeting of the Association for a Better New York, a group of the city’s financial leaders, that the administration had missed out on funding and opportunities by failing to start a public land bank to manage and develop the 1,175 vacant city-owned properties across the five boroughs.

[It's 'Breathtaking' How Little Stringer Understands About Housing: Mayor](#)

DNA INFO – Jeff Mays

Mayor Bill de Blasio said Comptroller Scott Stringer was being “disingenuous” and “grandstanding” when he criticized the mayor’s affordable housing and rezoning plans. Stringer on Thursday laid out an economic vision for the city that proposed using 1,100 vacant city-owned plots of land to create a land bank to allow for the

creation of 57,000 units of permanently affordable housing. He added that de Blasio has not worked with enough urgency to address the scope of the affordable housing and homelessness crises in the city.

['Build It Back' Helping Fewer Homeowners, but Needs \\$500M More, City Says](#)

DNA INFO – Katie Honan

The city will add \$500 million to its multi-billion dollar Build It Back budget despite losing more than half of its original registrants. Director Amy Peterson confirmed the ballooning costs at a City Council oversight hearing Thursday, hours after it was first reported by the Wall Street Journal.

...When asked about the program specifics at an unrelated press conference, de Blasio said he'd have more details around the fourth anniversary of the storm on Oct. 29.

[Build it Back Is Sucking Hundreds of Millions Out of Other Vital Resiliency Projects](#)

VILLAGE VOICE – Alexandra Neason

New York City Council members spat criticism and frustration at members of the de Blasio administration yesterday after learning that the city's Build it Back program is \$500 million over budget and will now require the administration to shift taxpayer money from other vital resiliency projects to pay for it. Councilmembers first learned of the issues with the Superstorm Sandy recovery initiative in a Wall Street Journal report on Wednesday night.

[Cyclist Critically Injured by Hit-and-Run Dump Truck Driver in Midtown](#)

VILLAGE VOICE – Nick Pinto

A cyclist was critically injured by a hit-and-run dump truck driver in Midtown early Friday morning. The cyclist, reportedly in his 30s, was traveling south on Eighth Avenue near the Port Authority bus terminal around 3:30 a.m. when he was struck by a dump truck driver heading east on 40th street, according to an NYPD spokesperson. The cyclist was taken to Bellevue Hospital with life-threatening injuries, while truck driver fled the scene.

...Despite Mayor Bill de Blasio's Vision Zero campaign to reduce cyclist and pedestrian fatalities in New York, more cyclists have already been killed in the city this year than in all of last year. The NYPD has also come under criticism for its participation in the program. By one estimate, police brought enforcement actions in only 2.5 percent of the 38,000 hit-and-runs documented in the city last year.

[Interactive Map Shames Drivers Parked In Bike Lanes](#)

GOTHAMIST – David Colon

Cars blocking bike lanes rank high among the most dangerous and irritating obstacles you encounter when riding a bike in NYC. You not only have to pull into traffic to go around the car, but you never know when a passenger will door you or if the driver will suddenly pull out and send you careening into traffic.

...CarsInBikeLanes is the brainchild of Nathan Rosenquist, a systems administrator and cyclist, who explained in an email that he created the site as a way to call "undeniable attention to the cognitive dissonance of City Hall's bike lane policies and their lack of leadership on the issue." Rosenquist was especially alarmed that Mayor de Blasio, despite being the architect of Vision Zero, went on the Brian Lehrer show recently and excused drivers who briefly double park in bike lanes. "I don't think he understands that it takes a lot less time to be killed on a bike than it takes to let the kids off at home," Rosenquist said.

[Can NYC Find Balance With Controversial Free WiFi Kiosks?](#)

GOTHAMIST – Max Rivlin-Nadler

The goal of fast, affordable Internet for New York City is something that residents and technology advocates have been pushing for almost as long as the Internet has been around. Mayor Giuliani dreamed of an unused water main becoming a high-speed Internet conduit. That never happened. Mayor Bloomberg used a backroom deal with Verizon exact a promise to provide insanely fast fiber optic services to all New Yorkers. That didn't quite pan out, either. By the time Bill de Blasio entered Gracie Mansion in 2014, many people had resigned

themselves to the idea that the largest city in the United States didn't have a fast, affordable Internet option for its citizens.

[City Turns Over E-mails Between de Blasio and 'Agent of the City,' but Many Mayoral Messages Redacted](#)

NY1 – Grace Rauh

Mayor Bill de Blasio likes to share news stories with his so-called "agents of the city." After a former aide, Peter Ragone, sent de Blasio an Associated Press story about the mayor's attempt to push the Democratic presidential candidates to the left, the mayor forwarded the article, just before midnight, to two key outside advisers: Jonathan Rosen, who co-founded the political PR firm BerlinRosen, and John Del Cecato, a Democratic strategist. He included a comment with the story as well, but the city redacted it.

[Tension Between Mayor and Comptroller Spills Into Public View](#)

NY1 – Courtney Gross

You could say City Comptroller Scott Stringer started it. He gave a sweeping address on Thursday slamming the mayor for not utilizing vacant land for affordable housing. According to Stringer, Mayor Bill de Blasio was moving too slowly to fix the city's problems. The mayor says otherwise. "It's breathtaking how little the comptroller understands about this issue," de Blasio said. "We've gone over this publicly many times."

[Quality Inn in Bellerose said to eye severing ties with city homeless agency as crisis on streets hits new record](#)

PIX 11 – Mario Diaz, Paige Leskin

"I can do the math — we are going backwards." This is City Council member Barry Grodenchik's assessment of the homeless crisis since Mayor Bill de Blasio appointed Department of Homeless Services Commissioner Steven Banks nine months ago. Banks finds himself in one of the most volatile chapters of his career. Protestors from Maspeth, Queens have been demonstrating on his Brooklyn doorstep as the commissioner deals with a homeless population that has hit record highs nearly 10 times in the past 23 days.

Agency Mentions:

[Unpopular Portion Cut From Entry Test for New York's Elite High Schools](#)

NY TIMES – Elizabeth Harris

This week, education officials decided to make a change to the New York specialized high school entry exam, a standardized test that is the sole factor in whether students are admitted to some of the city's most competitive high schools, like Stuyvesant High School or Brooklyn Technical High School.

...These paragraphs were, to put it politely, unpopular with many students and their families, and were often criticized as having little relation to what students were taught in school, which could give an advantage to those who could afford to pay for test preparation. The city's Education Department decided to remove them to align the test more closely with classroom instruction.

[Ex-Bronx Science Teacher Pleads Guilty in Child Pornography Case](#)

NY TIMES – Elizabeth Harris

A former teacher and debate coach at one of the city's most competitive high schools pleaded guilty in federal court in Manhattan on Friday to one count of receiving material that contained child pornography. The former teacher, Jon Cruz, 33, was on the faculty of the Bronx High School of Science, and the coach of its storied speech and debate team, which became a formidable national competitor under his leadership. A tireless coach and skilled fund-raiser, he was a popular figure at the school.

[Abandoned SUV that caused LaGuardia Airport chaos traced to illegal cabbie](#)

DAILY NEWS – Graham Rayman

The abandoned SUV that caused air travel chaos at LaGuardia Airport has been traced to an illegal livery cab driver, sources said Friday. The driver is currently being questioned by Port Authority Police, sources said. The car was left vacant outside Terminal B about 11 p.m. Thursday and a man was seen running away, a law enforcement source said. Authorities partially evacuated the terminal and vehicular traffic was diverted for nearly two hours.

[Grandmother of man, 28, shot dead outside Brooklyn housing project demands justice: 'I want the police to find whoever did this'](#)

DAILY NEWS – Edgar Sandoval, Thomas Tracy

The inconsolable grandmother of a 28-year-old man fatally shot outside a Brooklyn housing project is demanding that the killer be brought to justice. “He was my baby. I raised him since he was a baby,” Arnette Ervin, 76, told the Daily News Thursday as her family gathered to mourn Rysheen Ervin. “I want the police to find whoever did this. He can run, but he can't hide.” Rysheen Ervin was shot multiple times in the chest on Osborne St. outside the Howard Houses in Brownsville about 3 p.m. Wednesday.

[Man cuffed in fatal Brooklyn shooting avoids murder rap as cops say killing may have been in self defense](#)

DAILY NEWS – Ryan Sit

Police arrested a man in last month's fatal shooting of a bus driver in Brooklyn, though he was not charged with murder as the killing may have been in self-defense. Winfred Chrispen, 26, was charged with criminal possession of a weapon in connection with the killing of 28-year-old Zaven Gordon at an Auto Zone shop on Flatbush Ave. near Hubbard Place on the night of Aug. 4, police said. Investigators said the confrontation stemmed from an earlier verbal dispute between Chrispen and Gordon's girlfriend.

[EXCLUSIVE: Family of Brooklyn man convicted in bogus murder rap takes home \\$8M settlement](#)

DAILY NEWS – John Marzulli

The widow and daughter of a Brooklyn man who served more than 22 years in prison for murder before his conviction was tossed out by a federal judge will receive \$8.25 million to settle their lawsuit, the Daily News has learned. In a tragic twist of fate, William Lopez died of an asthma attack 20 months after gaining his freedom. He was 55 at the time. "The settlement is a vindication of Willie's innocence, but it's also a bittersweet moment because he's not here to enjoy the proceeds of the suit," said lawyer Dennis Kelly, who represented Lopez's widow Alice Lopez and his daughter Crystal Martinez.

...A spokesman for the city Law Department said in a statement: "In vacating Mr. Lopez's conviction because of newly-discovered evidence and other issues with his criminal case, the Court pointed to his likely innocence. After a review of the issues raised by the Court and the evidence, we have determined that a settlement with Mr. Lopez's family is fair and in the best interests of the city."

[Witness set to testify in NYPD cop's drug conspiracy trial whacked 'Don Corleone'-style, prosecutors say](#)

DAILY NEWS – John Marzulli, Victoria Bekiempis, Graham Rayman, Thomas Tracy

An NYPD cop accused of running with a violent drug crew had his bail revoked Wednesday after a cooperating witness set to testify against him was whacked “Don Corleone” gangland-style in the Bronx, the Daily News has learned. Federal Judge Colleen McMahon made the declaration just hours after victim Robert Bishun, 36, was abducted from his auto body shop and found strangled in the back of his BMW in Fieldston late Tuesday. “I’ve been around the racetrack once or twice. It certainly sounds like a contract killing,” McMahon said, adding that Bishun’s slaying smacked of “movie violence.”

[Group of wrongfully convicted men demands NYPD reform its interrogation, eyewitness ID practices](#)

DAILY NEWS – Molly Crane-Newman, Ginger Adams Otis

Dozens of wrongfully convicted men who spent decades in prison gathered on the steps of City Hall Friday to demand the NYPD reveal its policies on recording interrogations and getting eyewitnesses identifications. Too many innocent people have gone to prison for crimes they didn't commit, organizers said. “This should mark the beginning of finally getting justice reform in the area of videotaping confessions and eyewitness identification reform in the state of New York,” said Barry Scheck of the Innocence Project.

[Robert 'Pudgie' Walsh, retired FDNY lieutenant and Brooklyn Mariners coach, dead at 82](#)

DAILY NEWS - Staff

The FDNY will say goodbye to one of the founders of the Bravest football team on Monday. Retired lieutenant Robert “Pudgie” Walsh died Sept. 21. He was 82. Walsh, the son of an NYPD detective, grew up in working-class Marine Park, Brooklyn. After a stint in the U.S. Navy, he joined the Fire Department as a young man and rose up through the ranks.

[Cops hunt pair who posed as officers in Queens, Bronx robberies](#)

DAILY NEWS – Ben Kochman

Cops are looking for two men who posed as police officers during a string of recent robberies in Queens and the Bronx. In four separate incidents, the pair of posers pulled victims over in a white cargo van, yanked them out of their cars and sprayed a stinging substance in their faces, police said. The men struck three times on Sept. 8, police said. At 1:45 a.m., they pulled over a 23-year-old on E. 135th St. in Mott Haven and stole \$300, cops said.

[Pervy Bronx teacher says he’s ‘very, very sorry’ after pleading guilty in child pornography case, faces 14 years](#)

DAILY NEWS – Shayna Jacobs

A twisted Bronx High School of Science teacher who paid teenage boys for nude photos pleaded guilty Friday to paying for perverse photographs. Jon Cruz, 33, is expected to get between 11 and 14 years in prison for his receiving child pornography conviction when he's sentenced in January in Manhattan Federal Court. In a packed courtroom of supporters — including baby-faced former students — the now-former social studies instructor and debate coach admitted to the vile conduct.

[Bronx charter school teacher busted for beating student who kept \\$4G he gave the teen to buy a pound of pot](#)

DAILY NEWS – Kerry Burke, Ross Keith, Thomas Tracy

A 48-year-old Bronx charter school teacher was arrested Friday for attacking a 16-year-old student who stiffed him during a drug buy, officials said. Kevin Pope, a science teacher at the John V. Lindsay Wildcat Academy in Hunts Point, was arrested at 10 a.m. for beating the teen so badly doctors needed staples to close several deep wounds on the back of the victim’s head, police sources said. Pope then stormed off with the teen’s gold chain, iPhone and wallet — apparent compensation for the money he lost in a botched marijuana buy involving the teen, cops said.

[Editorial: Cops at a crossroads: Police departments must reckon with their training, and with transparency over officer-involved shootings](#)

DAILY NEWS – Editorial

In frankly stating that he is deeply troubled by recent police shootings captured on video, NYPD Commissioner James O’Neill may have pushed American law enforcement toward a critically necessary reckoning. “At times, it is disturbing. It’s very disturbing,” O’Neill told the Daily News Editorial Board, declining to discuss specific cases, except for that of Walter Scott, who was shot in the back while unarmed and moving away from an officer who fired repeatedly from a distance. “What was particularly disturbing about that was obviously the loss of human life,” O’Neill said, “but everything in that video seems to confirm what people might have thought about the police, that we do things like that.”

[Editorial: End the school daze: Fix year-end calendar](#)

DAILY NEWS – Editorial

New York City public schools closed earlier this month in observance of the Muslim holy day Eid al-Adha. Schools will also be shut for the Muslim holy day Eid al-Fitr in June. As a result, the end of the school year is receding further toward July with a high chance that attendance will plummet. Last year, when the final full school day fell on a Monday, the attendance rate drop to 71% from an average above 90%. This year, the final full week of school ends Friday, June 23. Then schools close for a three-day weekend because Eid al-Fitr falls on Monday. Then, classes resume Tuesday, the 27th, followed by a half day to pick up report cards on Wednesday, the 28th.

[Hospital turns away 9/11 volunteer for bringing service dog](#)

NY POST – Marisa Schultz

A 9/11 volunteer being treated for PTSD was turned away from a Manhattan hospital Tuesday because he brought his service dog. Security officers at the New York State Psychiatric Institute in Washington Heights barred Jaime Hazan from an appointment with his doctor when they spotted his companion, Bernie, a service dog. Hazan explained that the 1-year-old Golden Doodle is a working service dog and said he felt “humiliated” when he was told that didn’t matter.

...It took four sympathetic NYPD cops called to the scene to resolve the situation and make clear that disability laws protect service dogs. But by that time, Hazan was too late for his appointment.

[Lil Wayne describes what life is really like inside Rikers Island](#)

NY POST – Tashara Jones

Lil Wayne is releasing a memoir he inked while incarcerated at Rikers Island that includes details of him performing a gay marriage ceremony for two other inmates and finding out his girlfriend had slept with Drake. The rapper, whose real name is Dwayne Carter Jr., is releasing “Gone ’Til November” on Oct. 11, a handwritten journal that describes his eight-month stint at Rikers in 2010 for gun charges. He describes how he playfully married off two other male inmates, and they decorated the hall with toilet tissue and toasted with 13 bottles of Gatorade. He wrote, “Gatorade is liquid gold in this bitch . . . Imagine seeing grown-ass men in jail hanging tissue for wedding decorations. AND one of them is Lil Wayne. Crazy.”

[Bronx teacher assaulted, robbed 16-year-old student over \\$4G in drug money: Police](#)

METRO – Kimberly Aquilina

A Bronx charter school teacher was arrested on Friday for punching and robbing a 16-year-old student who owed him \$4,000 in drug money, according to reports. Kevin Pope, 48, 450 West 147th St., Hamilton Heights, was arrested at 10 a.m. near John V. Lindsey Wildcats Academy on Lafayette Avenue in Hunts Point, a police spokeswoman said. Pope was a science teacher at the charter school, New York Daily News reported. A Kevin Pope is listed on the school’s website as a science teacher. According to NYPD, the student said he and Pope had a verbal dispute over \$4,000 the teen owes Pope for past drug sales. Pope approached the teen at around 5:10 p.m. on Wednesday and demanded money the teen owed him for weed the teacher allegedly sold him but the student never paid for, New York Post reported.

[Report: Lawyer for Eric Garner's daughter, 2, requests DNA test of his other 4 kids](#)

SI ADVANCE – Mira Wassef

The lawyer representing Legacy Garner, Eric Garner's 2-year-old daughter with Jewel Miller, in the estate battle wants the DNA of Garner's other four children to be tested because his name does not appear on their birth certificates, the Daily News reported. Lorraine Coyle, who is Legacy's appointed guardian in the \$6.9 million settlement with the city, made the request during a meeting in Surrogate's Court on Staten Island Wednesday, the article said.

[Video shows off-duty cop drinking beer, shots before allegedly hitting pedestrian](#)

SI ADVANCE – Frank Donnelly

Prosecutors on Friday began showing jurors surveillance video tape of an off-duty cop drinking beer and shots in a Castleton Corners bar several hours before he allegedly mowed down a pedestrian crossing a Mariners Harbor street three years ago. Joseph McClean, the cop, was drinking at a surprise birthday party for his girlfriend at the former Danny Boy's bar on Oct. 3 into Oct. 4, 2013, according to witness testimony.

[Police did not rule out Rahami Ahmad count on help](#)

EL DIARIO – Staff

The investigation into the explosions in New York and New Jersey is ongoing and although the prime suspect, Ahmad Khan Rahami, was arrested promptly, the office of counterterrorism operations of the New York Police (NYPD) does not rule out that there more people involved. "The question is: could a single person assemble all

these devices, that extension of land cover and do it all without help?" The commissioner Intelligence John Miller questioned during an interview with CBS.

[Municipal council seeks to avoid wrongful convictions](#)

EL DIARIO – Camille Padilla Dalmau

Parents of Johnny Hincapie, 48, taught him that you could trust the police. However at 18, that trust is broken when an officer beat him and threatened him life unless she gave false testimony. "If we had had cameras in every room of police headquarters in the city of New York during that time, I had not spent 25 years in prison because they had recorded the process of what the police were trying to do" Colombian said during a hearing held Friday the City Council to analyze erroneous convictions. At the joint hearing of the Committee of Public Safety and the Committee on Legal Services and Cortes, measures can take the New York City Police Department (NYPD) to decrease the number of false convictions were discussed.

[Join forces to demand the closure of the prison Rikers Island](#)

EL DIARIO – Edwin Martinez

In 1932 Rikers Island became a prison waiting rehabilitate detainees who passed through there to reintegrate into society, but not only failed in its goal but has become a temple to violence, as they say activists, former prisoners and political leaders demanded that the prison be closed immediately. And with the intention of asking the mayor Bill de Blasio that no more over the matter, and to take with political responsibility definitive measures and ordered the closure of the New York prison , dozens of organizations will march today from Astoria, Queens, to the infamous prison in daily acts of violence recorded against prisoners and guards.

[UWS Building Owners Face Jail After Bricks Fell and Killed Baby, City Says](#)

DNA INFO – Aidan Gardner

The city hit the owners of an Upper West Side building with criminal charges more than a year after bricks from its facade fell and killed a 2-year-old girl. Alexander Scharf and Esplanade Venture Partnership, who own The Esplanade at 305 West End Ave., face jail time. They had been told that the building's condition was a danger to the public prior to the incident that killed 2-year-old Greta Greene, Department of Buildings officials said. The owners failed to make the necessary repairs before the bricks fell from a window ledge in May 2015, fatally striking the child while she was in her stroller.

[Community Renews Push to Remove Statue of Man Who Experimented on Slaves](#)

DNA INFO – Dartunorro Clark

East Harlem residents are renewing a campaign to remove a statue of a man who experimented on enslaved women of color, and are calling on city officials to back their efforts at a neighborhood "speak out" on Sunday. The bronze statue of J. Marion Sims, which stands at the corner of Fifth Avenue and East 103rd Street, has been under fire for years by residents who say it honors a man who actively harmed slaves in his pursuit of medical history.

...The Parks Department said it does not remove statues based on content, but is working to add information about the slaves he experimented on without their consent.

[Teacher Beat and Robbed Student Who Owed Him \\$4K for Drugs, Police say](#)

DNA INFO – Kathleen Culliton

A Bronx charter school science teacher was arrested Friday after beating up a 16-year-old student he claimed owed him \$4,000 for drugs, police said. Kevin Pope, 48, a teacher at the John V. Lindsay Wildcat Academy on Lafayette Avenue and Barretto Street, was arrested at the school around 10 a.m. Friday after allegedly attacking a student over \$4,000 worth of drugs he sold the teenager, police said. Pope delivered the brutal beating around 5 p.m. Wednesday, then took off with the teenager's iPhone, wallet and chain, according to police.

[City indicts Upper West Side building owner for crumbling façade that killed toddler](#)

CRAIN'S NY – Joe Anuta

The city has brought criminal charges against the owner of an Upper West Side building whose façade crumbled and killed a two-year old girl in 2015, officials announced Friday. Last May, part of a stone windowsill fell eight stories from 305 West End Ave., killing Greta Green, a two-year-old who was sitting on a bench with her grandmother. A subsequent investigation found that the building owner had ignored several warning signs that the exterior walls of the property were unsafe, the city said, and that an engineer who had been paid to inspect the façade did not follow protocol. Now the New York City Law Department is prosecuting the owner of the building, Esplanade Venture Partnership and its principal, Alexander Scharf, for violating maintenance laws and letting the façade of the property deteriorate.

Local News:

[For Cuomo, Allies' Graft Charges Are Best Bad Outcome](#)

NY TIMES – Jesse McKinley, Vivian Yee

It was the worst — and, in one critical way, the best — news that Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo could have received. The names of the nine people charged in a scheme outlined by federal prosecutors on Thursday read like a starting lineup of friends of the New York governor, longtime acquaintances and deep-pocketed donors and their associates — and one man who had come to be like family to Mr. Cuomo. And the charges contained within were as ugly as they come in government work: bribes, extortion, fraud, conspiracy.

[Why Bomb Suspect's Travels Didn't Set Off More Scrutiny](#)

NY TIMES – Scott Shane, Julia Preston, Adam Goldman

To an amateur eye, Ahmad Khan Rahami's travel history might appear to be a red flag: He had traveled to Pakistan, the home of Al Qaeda, four times between 2005 and 2014. The last time he stayed for a year. So Mr. Rahami's arrest in the bombings last weekend in New York and New Jersey — and the revelation that he cited jihadist leaders in his journal — has raised an obvious question: Did the government miss something?

[Hunt Continues for 2 Men Who Found Suitcase Containing Bomb in Chelsea](#)

NY TIMES – Eli Rosenberg, Adam Goldman

Still no sign of them. Two days after the release of an image that investigators said showed two men who had come upon a suitcase containing an unexploded bomb on a Manhattan street, the authorities said on Friday that their identities and whereabouts remained unknown. Investigators said they considered the men to be witnesses, and wanted to talk to them as part of their effort to piece together the events of last Saturday, when bombs exploded in Seaside Park, N.J., and on West 23rd Street in Manhattan. Several unexploded bombs were found elsewhere, including the one in the suitcase, which was found on West 27th Street a few hours after the bomb went off four blocks away, and five others, which turned up late on Sunday near a train station in Elizabeth, N.J.

[Public Defender Says Prosecutor Denied Him Access to Ahmad Rahami](#)

NY TIMES – Benjamin Weiser

Since he was captured on Monday, Ahmad Khan Rahami, the man accused of carrying out bombings last weekend in Manhattan and on the Jersey Shore, has been hospitalized in Newark, recovering from gunshot wounds he sustained in a confrontation with the police. From his bed at University Hospital, he has been charged by three different prosecutors: the United States attorneys in Manhattan and New Jersey, for his alleged role in the bombings; and the Union County, N.J., prosecutor, for allegedly trying to kill police officers who tracked him down on Monday in the city of Linden. A New Jersey judge has ordered him held on \$5.2 million bail on the state charges.

[Whistle-Blower Suit Accuses Visiting Nurse Service of Fraud](#)

NY TIMES – Nina Bernstein

The Visiting Nurse Service of New York, one of the largest nonprofit home health care agencies in the United States, likes to highlight a lineage going back to its founder, Lillian Wald, who began nursing the poorest immigrant New Yorkers in their homes in 1893. Whatever its outcome, a federal whistle-blower lawsuit served

on the agency on Thursday showcases how far today's billion-dollar entity has come from its early days, when Ms. Wald's visiting nurses charged a dime, or nothing at all, for their services.

[Hasidic Man Found Guilty of Gang Assault in Beating of Black Student in Brooklyn](#)

NY TIMES – Colin Moynihan

A Brooklyn man was convicted on Friday of participating in a racially charged beating of a black college student in fall 2013 that left the victim without vision in his right eye. Justice Danny K. Chun of State Supreme Court in Brooklyn issued the guilty verdict after a bench trial that included video surveillance footage, DNA evidence and testimony from the victim, Taj Patterson, who described being set upon by up to 20 men as he walked through the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn early one morning.

[Gov. Andrew Cuomo Seeks Distance From Bribery Scandal](#)

WSJ – Erica Orden, Mike Vilensky, Josh Dawsey

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo doesn't want to touch the bad bowl of ziti. Faced with scathing allegations about his administration in the pages of a federal criminal complaint—a document that outlined how a former top aide accused of bribery sought ziti, a mafia-type code word for cash—Mr. Cuomo said on Friday he was moving forward with business as usual. “I am more committed to western New York's revitalization than ever before,” the governor said during a speech in Buffalo, referring to the region of the state at the center of the allegations in the public-corruption case made public this week. “We are not going to miss a beat.”

[Officials: 25 Indicted in Record Drug Bust](#)

WSJ – Associated Press

Authorities have made a record drug bust, seizing 33 kilograms of heroin and 2 kilograms of fentanyl, Attorney General Eric Schneiderman and the New York State Police said Friday. Mr. Schneiderman's office said the seizure is the largest ever in the 46-year history of New York's Organized Crime Task Force. The investigation was called “Operation Dirty Dope” and led to the disruption of what Mr. Schneiderman's office called an alleged national heroin smuggling ring.

[Column: Rockaways Block Has Seen Better Days](#)

WSJ – Anne Kadet

I got my first look at Beach 84th Street in the Rockaways entirely by happenstance. Wandering the area for fun last fall, I turned the corner and—whoa. Between the torn-up road, trashy vacant lots and boarded-up homes, I'd never seen a block in such rough shape. I couldn't believe I was in New York City. A few weeks ago, I returned to check my recollection. Surely, my memory was exaggerated. Nope. The empty lots are still filled with 4-foot weeds, rubble and busted machinery. Elsewhere on the block, the sidewalk had crumbled and caved into the sewer below. A shadowy haunted house loomed over a mass of fallen power lines unspooling over the roadbed.

[Attorney General's office takes down 25 dopes who trafficked heroin cut with Novocain, roach spray](#)

DAILY NEWS – Chelsia Rose Marcus

Twenty-five people were indicted Friday in “Operation Dirty Dope,” a sting that busted up a heroin ring, said Attorney General Eric Schneiderman. Investigators from Schneiderman's office and other agencies used wire taps, confidential informants and undercover surveillance to track the alleged traffickers moving heroin and Fentanyl through the region. More than 33 kilos of heroin and 2 kilos of “highly potent” Fentanyl were taken off the streets by Schneiderman's office and agents with the New York State Police and the Massachusetts DEA Task Force.

[Gov. Cuomo ‘had no idea’ about the nine former aides charged in ‘very disturbing’ New York corruption probe](#)

DAILY NEWS – Glenn Blain, Ken Lovett

Gov. Cuomo Friday denied knowledge of any criminal activity within his administration and said he doesn't believe he's a target of an ongoing federal probe that led to the arrest of nine associates. Speaking publicly for the first time since the criminal complaint was unveiled by Manhattan US Attorney Preet Bharara Thursday,

Cuomo during a trip to Buffalo also lamented the arrest of his longtime aide and close friend, Joseph Percoco, who at 19 had worked for Cuomo's now late father, Gov. Mario Cuomo.

[No public defender for Chelsea bomber Ahmad Rahami, judge rules](#)

DAILY NEWS – Larry McShane

Terrorist bombing suspect Ahmad Rahami has access to plenty of doctors — but not a lawyer. A New Jersey federal judge rejected a public defender's call Friday for a court-appointed federal attorney to represent the man suspected in last weekend's bombings in Chelsea and the Jersey Shore. Rahami, 28, remained hospitalized under a doctor's care in Newark after his Monday arrest following a wild gunfight with police.

[Judge allows prosecutors to dip into ex-NYC Councilman Seabrook's pension in order to pay \\$418G in federal corruption penalties](#)

DAILY NEWS – Barbara Ross

Larry Seabrook, the disgraced City Councilman from The Bronx who is serving a five year sentence on federal corruption charges, can't save his public pension from prosecutors who are seizing it to pay his financial penalties, a federal appeals court ruled. The Second Circuit Court of Appeals on Thursday upheld a lower court ruling allowing prosecutors to seize part of Seabrook's pension to pay \$418,000 in forfeiture penalties. Seabrook gets a pension from the decades he spent as a councilman, state senator and state assemblyman.

[Rick Lazio, who lost 2000 Senate race to Hillary Clinton after debate gaffe, gives Donald Trump tips: 'Stay at the podium!'](#)

DAILY NEWS – Meg Wagner

Rick Lazio, whose senatorial hopes were dashed when he waltzed up to opponent Hillary Clinton during their 2000 debate, has a tip for her new rival: Learn from my mistake. Lazio — the Republican who began slipping in New York's 2000 U.S. Senate race after he brazenly approached Clinton mid-debate in a bid to force her to sign a campaign finance pledge — urged Donald Trump not to move on Monday night's presidential debate stage. "My advice? Stay at the podium!" the former U.S. congressman from Long Island told the Daily News in an email Friday.

[Ex-N.Y. Gov. Paterson settles \\$25G with Securities and Exchange Commission after failing to report 'filing issue'](#)

DAILY NEWS – Glenn Blain

Former Gov. David Paterson, who recently launched a new career as a Wall Street broker, is in hot water with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Paterson, 62, agreed to pay a \$25,000 fine for failing to properly report stock transactions while he served on the board of a company seeking to develop a mammoth movie studio in Georgia, the SEC announced Friday. The SEC also accused three company executives of defrauding investors and using their money to enrich themselves. The company — Medient Studios and later called Moon River Studios — eventually shut down without producing a single movie or video game.

[Mayer Herskovic found guilty in brutal Brooklyn gang beating of gay black man](#)

DAILY NEWS – Christina Carrega-Woodby

A Hasidic man was convicted of gang assault on Friday for taking part in a vicious attack on a gay black man in Brooklyn. Mayer Herskovic, 23, faces up to 15 years behind bars for the brutal Dec. 1, 2013, assault in Williamsburg that left Taj Patterson blind in one eye. Brooklyn Supreme Court Justice Danny Chun convicted Herskovic of three charges after the nonjury trial — gang assault in the second degree, unlawful imprisonment and menacing.

[Port Authority cop talks suicidal man out of jumping off George Washington Bridge](#)

DAILY NEWS – Graham Rayman

A Port Authority police officer talked a suicidal man out of leaping to his death from the George Washington Bridge Friday. Officer Juan Guzman was called to the south side of the upper level of the towering span about 2

p.m. The suicidal man had climbed over a protective railing and was inches from plummeting to his death. Dramatic photos released by the Port Authority Police Department show Guzman with his hand on the man's right shoulder talking gently to him.

[Joe Scarborough's son fractures skull in fall down stairs](#)

DAILY NEWS – Meg Wagner

Joe Scarborough's son is recovering after he fractured his skull when he fell down a flight of stairs Thursday. Andrew Scarborough, 25, was rushed to Bellevue Hospital after a "horrible accident," "Morning Joe" co-host Mika Brzezinski said Friday. "They stabilized him. That trauma team is amazing," the MSNBC anchor said Friday. "It's touch-and-go, but they're stabilized." The elder Scarborough, who skipped his Friday show to tend to the family emergency, confirmed that his son is doing "much better" — and is even bragging about his favorite baseball team.

[Bicyclist needs leg amputation after hit-and-run in Midtown](#)

DAILY NEWS – Aidan McLaughlin

A bicyclist will need his leg amputated after he was struck by a hit-and-run driver in Midtown early Friday, according to police. The victim, who is in his 30s, was pedaling downtown on Eighth Ave. when a large truck heading east on W. 40th St. slammed into him about 3:30 a.m., cops said. "The car really smashed into him," said Aaron Neal, 31, who works at a Duane Reade near the crash scene. "I saw the car speeding away. It was some kind of commercial truck." "The guy on the bike busted his head open — there was blood everywhere," Neal added. "Whatever happens, he's lucky if he survives that."

[Ex-congressman says Cuomo should scrap power plant construction](#)

NY POST – Kirstan Conley

Gov. Cuomo should scrap construction of an upstate power plant cited in a sweeping federal corruption probe to maintain his own integrity, says former Ohio congressman and presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich. If Cuomo doesn't stop the project by Competitive Power Ventures "it would raise troubling questions about complicity," said Kucinich, who has joined residents who oppose the planned 650-megawatt plant in Wawayanda, about 75 miles northwest of New York City.

[Cuomo doubles down on Buffalo Billion despite indictments](#)

NY POST – Carl Campanile, Danika Fears

Gov. Cuomo doubled down on his Buffalo Billion revitalization efforts on Friday, while insisting the project had "nothing to do with" the nine people who were indicted Thursday as part of a federal corruption probe. "You hear people say this is going to hurt the Buffalo Billion," he said during a speech at the Albright-Knox Art Gallery in Buffalo. "Anyone who would say that doesn't know what the Buffalo Billion was about in the first place. It had nothing to do with those nine people."

[Cuomo aide used personal email to hide shady deals: feds](#)

NY POST – Carl Campanile

Gov. Cuomo's former aide Joseph Percoco — who is accused of pocketing more than \$315,000 in bribes as part of pay-to-play schemes — used his personal e-mail account to surreptitiously discuss his shady dealings, court papers show. "State employees are not to use personal email addresses to conduct State business unless explicitly authorized," Deleassa Penland, a criminal investigator with the US Attorney's Office in Manhattan, wrote in the criminal complaint. Cuomo's former director of operations, Howard Glaser, who has not been charged in the federal case, was also using his own e-mail account in dealing with official state business, the indictment says.

[James Dolan still paying Cuomo crony busted in bribery scandal](#)

NY POST – Carl Campanile

Madison Square Garden boss James Dolan is sticking by disgraced senior VP Joseph Percoco, who has been charged in an Albany pay-to-play scandal. At least for now. “These charges have nothing to do with Mr. Percoco’s employment at MSG. We believe Joe is a man of good character and hope to see this matter resolved in a timely manner,” MSG said in a statement. Percoco is a former top political confidant and aide to Gov. Cuomo.

[Teacher beats up student who owed him money for weed](#)

NY POST – Larry Celona, Shawn Cohen, Natalie Musumeci

A Bronx charter-school teacher recruited a student to help him score \$4,000 worth of marijuana — and he beat the teen senseless when he found out the kid pocketed the cash, police sources said Friday. Kevin Pope, 48, also stole the teen’s iPhone and wallet and threatened to sexually assault his mother if he didn’t get his money back, the sources said.

...A Department of Education spokeswoman directed all questions to the charter school, which declined to comment.

[Family of dead man wrongfully convicted of murder gets \\$8.25M from city](#)

NY POST – Joe Tacopino

The family of a man who spent 23 years in prison before his murder conviction was overturned agreed Friday to a \$8.25 million settlement from the city. The daughter of William Lopez, whose conviction in the 1989 slaying of a drug dealer was tossed out by a judge in 2013, will split the settlement with Lopez’s wife, according to the daughter’s attorney, Michael Aviles. Less than two years after being released from prison, Lopez suffered an asthma attack and died. His family previously won a \$4.2 million settlement from the state.

[Larry Seabrook loses appeal to hold onto pension](#)

N POST – Lia Eustachewich

An appeals court ruled this week that crooked ex-City Councilman Larry Seabrook must forfeit his taxpayer-funded pension in order to pay back \$418,252 he still owes as a result of his conviction on fraud charges. The Second Circuit ruling came down Thursday and upholds last year’s decision by Manhattan federal court Judge P. Kevin Castel that the feds could seize Seabrook’s cash. Seabrook was convicted on multiple fraud charges in 2012 for steering more than \$1 million in taxpayer money to his family and girlfriend through shady nonprofits he ran.

[Politician witnesses ‘gang’ death before meeting on gang violence](#)

NY POST – Daniel Prendergast, Natalie Musumeci

A Brooklyn lawmaker was preparing for a community meeting on gang violence — but he wasn’t prepared for the real-life example just outside the window, including the sound of gunfire and a fleeing, bloodied victim. “We saw people running, and one guy was running and he was shot in the back — you could see the blood,” state Sen. Jesse Hamilton told The Post, describing the mayhem in Brownsville.

[Legislators might seek Chris Christie impeachment: report](#)

NY POST – Yaron Steinbuch

Key members of the New Jersey Assembly are considering whether to seek the impeachment of Gov. Chris Christie over Bridgegate, according to a report. Some members of the Democrat-controlled Assembly believe testimony in the George Washington Bridge scandal trial suggests the Republican governor had knowledge of the infamous lane closures in Fort Lee as they were happening, NBC 4 New York reports.

[Cyclist gets leg amputated after hit-and-run](#)

NY POST – Kenneth Garger, Shawn Cohen

A 54-year-old bicyclist needed his right leg amputated after he was struck by a hit-and-run dump truck in Midtown early Friday, police sources said. The Syracuse man was pedaling south on northbound Eighth Avenue about 3:30 a.m. when the dump truck barreled into him at the intersection of West 40th Street, police

said. The cyclist, who was in the crosswalk at the time, was tossed from his bike and sustained a serious leg injury.

[Opinion: It's not too late to save New York's own Lenin monument](#)

NY POST – Leonid Bershidsky

Since the fall of communism in 1989, I've been to dozens of cities — most in the former Eastern Bloc — where statues of Lenin have been taken down. I never thought I'd count New York among them, but as of Monday night, the city longer has a statue of the man who led Russia's 1917 revolution. New York's sole Lenin is a special case: It's privately owned by Michael Rosen, a former NYU professor, developer and investor, and his erstwhile partner Michael Shaoul. The two ran a small trading company, Oscar Gruss & Son. They weren't typical Wall Streeters, though.

[Cuomo, wrapping himself in Buffalo, answers Bharara's charges](#)

POLITICO NY – Jimmy Vielkind

"I had no idea about anything that was contained in that complaint," Gov. Andrew Cuomo said Friday. He was speaking to reporters in Buffalo, site of the \$900 million factory for SolarCity that, until Thursday, had been a signature accomplishment. But an 80-page criminal complaint that charged three of the Democratic governor's long-term allies — Joe Percoco, Todd Howe and Alain Kaloyeros — has cast a shadow on the project and the integrity of an administration that rode into office promising to "clean up Albany."

[\[PRO\] Griffo, Brindisi ask that Kaloyeros be removed as SUNY Poly president](#)

POLITICO NY – Josefa Velasquez

[\[PRO\] Lawmakers, unions to join efforts to address looming teacher shortage](#)

POLITICO NY – Keshia Clukey

[Corruption charges echo at Business Council event](#)

POLITICO NY – Jimmy Vielkind

The head of the state's Business Council hopes corruption charges against SUNY Polytechnic Institute president Alain Kaloyeros don't "sidetrack any progress we've made." Kaloyeros, who is facing federal and state charges of rigging bids on facilities the high-tech school built in Albany, Buffalo and Syracuse, was relieved of his position at the school on Thursday. He has pleaded not guilty to the charges.

[Zimpher: SUNY to review policies after Kaloyeros arrest](#)

POLITICO NY – Keshia Clukey

[\[PRO\] Cuomo transfers SUNY Poly projects to Empire State Development](#)

POLITICO NY – Jimmy Vielkind

[\[PRO\] Schneiderman announces major heroin and fentanyl seizure](#)

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[\[PRO\] ESD tabled SUNY Poly payment after corruption charges](#)

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[Cuomo Vows to 'Learn From' Claims of Corruption in His Economic Development Programs](#)

NY OBSERVER – Will Bredderman

A day after the Justice Department filed accusations of a multibillion-dollar bid-rigging scheme at the heart of his biggest economic development initiative, Gov. Andrew Cuomo appeared on the scene of the alleged crime—Buffalo—to announce both an administrative reshuffling and a renewed commitment to the program. U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara charged Alain Kaloyeros, president of the State University of New York

Polytechnic Institute, with tailoring requests-for-proposals for the Buffalo Billion project so that only his accomplices—developers who had donated heavily to Cuomo’s campaign—could secure the contracts. Kaloyeros, the highest paid state employee prior to his removal yesterday, and SUNY Polytechnic have handled almost all the governor’s economic development agenda in upstate New York.

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National News:

[Debate Prep? Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump Differ on That, Too](#)

NY TIMES – Patrick Healy, Amy Chozick, Maggie Haberman

Hillary Clinton is determined to get under Donald J. Trump's skin at Monday's debate, and is testing attack lines to try to rattle him. Mr. Trump is largely shunning traditional debate preparations, but has been watching video of Mrs. Clinton's best and worst debate moments, looking for her vulnerabilities.

The two candidates are taking vastly different approaches to what is expected to be one of the most widely watched presidential debates since Carter vs. Reagan in 1980. And their divergent strategies reveal how the candidates and their campaigns see the race, their strengths and their opponents' weaknesses.

[Obama Vetoes 9/11 Bill, but Congressional Override Is Expected](#)

NY TIMES – Julie Hirschfeld Davis

President Obama vetoed legislation on Friday that would allow families of victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks to sue the government of Saudi Arabia for any role in the plot, setting up an extraordinary confrontation with a Congress that unanimously backed the bill and has vowed to uphold it. Mr. Obama's long-anticipated veto of the measure, known as the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act, is the 12th of his presidency. But unless those who oppose the bill can persuade lawmakers to drop their support by next week, it will lead to the first congressional override of a veto during Mr. Obama's presidency — a familiar experience for presidents in the waning months of their terms.

[Charlotte Is Pressured to Release Police Video of Man's Killing](#)

NY TIMES – Alan Blinder

This city's leaders, faced with mounting demands for transparency after a fatal police shooting of a black man led to rioting, resisted calls on Friday for the immediate release of video of the killing and argued that a rushed disclosure could compromise a criminal inquiry. The status of the police video of the shooting of Keith Lamont Scott, 43, and the shooting's circumstances have been debated here for days, and the discussion deepened on Friday, especially after lawyers for Mr. Scott's wife, Rakeyia, released a cellphone video that she took of the episode on Tuesday afternoon.

[Video by Wife of Keith Scott Shows Her Pleas to Police](#)

NY TIMES – Richard Fausset, Yamiche Alcindor

A cellphone video made by the wife of Keith Lamont Scott as he was fatally shot by the police here shows the moments before and after the episode, including the wife's pleas to her husband to get out of his truck, and her pleas to the officers not to shoot him. But the video, which was given to The New York Times on Friday by lawyers for the family, does not include a view of the shooting itself. Nor does it answer the crucial question of whether Mr. Scott had a gun, as the police have maintained. This question and others surrounding the case have transformed Charlotte into the latest crisis in the divisive debate over police treatment of minorities. In the last several nights here, hundreds of protesters have taken to the streets demanding justice. Many have done so peacefully. Others have vandalized property and clashed with the police.

[Tulsa's Prayers, and Past Scars, Softened Reaction to Police Shooting](#)

NY TIMES – Manny Fernandez, Michael Wines

White rioters poured into the streets, burning and looting homes, businesses and churches in a black neighborhood and leaving this city deeply traumatized. That was 1921. Last week, not far from where those haunting events took place, the streets of Tulsa were calm after a white police officer shot and killed an unarmed black motorist. The video of the shooting angered many Tulsa residents, but the subdued reaction was markedly different from the violent clashes that took place in Charlotte, N.C., in recent days, after the police killed a man there.

[Editorial: Health Care Deserves More Attention on the Campaign Trail](#)

NY TIMES - Editorial

The reaction to opening a medical bill these days is often shock and confusion — for the insured and the uninsured. Prices and deductibles keep rising, policies are drowning in fine print, and doctors are jumping on and off networks. So why hasn't the growing burden of health care gotten more attention in the presidential campaign? One reason may be the sheer complexity of the system. Yet Hillary Clinton, if you look closer at her proposals, has a range of interesting ideas on how to tackle costs and improve care. Donald Trump, meanwhile, rarely ventures beyond his "end Obamacare" slogan.

International News:

[Haitians, After Perilous Journey, Find Door to U.S. Abruptly Shut](#)

NY TIMES – Kirk Semple

They passed the corpses of other migrants who had tried to cross the Americas. They were cheated by smugglers and fleeced by armed bandits, and they suffered long stretches of hunger. Finally, after months of traveling across nine international borders, the Haitians made it to Tijuana, where thousands of their countrymen had already been allowed to enter the United States this year. All they had to do, they thought, was wait for their appointments with immigration officials and they, too, would be allowed on American soil.

['Doomsday Today in Aleppo': Assad and Russian Forces Bombard City](#)

NY TIMES – Ben Hubbard

Syria's war escalated abruptly on Friday as government forces and their Russian allies launched ferocious aerial assaults on opposition-held areas of Aleppo amid threats of a big ground offensive, while efforts at the United Nations to revive a cease-fire appeared to collapse. Repeated airstrikes that obliterated buildings and engulfed neighborhoods in flames killed about 100 people in Aleppo, the divided northern Syrian city that has epitomized the horrors of the war, turning the brief cease-fire of last week and hopes for humanitarian relief into faint memories. The bombings knocked out running water to an estimated two million people, the United Nations said.

[South Korea's President Has No Easy Options in Dealing with an Aggressive North](#)

NY TIMES – Choe Sang-Hun

After North Korea conducted its fifth and most powerful nuclear test this month, South Korea's president, Park Geun-hye, met with her country's opposition leaders to discuss how to react. The outcome was not surprising. Her liberal political opponents urged her to talk to the government in Pyongyang. Ms. Park, a conservative, said that would be a waste of time. Rather, she said, South Korea and its allies must focus on tightening sanctions, pressing the North to give up its nuclear program or face collapse.

[Egypt Recovers Over 160 Bodies From Sunken Migrant Boat](#)

NY TIMES – Nour Youssef

The Egyptian authorities said Friday that they had recovered 162 bodies after the sinking of a ship full of mostly Egyptian migrants in the Mediterranean this week. The death toll, which is expected to rise to nearly 300,

reflects the mounting economic pressure on Egyptians as well as a possible shift away from Libya as a point of departure for migrants headed to Europe, migrant aid workers said.

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CBS 2 - Charlotte Police-Involved Shooting; Midtown Subway Slashing; NJ Car Crash
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CBS 2 - Queens Shooting Victim; Bridgegate; Midtown Subway Slashing
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ABC 7 - Chelsea Bombing; Charlotte Police-Involved Shooting; LI Body Found

Mayor de Blasio in Broadcast:

9/11 First Responder Denied Service Because of Service Dog

FOX 5 - Dana Arschin - 5:31 pm

A 9/11 first responder had a showdown with security guards. They stopped him from going to a doctor's appointment with his service dog. Jaime Hazan stills has nightmares from his volunteer work at Ground Zero on that fateful day 15 years ago. His service dog Bernie helps him deal with his PTSD. Earlier this week, he faced a roadblock he feels a disabled person should never have to encounter. A video shows the guard denying Jaime access from seeing the doctor because of Bernie and heading out to get his supervisor while Jaime states that Bernie is allowed to be there. On Tuesday, Jaime came to New York State Psychiatric Institute in Washington Heights for a routine doctor's visit. Jaime said he's brought Bernie several times in the past but, as you can see in the video that Jaime recorded, two state safety officers wouldn't let him enter with Bernie, even though Jamie insisted it's against federal law. "For a psychiatric hospital to be unaware that a service dog is allowed through, to me is among the most egregious things that have happened. And it's disgusting to put a patient through that," Jaime said. A spokesperson for the State agency that runs the medical facility told FOX-5 that service animals are definitely welcome. They are "distressed and perplexed that these employees failed to abide by this policy and will take immediate action to address this incident and to make sure that other visitors are not treated like this going forward." Aside from PTSD, Jaime also suffers physically and says he does nothing but give back to the community. Even Mayor Bill de Blasio acknowledged his heroism at a press conference in January. Jaime wants to stress that he's had many positive experiences with this medical facility, and he has been very happy with the doctors he's met with. He just hopes that going forward, this won't happen to anyone else and that more people will be educated about service dogs.

Agency Mentions:

Parents Warned After Attempted Abduction in College Point, Queens

NBC 4 - David Ushery - 5:05 pm

Tonight, there has been a warning issued for parents in College Point, Queens. A girl says she was walking to school at PS 129 when a man grabbed her arm. The man tried to drag her away, but she was able to break free and run for help. She told her teacher what happened and the teacher called 9-1-1. The schools says the NYPD is now investigating.

ABC 7 - AJ Ross - 5:31 pm

Police have been at PS 129 all day following the disturbing report of a man praying on a nine-year-old girl as she was walking to school. Thankfully, the little girl is okay, but police are continuing their hunt for the suspect.

CBS 2 - Kristine Johnson - 5:08 pm

Roosevelt Island Lift Bridge Malfunctions, DOT Working on Repairs

NBC 4 - Sibila Vargas - 5:11 pm

The lift bridge to Roosevelt Island has apparently malfunctioned. Cars are unable to get in or out. Some type of mechanical malfunction happened within the last hour. There is no timetable as to when the repairs will be completed.

ABC 7 - Sade Baderinwa - 5:33 pm

The Roosevelt Island Bridge has been shut down. The bridge is apparently stuck in the open position with about a six inch gap. There is currently no pedestrian or vehicular traffic on or off the island. The Department of Transportation is on the scene working on the repairs right now.

CBS 2 - Dan Rice - 5:46 pm

Upper West Side Building Owner Charged With Negligence For Facade Collapse That Killed Toddler

FOX 5 - Dari Alexander - 5:33 pm

The owner of a Upper West Side senior housing complex has been charged with negligence in the tragic death of a two-year-old girl. Gretta Green was killed in May of 2015 after she and her grandmother were hit by bricks that fell from the facade. The grandmother was injured, but survived. The City's Department of Buildings says that it notified the owner about the deteriorating facade beforehand, but they failed to make the appropriate repairs.

NBC 4 - David Ushery - 5:33 pm

Wrongfully Convicted New Yorkers Rally at City Hall Demanding Recorded Interrogations

FOX 5 - Dari Alexander - 5:35 pm

Victims of wrongful convictions and their families want police interrogations to be recorded to stop innocent people from spending time behind bars. They joined other advocates on the steps of City Hall with their demands. Shabaka Shakur spent nearly 30 years behind bars for a crime that he did not commit. He says it was the officer's word against his. The NYPD responded at a joint hearing later this morning saying it videotapes the interviews of defendants of the seven major felonies. There are exceptions including if they have a lawyer, or choose not to be recorded.

NBC 4 - Chuck Scarborough - 6:05 pm

Parents of Kalief Browder Speak Out on Steps of State Supreme Court Building

NBC 4 - Natalie Pasquarella - 6:12 pm

The parents of a former Rikers Island inmate who killed himself say they are hoping for their day in court. Kalief Browder's mother and father spoke out on the steps of the State Supreme Court building in the Bronx.

Their son was 16 when officers arrested him for allegedly stealing a backpack. He spent three years in Rikers before charges were dropped and he was released. Kalief's mother said that experience changed him. Officers arrested Browder for allegedly ignoring police orders. His lawyer says the alleged abuse that he suffered behind bars led him to commit suicide.

Bystander Wounded In Police Shooting Says City Has Forgotten Her

CBS 2 - Sonia Rincon - 5:59 pm

An innocent victim of an NYPD shooting is telling CBS-2 News her story. LaToya James was the bystander wounded nearly two years ago when police shot and killed a suspect in a hatchet attack on a police officer in Jamaica, Queens. While the shooting may have saved lives, it forever changed hers. From the moment it happened, James has felt forgotten. A bystander captured the chaos on video of the moments after she was shot. She remembers leaving work that day in October 2014 on Jamaica Avenue, hearing the gunfire, feeling the sharp pain in her lower back, and falling to the ground. The NYPD had opened fire on Zale Thompson, who had attacked Officer Kenneth Healey with a hatchet. It was a terrorist attack by a man authorities said was a self-radicalized would-be cop killer. The officers fired more than a dozen shots on the busy street to stop him. As James lay on the street bleeding, she remembers hearing ambulances come and go without her. Perilously close to being paralyzed, James underwent major surgery to remove part of her colon. It has been a long road to recovery both physically and emotionally. James remembers seeing officer Healey released from the hospital to applause. There was no such celebration of her survival. Worse, James hasn't gotten a penny of compensation from the city. Under existing law, the city owes her nothing. Her application for help from the state crime victim's compensation fund was recently denied because her case falls into a legal gray area. James' only option is to file a lawsuit — and she has. But she says an apology would also go a long way. She also would like to set the record straight. News accounts called her a homeless woman. She was living in a shelter at the time, because she's a struggling single mom. James' case is not unlike the innocent victims of the 2012 shooting at the Empire State Building, hurt by police gunfire. They have also filed lawsuits. Similar cases have seen settlements. But until that happens for James, she has no choice but to wait. CBS-2 reached out to city agencies, but they could not comment on any pending litigation. CBS-2 also reached out to the Mayor's office and state Attorney General's office with the hope of getting James some relief. James has an attorney who is preparing to tell a jury her story, in the hope that they will be generous. Her lawsuit seeks an unspecified amount.

Bronx Teacher Pleads Guilty in Child Pornography Case

NBC 4 - Sibila Vargas - 5:32 pm

A Bronx teacher accused in a child pornography case pled guilty. John Cruz is now awaiting sentencing after his court appearance today. Prosecutors say that he sent gift cards to teenage boys in exchange for nude pictures. He was arrested when one of the student's parents found out what was going on. Cruz was an award winning teacher and debate coach at Bronx High School of Science.

New Bill Proposes Reward for New Yorkers Who Rat Out Illegal Idlers

NBC 4 - Andrew Siff - 5:18 pm

New York City has some of the strictest laws against idling cars in the country — you can't do it for longer than three minutes. But would you rat out a driver for money? A proposed new law could put cash in your pocket for finding violators. The lawmaker behind the idea is Helen Rosenthal, the Upper West Side Councilwoman who frequently bikes to work. She says idling for more than three minutes has been illegal for years. Not only does the new bill remind New Yorkers that idling is illegal, it also encourages drivers to get out of their cars and look for other violators. A citizen could take a time stamped smartphone picture of an idler and then start timing. After three minutes, they would have enough evidence to send to the City along with a sworn affidavit. Some New Yorkers love the idea. Of getting paid just for speaking up. Others say something about the law doesn't feel right. Advocates say the problem is that trained officers haven't been doing it.

Patrols Increased in Kips Bay Park After Complaints of Vagrants

CBS 2 - Jessica Layton - 6:14 pm

There have been problems plaguing the park at Kips Bay. Residents there say vagrants are taking over the area instead of it being a safe place for children to play. City officials toured the park today. The regulars at the park say that they've seen the NYPD really stepping up patrols, but it hasn't solved all the problems in the park. Today, the Manhattan Borough President admitted that the City has to do more. At around 10 am, City Parks enforcement officers showed up and started telling loiterers to move along. An hour after that, NYPD arrived, going bench to bench, telling vagrants to move on. One resident says there have been a lot more patrols in the last two weeks. Despite the increased police presence, the problems are not gone. Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer saw it firsthand today, taking a tour of the park. She encouraged a homeless veteran to go to a shelter. Brewer says she will work with the Police Department and the Department of Homeless Services to make sure that the illegal activities going on do not take place. However, she says the hard part is to figure out how to deal with the lack of affordable housing and the need for mental health services. The New York City Parks Department says that in the last two weeks they've handed out 24 tickets for people breaking the rules.

Local News:

SUNY Polytechnic Institute President Appears in Court on Corruption Charges

NBC 4 - Sibila Vargas - 5:08 pm

New York's highest paid employee and a main player in a State corruption case spent the day in court. SUNY Polytechnic Institute President Alain Kaloyeros did not enter a plea and was released. He is accused of conspiring with developers to ensure they would receive lucrative contracts. Kaloyeros is a nanotech expert who led many of Governor Cuomo's efforts to attract high tech jobs.

'Operation Dirty Dope' Leads to Seizure of \$13 Million in Heroin and Fentanyl

NBC 4 - Sibila Vargas - 5:06 pm

There was a record-breaking drug bust. The investigation known as Operation Dirty Dope is the single largest takedown in the 46-year history of New York State's Organized Crime Task Force. Agents seized more than 70 pounds of heroin and fentanyl with a street value of more than \$13 million. 25 people are in custody from across the United States including New York and New Jersey. New York's attorney general said they sold heroin laced with deadly chemicals. Eric Schneiderman says the ring had connections to the Sinaloa drug cartel in Mexico. He also says some of the heroin was smuggled into the Bronx and sold across the area.

FOX 5 - Steve Lacy - 5:34 pm

ABC 7 - Rob Nelson - 5:58 pm

CBS 2 - Maurice DuBois - 5:36 pm

Source: Suspect's Bomb Making Skills Possibly Learned in New Jersey

NBC 4 - Jonathan Dienst - 5:01 pm

Sources say the suspect, Ahmad Rahami, may have learned some of his bomb-making skills in the New York area. Officials say they still don't know where the bombs were built, but sources familiar with the investigation say he took an engineering class where he learned wiring and other skills that could have been used in building bombs. Investigators visited the campus and staff at Union County Community College in Elizabeth. It was there, several years ago, that terror suspect Ahmad Rahami took a course that taught him wiring and electronics. Staffers tell the FBI and police that what he learned there could have helped him build the triggering mechanisms for the devices found in ELizabeth, Seaside Park, and Chelsea. The suspect's father was interviewed today as the FBI disputes his most recent claims that two years ago he warned that his son might be a terrorist. Officials say after a domestic fight the father only said that his son was hanging with the wrong crowd. At that time, he had denied any terror allegations. Investigators continue to pour over video, which show Rahami planting the device and then two men putting the bomb on the sidewalk and taking the suitcase it was in. Police are still looking to find those witnesses. Investigators continue to focus on family members trying to find out what they know including who knew what about the test explosion in the backyard; a test that was apparently filmed on the cellphone of Rahami's sister. There are new questions about how the suspect got into

the City. originally prosecutors and the FBI believed he may have travelled by car with relatives. Now, they are looking into whether he took a train through Penn Station carrying the devices.

ABC 7 - Tim Fleischer - 6:00 pm

Details are continuing to emerge about the man accused of bombings in Chelsea and Seaside Park and an attempted bombing in Elizabeth. Sources say Ahmad Khan Rahami rode a train into Manhattan and placed the pressure cookers in Chelsea while possibly carrying the pipe bombs in his backpack. He then took the train back to Elizabeth, where he allegedly dumped the backpack containing the pipe bombs in a trash can near the train station. Meanwhile, Rahami's father reportedly informed the FBI in 2014 about his son's apparent radicalization.

FOX 5 - Linda Schmidt - 5:09 pm

ABC 7 - Toni Yates - 5:18 pm

Suspect Being Questioned Following Midtown Subway Slashing

CBS 2 - Alice Gainer - 5:00 pm

A man was in police custody and was being questioned late Friday, after the repeated slashing of a passenger on the D Train in Midtown. Sources told CBS-2 the man they were questioning in the Thursday morning incident walked into a hospital in the Bronx Friday morning, and police were called because the man was acting irrationally. Sources also said the man told police he had been on TV, but claimed police had it all wrong. It was not clear whether person in custody was confirmed to be the same person caught on surveillance video following the slashing on Thursday morning. So far no charges have been filed. The slashing happened around 10:15 a.m. Thursday while both men were riding an uptown D train near the 42nd Street-Bryant Park stop. Trains were temporarily re-routed Thursday as police investigated. They said the victim was taken to the hospital in stable condition and said they recovered a box cutter at the scene. Riders Friday morning called the attack an isolated incident.

NBC 4 - Sibila Vargas - 5:30 pm

Former NY Governor Settles Case for \$25,000

ABC 7 - Sade Baderinwa - 5:05 pm

Former New York Governor David Paterson is among those charged with violating laws with a proposal to build the largest movie studio in North America. Paterson agreed to pay \$25,000 to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission to settle the allegations. The SEC alleges that Paterson and two other directors failed to file timely stock transaction reports prior to the construction of the studio near Savannah, Georgia.

NBC 4 - David Ushery - 5:07 pm

Police Hunt Suspect in Fatal Shooting in Harlem

NBC 4 - Wale Aliyu - 5:04 pm

One man is dead after gunshots rang out in Harlem this morning. It happened on West 141st Street just before 2 pm. Police say a man rode in on a skateboard and opened fire killing another man. A source familiar with the investigation says the man on the skateboard stopped before shooting the 21-year-old man. He then took off on the skateboard. The victim died at the hospital. Police initially thought there was a second victim, but it turns out just three doors down from where the shooting happened a man had a seizure at the same time. He was taken to the hospital.

Investigations Continue into Anthony Weiner Scandal

ABC 7 - Dave Evans - 5:36 pm

Online communications between disgraced former congressman Anthony Weiner and a 15-year-old girl are being investigated by law enforcement agencies in New York and North Carolina, officials said Thursday. The office of Jill Westmoreland Rose, the U.S. attorney for the Western District of North Carolina in Charlotte, has

"begun investigative efforts," a spokeswoman said. An FBI task force in New York designed to combat the sexual exploitation of children also is investigating, according to a law enforcement official who wasn't authorized to discuss an ongoing case and spoke on the condition of anonymity. The investigations were launched after an online outlet, DailyMail.com, on Wednesday published an interview with the girl in which she describes online and text exchanges with Weiner that went on for several months this year. The girl said Weiner asked her to perform for him on Skype. Weiner, a Democrat who resigned from Congress in 2011 amid a sexting scandal, didn't return text or email messages seeking comment on Thursday.

FOX 5 - Steve Lacy - 5:07 pm

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Mayor de Blasio in the News:

COMPTROLLER STRINGER

[NYC Controller Scott Stringer refuses to rule out 2017 mayoral run](#)

DAILY NEWS - Jennifer Fermino

City Controller Scott Stringer, who has been a sharp critic of Mayor de Blasio, on Thursday refused to rule out a mayoral run in 2017. In a speech at an Association for a Better New York breakfast, Stringer took digs at City Hall's handling on issues like housing, homelessness, and education. When asked directly if he was running for mayor, he dodged the question at first, but when pressed said he was too busy focused on the White House race to discuss it.

[Scott Stringer won't rule out running for mayor next year](#)

NY POST – Yoav Gonen

Comptroller Scott Stringer refused to rule out a 2017 mayoral run following a speech on Thursday in which he slammed the city's lackluster responses to the affordable housing crisis, income inequality and computer science education in public schools. Speaking before the Association for a Better New York in midtown, Stringer said the pace of solutions to the city's problems – including on record homelessness rates – was too slow. "Let's move faster, let's move stronger, let's be more decisive, let's not kick the can down the road, because the economy is slowing," Stringer said following the speech... He also criticized the city's solutions to homelessness as "going too slow, without enough focus and without enough real results," and suggested the City Council's recent rejection of neighborhood re-zonings sought by de Blasio stemmed from poor community engagement.

[Stringer offers broad critique of de Blasio in ABNY speech](#)

POLITICO NY – Laura Nahmias

City Comptroller Scott Stringer laid out a handful of policy proposals in an address to the Association for a Better New York on Thursday, criticizing Mayor Bill de Blasio's efforts to expand affordable housing, and offering a competing agenda for the city that could serve as a prelude to a mayoral run in 2017.

Stringer said the city's economy continues to enjoy record growth, but he also cast doubt about how well the economy is performing for some New Yorkers. More than half of all the jobs added in the city since 2009 are in low-wage industries, and nearly half of the city's millennials are working in retail or fast food positions, where slow wage growth has left their generation worse off economically than their parents.

[Stringer Offers Scathing Assessment of de Blasio Record of Helping City's Vulnerable](#)

NY OBSERVER – Madina Toure

Comptroller Scott Stringer took Mayor Bill de Blasio to task on just about every plan he has to address the city's most pressing issues—including affordable housing, homelessness and the lack of contracts given to minority- and women-owned businesses—in a speech that sounded like a platform for his rumored mayoral run this morning. Speaking at the Association for a Better New York breakfast in Midtown Manhattan this morning on his economic vision and the current state of the city's economy, Stringer took jabs at the mayor on everything from his affordable housing plan to what he perceives to be the city's poor performance working with minority- and women-owned businesses. He even said his Computer Science for All initiative—which the mayor will tout today—is a "terrific idea" but would only reach all city

students by 2025, which he thinks is too late. And he said that it was his audit of the city's homeless shelters that forced the city to "wake up."

[De Blasio Is 'Not Moving Fast Enough' to Address Inequality, Stringer Says](#)

DNA INFO - Jeff Mays

In a speech that took direct aim at the "Tale of Two Cities" narrative that launched Mayor Bill de Blasio into office, Comptroller Scott Stringer criticized City Hall for not being "engaged" on issues that would improve equality such as minority contracting, affordable housing and dealing with the homelessness crisis. "We cannot settle for a city where aspiration is limited by what you look like, how old you are, or where you come from," Stringer told city business leaders gathered at a breakfast for the Association for a Better New York. "We must aspire to be a city where everyone has an opportunity to succeed."

MISCELLANEOUS MENTIONS

[Lang Lang Is Named New York's First 'Cultural Tourism Ambassador'](#)

NY TIMES - Amy Qin

New York City, already a top international tourist destination, has a message for visitors from China: There's more to see than the Empire State Building and Times Square. To spread that message and appeal to the growing number of Chinese tourists heading abroad, the city has named the superstar Chinese pianist Lang Lang as its first "cultural tourism ambassador." At a ceremony outside Steinway Hall in Manhattan on Tuesday — or "Lang Lang Day," as proclaimed by Mayor Bill de Blasio — the musician was presented with a personalized double-decker bus featuring his photo in front. The event was timed to coincide with the release last week of Mr. Lang's latest album, "New York Rhapsody," billed as a love letter to the city where Mr. Lang, 34, maintains a residence.

[Trump Doubles Down on 'Law-And-Order' Appeal in White House Bid](#)

NY TIMES - Reuters

Donald Trump on Thursday praised aggressive police tactics and condemned attacks on officers amid criticism of his plan to use "stop-and-frisk" tactics to reduce crime, in a speech following a second night of unrest that shook Charlotte, North Carolina. The Republican presidential nominee said drugs were "a very, very big factor" in urban unrest and that those suffering the most from the violence were "law-abiding African-American residents who live in these communities."

... New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio rejected that argument on Thursday, warning Trump against embracing a tactic that would worsen relations between police and the minority community.

[Editorial: A Right to a Lawyer to Save Your Home](#)

NY TIMES - Editorial Board

There are few legal fights more lopsided than landlords suing to evict their lower-income tenants. In New York City's housing court, it's usually a team of lawyers representing the landlord going against a tenant, unrepresented and alone. The claims for eviction vary — the tenant owes months of back rent, or is not named on the lease. If the landlord doesn't win, very often the tenant is muscled out with threats and harassment.

... In trying to level the housing-court playing field, Mayor Bill de Blasio has committed \$62 million in the current fiscal year to provide legal help for lower-income tenants, a strategy that has resulted in the lowest eviction rates in a decade. Evictions decreased by 18 percent last year, to 21,988 from 26,857 in 2014. There's also evidence that landlords are bringing fewer eviction cases because they know they're more likely to be challenged by a competent lawyer.

[Outrage Over Sandy Costs](#)

WSJ - Mara Gay

New York City Council members directed scathing criticism Thursday at Mayor Bill de Blasio's superstorm Sandy recovery efforts after City Hall officials said overruns in one program could cost local taxpayers \$500 million. "It is an outrage," Councilman Mark Treyger, chairman of the council's committee on recovery and resiliency, said during an oversight hearing. The de Blasio administration plans to use \$500 million in city money to pay for storm-protection

programs that were expected to be funded by the federal government. The federal dollars instead will be shifted to support Build it Back, the federally funded program dedicated to rebuild homes damaged in the 2012 storm. The Wall Street Journal disclosed the funding shift Wednesday.

[NYPD Plans Trial for Officer Who Killed Unarmed Black Teen](#)

WSJ - Pervaiz Shallwani, Josh Dawsey

The New York City Police Department is preparing to hold a disciplinary trial for the police officer who shot and killed an unarmed black teenager in the bathroom of his Bronx home more than four years ago, according to people familiar with the matter. The shooting death of 18-year-old Ramarley Graham and other similar incidents have resurfaced after reports that the NYPD officer involved in the death of Eric Garner had received overtime pay, and that city officials were blocking the release of disciplinary records.

... Mr. de Blasio has come under criticism from both sides on policing issues. Advocates who supported his 2013 election say he hasn't done enough to change the culture of the NYPD. He was criticized after the recent revelations about Officer Joseph Pantaleo, who was involved in the 2014 death of Mr. Garner from an apparent chokehold.

[Construction begins on ferries to connect far-flung parts of Brooklyn, Queens with Manhattan](#)

DAILY NEWS – Dan Rivoli

Ships ahoy — the boats for ferry routes coming to the city next year are now under construction, Mayor de Blasio announced Thursday. About 200 full-time ship builders will construct 19 vessels at two shipyards, in Louisiana and Alabama, for the new routes, which will be operated by Hornblower, a San Francisco-based company. The 85-foot-long aluminum boats will hold 150 passengers each. “We are moving full steam ahead and bringing modern ferry boats, outfitted with the latest technology and safety features, to our waterways,” Mayor de Blasio said in a statement. “This new fleet will help us connect commuters and visitors alike to neighborhoods throughout the city.”

[De Blasio says city needs \\$500 million more in taxpayer funds to cover Hurricane Sandy home rebuilding efforts](#)

DAILY NEWS - Erin Durkin

De Blasio administration officials faced blistering criticism Wednesday as they revealed they'd have to spend an extra \$500 million in taxpayer cash because of cost overruns in the Build it Back program. Mayor de Blasio pledged to finish fixing thousands of homes wrecked by Hurricane Sandy by the end of 2016 — but he's facing increased doubts that deadline can be met, even as the program costs half a billion dollars more than expected. “It's an outrage,” said City Councilman Mark Treyger, chair of the resiliency and recovery committee, which grilled officials at a hearing Thursday.

[Rikers Island turns trailer into new office to speed up prosecutions of jailhouse crimes](#)

DAILY NEWS - Ben Kochman

The trailer may be tiny — but its impact will be huge, city officials said Thursday as they opened a new prosecution bureau on Rikers Island. “This is not just a trailer,” said Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark, standing in front of her office's new satellite quarters at the East River jail complex. Officials say the new digs, the DA's first-ever physical presence at the lockup that lies within its jurisdiction, will make Rikers safer by speeding up prosecutions of jailhouse crimes.

... Fourteen people already are assigned to rotate shifts in the modest trailer. The staffers will be paid out of over \$1.8 million set aside by Mayor de Blasio in the city's latest budget.

[Donald Trump says he was only 'referring to Chicago' in wanting to implement unconstitutional stop and frisk policing practices](#)

DAILY NEWS - Adam Edelman

The windbag candidate says he was only talking about the Windy City. Donald Trump on Thursday scaled back his comments from Wednesday about wanting to implement nationwide stop and frisk policing practices, claiming instead he only meant the unconstitutional tactic should be used in Chicago.

... The NYPD began scaling back stops under former NYPD Commissioner Ray Kelly even before Scheindlin's decision, and accelerated the trend when former NYPD Commissioner Bill Bratton came in alongside Mayor de Blasio in 2014.

[Anthony Weiner's cellphone records subpoenaed by U.S. Attorney investigating his alleged sexts to 15-year-old](#)

DAILY NEWS - Shayna Jacobs, Ginger Adams Otis

Anthony Weiner's latest round of sick sexting has attracted the attention of the city's top sex crimes cops and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Daily News has learned. The Manhattan U.S. Attorney's office issued a subpoena for Weiner's cell phone and other records, CNN reported Thursday. Weiner, also known as "Carlos Danger," a pseudonym he used at one point for his pervy online exchanges, allegedly sent raunchy and sexually suggestive photos of himself to a 15-year-old in North Carolina.

... Mayor de Blasio, speaking at an unrelated press conference, said it was a "sad" situation for Weiner and his family.

[Mayor de Blasio vows he'll release the names of his donors when feds finish fund-raising probe](#)

DAILY NEWS - Jennifer Fermino

Mayor de Blasio swears he will make good on his oddball promise to release the names of donors who gave to his campaign but didn't get any favors from City Hall — but he's not doing it anytime soon. De Blasio, when asked about the promise at an unrelated press conference, said that he would reveal the supporters he didn't help after the U.S. Attorney wraps up its multi-pronged investigations into his fund-raising. He also said that he would take detailed questions on the fund-raising when the feds finish, something he's been reluctant to do while the investigations are ongoing.

[Opinion: To lift achievement, grow charters: Double the sector by 2020](#)

DAILY NEWS - Dacia Toll, Brett Peiser, Dave Levin, Ian Rowe, Jacob Mnookin

As the leaders of school networks that work in many of New York City's most underserved communities, we have long believed that public charter schools are a critical pathway to educational opportunity for students who would otherwise be left behind. With another year of strong results for charter students, we believe that city leaders must act boldly to double the number of students who attend these gap-closing schools to 200,000 by the year 2020 — so that every family still looking for a high-quality school can, in fact, attend one.

... As leaders of networks with 60 schools that educate over 20,000 students today, we are committed to expanding access to excellent public schools. But to make this possible, Mayor de Blasio will need to fully embrace charters as part of his broader solution for the students and parents of New York City.

[De Blasio lashes out after getting questions he doesn't like](#)

NY POST - Michael Gartland

America's touchiest mayor doesn't like to answer tough questions — and lately, he's blaming the people who get paid to ask them. Mayor de Blasio this week lashed out at journalists from The Post and The New York Times asking him about issues he would rather not answer, at one point chiding a reporter to "stop wasting my time." On Thursday, he went after The Post for asking why he pushed back a meeting with blind residents affected by the Chelsea terror explosion so he could work out in the gym and sip coffee with First Lady Chirlane McCray.

[Local, federal probes could nail Weiner 'once and for all'](#)

NY POST - Rebecca Rosenberg

Everyone from local law enforcement to US attorneys in two states are probing Anthony Weiner's months-long sexting relationship with an underage girl. Prosecutors in Manhattan US Attorney Preet Bharara's office issued a subpoena for the sext-obsessed former lawmaker's cellphone and other records, law-enforcement sources said Thursday. The NYPD's Special Victims squad and Manhattan District Attorney's Office are also looking into the latest scandal involving Weiner, who's been accused of sending a 15-year-old high-school student sexually-explicit texts and topless selfies.

... Mayor de Blasio said Weiner has "a real problem."

[Editorial: Stop-and-frisk furor exposes idiocy of Trump's critics](#)

NY POST - Editorial Board

No sooner did Donald Trump suggest using stop-and-frisk to fight black-on-black crime than critics pounced — and exposed their own ignorance, bias and hypocrisy in the process. "I would do stop-and-frisk," Trump said Wednesday when asked how to curb violence in black areas. "We did it in New York, it worked incredibly well . . . So I think that could be one step you could do." Indeed, the murder rate plummeted sharply as the NYPD used the tactic under Mayors Mike Bloomberg and Rudy Giuliani. Yet Trump's suggestion was too much for Mayor de Blasio, who made a rare visit to the City Hall press room to deplore it.

[NYPD 'looking into' Weiner communication with teen](#)

POLITICO NY – Azi Paybarah

A spokesperson for the New York Police Department said "detectives are looking into" a report that former congressman Anthony Weiner traded sexually explicit messages with a girl who identified herself as a 15-year-old high school student.

The exchange was first reported by the Daily Mail yesterday, which withheld the name of the girl because she is a minor.... Mayor Bill de Blasio today said the situation is "horrible." "I've known Anthony over the years, but I know Huma much better, having served side by side with her during the 2000 Senate campaign," said de Blasio, who managed Hillary Clinton's campaign for the U.S. Senate that year. "I think the world of Huma. I just feel horrible for her and her son that they're going through this. It's not a secret, Anthony obviously has a real problem that needs treatment, and all I can say is I hope he will pursue the treatment he needs and stick with it until his issues are addressed."

[Bill Bratton's second tour, by the numbers](#)

POLITICO NY - Brendan Cheney

When Bill Bratton was run out of New York City by Rudy Giuliani in 1996, after just two years as police commissioner, he had presided over the sharpest drop in crime in the city's history, and was hailed as a pioneer of a new era of American policing, in which officers aggressively targeted quality-of-life crimes. Last Friday, Bratton made a more ceremonious exit, marching out of 1 Police Plaza between a phalanx of officers in their dress-blues, shaking hands and bidding a fond farewell to Mayor Bill de Blasio.

[De Blasio administration takes a beating at housing recovery hearing](#)

POLITICO NY - David Giambusso

The good will amassed by Mayor Bill de Blasio's administration for its improvements on the post-Sandy "Build-it-Back" program seemed to all but vanish at a City Council hearing on Thursday. During a Committee on Recovery and Resiliency oversight hearing, Council members, led by chairman Mark Treyger, took turns lambasting Amy Peterson, de Blasio's director of housing recovery, over cost overruns and a lack of information regarding the housing program.

[\[PRO\] De Blasio announces \\$20M in private funding for computer science effort](#)

POLITICO NY - Eliza Shapiro

[\[PRO\] De Blasio changes course on promised list of unsatisfied donors](#)

POLITICO NY - Laura Nahmias

[Bill de Blasio: Anthony Weiner Needs Help](#)

NY OBSERVER - Jillian Jorgensen

Mayor Bill de Blasio has a message for his one-time primary opponent Anthony Weiner: Get some help. After the Daily Mail reported that Weiner had exchanged sexual online messages with a 15-year-old girl, who the paper alleged he knew was underaged, de Blasio became the latest local pol to blast the one-time councilman, congressman and mayoral contender. "It's not a secret, Anthony obviously has a real problem that needs treatment," de Blasio said today at an unrelated press conference in the Bronx. "And all I can say is that I hope he will pursue the treatment he needs and stick with it until the issues are addressed."

[Bill de Blasio Doesn't Want to Talk About His Donors or His Workout](#)

NY OBSERVER - Jillian Jorgensen

What does Mayor Bill de Blasio's exercise routine have in common with the allegedly corrupt donors on his inaugural committee? He doesn't want to talk about either. The mayor had a couple of ornery responses today for reporters at a press conference in the Bronx, offering up a bit of reminder that while he might deign to take their off-topic questions once a week or so, he doesn't actually have to answer them. It was no surprise that his testiest exchange came on a subject that he's long insisted is nobody's business—his penchant for traveling 12 miles from his Gracie Mansion home to the Park Slope YMCA to work out in the middle of the day—with a reporter from a paper he's long criticized, the New York Post. The Post reported that the mayor was in Park Slope, having a post-sweat coffee, when his office bumped back the time for a meeting he had planned at a home for the blind that had been shook by the Chelsea bombing, keeping its residents waiting a half-hour.

[Officer in Ramarley Graham shooting, Richard Haste, to face departmental charges, NYPD says](#)

AM NY - Alison Fox

The officer who fatally shot unarmed Bronx teen Ramarley Graham in 2012 will face a departmental trial, police announced Thursday. After being chased by Officer Richard Haste and other officers into his Bronx apartment, Graham was shot and killed while he was trying to flush marijuana down a toilet. Haste, who is currently on modified duty, has said he thought Graham was armed at the time, but no weapon was recovered.

... “This seems like more of a political announcement than real news about accountability, and I’m tired of Mayor [Bill] de Blasio and others playing politics with the NYPD’s killing of my son,” she said in an email. “Haste should face a trial on a number of charges and be fired for all of his misconduct, but the NYPD has given no date for the trial, timeline or even list of charges that he’s facing.”

[Anthony Weiner sexting allegations probed, reports say](#)

AM NY - Laura Blasey, Matthew Chayes

Former congressman Anthony Weiner is facing a federal investigation after reports that he exchanged sexually explicit text messages with a 15-year-old girl, sources said Thursday. The office of the U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York has issued a subpoena for Weiner’s cellphone and other records, and the FBI and NYPD have opened preliminary investigations, the sources said.

... The man who defeated Weiner, Bill de Blasio, on Thursday called the latest revelations “horrible.” “It’s not a secret: Anthony obviously has a real problem that needs treatment,” de Blasio said at an event at a middle school. “And all I can say is that I hope he will pursue the treatment he needs and stick with it until the issues are addressed.”

[Taxpayers zapped for \\$500M as Sandy recovery costs grow](#)

SI ADVANCE - Anna Sanders

Taxpayers will shoulder \$500 million in resiliency and disaster costs when the city shifts federal funding to Hurricane Sandy recovery work that's gone over budget. The city refused to say on Thursday how much had been spent so far rebuilding, repairing and elevating Staten Island homes through the Build it Back recovery program since Sandy struck nearly four years ago. Some \$13.6 million had been spent on borough projects through the end of April. The most expensive borough project at the time was a \$773,485 rehabilitation and elevation in New Dorp Beach. Increasing costs have left a half-billion hole in the program's budget as the city struggles to meet Mayor Bill de Blasio's deadline to finish work by the end of this year.

[Editorial: Charging stations: Big win for ferry riders](#)

SI ADVANCE - Editorial Board

First, the DOT said a request to cut off the electricity was originally made by NYPD because here had been altercations between riders. The city also said a ferry worker was even punched and there were complaints about charging cords along the floors of the boats. The NYPD also reportedly said gangs took over particular outlets at the terminals and would remain there for several hours, and the devices left charging were being stolen.

... After our reports, Mayor Bill de Blasio spoke with Transportation Commissioner Polly Trottenberg about the issue. He agreed electrical outlets and charging stations were amenities ferry riders should have.

[City Wants Red Hook Scrutiny on Potential Flood Protection Scenarios](#)

DNA INFO - Nikhita Venugopal

Just shy of the four-year anniversary of Superstorm Sandy, city officials Wednesday presented three early-stage concepts for a \$100 million flood protection system that could protect the vulnerable neighborhood, or parts of it, during the next devastating storm. The three concepts would use permanent and deployable features either at the edge of the coast protecting all of the neighborhood, or inland slightly to leave the waterfront vulnerable, or even further inland, according to representatives from the Mayor's Office of Recovery and Resiliency and Dewberry, an engineering consulting firm that presented the potential "scenarios" to Community Board 6's environmental protection committee meeting.

[Anthony Weiner Has a 'Horrible' Problem and Needs Treatment, De Blasio Says](#)

DNA INFO - Jeff Mays

Disgraced ex-congressman and former mayoral candidate Anthony Weiner has a "problem" and needs "treatment," Mayor Bill de Blasio said Thursday following reports that Weiner sexted with a 15-year-old girl. "It's horrible, I mean it's so sad," de Blasio said when asked about the accusation Thursday during a press conference in The Bronx. "It's not a secret Anthony obviously has a real problem that needs treatment. And all I can say is that I hope he will pursue the treatment he needs and stick with it until his issues are addressed."

[Rally to Close Rikers Island Will Bring Hundreds of Marchers to Astoria](#)

DNA INFO - Jeanmarie Evelly

Hundreds of people are expected to march through Queens this weekend for a rally calling on the city to shutter its jail complex at Rikers Island. The march will take place Saturday starting at 1 p.m. at 30th Avenue and Steinway Street, heading to the Rikers Island Bridge at Hazen Street and 19th Avenue, where a rally and vigil is planned for 4 p.m.

... City Hall has quietly eyed several potential alternatives in the last year or so, including partially closing the island jail complex and shuttering it completely.

[Homeless Population Nears 60,000 People Despite City Efforts on Crisis](#)

DNA INFO - Jeff Mays

The city has pumped hundreds of millions of dollars into dealing with the homelessness crisis, but despite some successes is still struggling with the volume of people entering the system, according to figures released in the Mayor's Management Report. The number of people housed in city shelters is already at record-breaking levels and is climbing toward 60,000 individuals. Department of Homeless Services figures show that there were 59,734 individuals in shelter on Monday. That's 666 more people than the previous high of 59,068 people reported in December 2014.

[New Rules Proposed for City's Street Fairs Would End Decade-Long Moratorium](#)

DNA INFO - Jeanmarie Evely

Mayor Bill de Blasio wants to overhaul how the city regulates its street fairs next year in an attempt to diversify and localize the outdoor events — though critics say the changes could prove hard to carry out and may prevent some longtime fairs from happening. The new rules, proposed by the Mayor's Office of Citywide Events Coordination and Management, would end a more than decade-long moratorium on new multi-day and multi-block street fairs, according to the city.

[Citywide Ferry Boat Construction 'Moving Full Steam Ahead,' Mayor Says](#)

DNA INFO - Irene Plagianos

Construction of the fleet of 19 aluminum boats for the new citywide ferry service is now underway, the mayor's office announced Thursday. The 85-foot-long ferries, which will each hold 149 passengers, are being built in shipyards in Louisiana and Alabama — with 12 boats slated to be complete for the project's expected 2017 launch.

... "We are moving full steam ahead and bringing modern ferry boats, outfitted with the latest technology and safety features, to our waterways," Mayor Bill de Blasio said in a statement. "This new fleet will help us connect commuters and visitors alike to neighborhoods throughout the city."

[All-Electric Car Races Slated for Red Hook Next Year](#)

DNA INFO - Nikhita Venugopal

Red Hook is gearing up for an electric ride. The world's first all-electric racing series is heading to the Brooklyn Cruise Terminal next year for the inaugural New York City ePrix in July 2017, the city and Formula E announced Wednesday. The races, which will take place over two days as part of the FIA Formula E Championship, will be the first FIA-sanctioned open-wheel race to take place in the city. "New York City is where technology, sustainability and commerce all connect. There's no better home for the ePrix," Mayor Bill de Blasio said in a statement.

[Airbnb mobilizes users to help fight its battles in New York](#)

CRAIN'S NY - Staff

Rhett Johnson, 34, has earned as much as \$1,000 a month renting out the living room and its sofa bed in his one-bedroom apartment in Manhattan. Airbnb, the San Francisco-based lodging-by-web platform he uses, is trying to enlist him and 46,000 other New York hosts in a political movement. Its most immediate goal: to stop Gov. Andrew Cuomo from signing a law that would fine Airbnb users as much as \$7,500 if they advertise short-term stays in unoccupied apartments. ... In a city where Mayor Bill de Blasio won election in 2013 describing income inequality as the defining issue of our time, Lehane argues that his company represents a way for people to help make ends meet.

[City Council Drafting Bills to Regulate Political Nonprofits Like Campaign for One New York](#)

GOTHAM GAZETTE - Samar Khurshid

At least three City Council members have made requests to the Council's bill drafting unit to formulate legislation that would regulate political participation by and with "social welfare" nonprofit organizations. These are political advocacy, or lobbying, groups, which have been the subject of intense scrutiny in New York City of late due to the Campaign for One New York, a political nonprofit established by allies of Mayor Bill de Blasio. The bills currently being drafted in the Council would increase disclosure requirements for political nonprofits and reclassify the groups under the jurisdiction of the city's Campaign Finance Board and its rules around donation limits, including by entities with city business.

[Opinion: Why We're Marching to Close Rikers](#)

GOTHAM GAZETTE - Glenn E. Martin, Anna Pastoressa

For years, New Yorkers have been barraged by stories of violence and corruption on Rikers Island. On Saturday, September 24, hundreds of New Yorkers -- including people who have spent time on Rikers Island and their families; criminal justice reform activists; faith leaders; and elected officials -- will march together and demand that Mayor de Blasio #CLOSERikers. Led by JustLeadershipUSA, in partnership with the Katal Center for Health, Equity, and Justice, the growing campaign has been endorsed by nearly 100 organizations representing a broad swath of New Yorkers. Saturday's march and rally mark a turning point in the effort to shut down what City Comptroller Scott Stringer has called "an urban shame." This is a movement with momentum that cannot be ignored.

[Mayor Bill de Blasio announces computer science initiative fundraising is 'ahead of schedule'](#)

CHALKBEAT NY - Monica Disare

The city has raised \$20 million to spread computer science education across New York City, reaching the halfway mark of its private fundraising goal, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced Thursday. The mayor's "Computer Science for All" program is one his flashiest education initiatives. It's a pledge to give all of New York City's 1.1 million public school students access to computer science education in elementary, middle and high school by 2025.

[Schools safer, but more weapons found](#)

QUEENS CHRONICLE - Anthony O'Reilly

The total number of violent incidents taking place in city public schools has consistently fallen over the past few years, with index crimes dropping 35 percent since 2010, police and Department of Education officials announced last Thursday. In addition to that, the number of arrests and summonses issued by the NYPD's School Safety Division has dropped 10 and 37 percent, respectively, in the first two quarters of this year. "Safety always comes first and we are encouraged by the significant decrease in school-related arrests and summonses across the City," Schools Chancellor Carmen Fariña said in a statement issued by the NYPD. "We continue to expand school climate initiatives across the City to ensure that students are provided with a safe, supportive, inclusive, and equitable learning environments, while providing essential training to school staff."

[New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio Criticizes Donald Trump's Support of Stop-and-Frisk](#)

TIME MAGAZINE - Julia Zorthian

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio criticized Donald Trump's idea to use stop-and-frisk policing nationwide on Thursday morning, saying the policy did not benefit the city and would be a bad idea on the national scale. "Donald Trump talks about stop-and-frisk like he knows the facts. He has had no experience with policing, no experience with public safety," de Blasio told CNN's New Day. "He should really be careful because if we reinstituted stop-and-frisk all over this country, you would see a lot more tension between police and communities."

Agency Mentions:

[New Prosecution Bureau at Rikers](#)

WSJ - Thomas MacMillan

The Bronx district attorney's office on Thursday unveiled a new prosecution bureau on Rikers Island, a move officials said would cut crime and violence inside the New York City jail complex. The bureau, housed in a trailer next to a facility for juvenile offenders at Rikers, will start with a staff of 14 including investigators and assistant district attorneys, Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark said. It will handle the investigation and processing of all inmate-on-inmate, inmate-on-staff and visitor crimes, such as contraband smuggling, that happen at the jail complex, Ms. Clark said.

[Opponents of Brooklyn bike lane drop legal case, say they revealed city's 'bait-and-switch' tactics](#)

DAILY NEWS - Dan Rivoli

Critics of the Prospect Park West bike lane in Brooklyn have ended their five-year case against the well-trafficked path. As cyclists use the parkside bike lane in droves, its opponents, calling themselves Neighbors for Better Bike Lanes, claim vindication for revealing "the city's bait-and-switch tactics for what they were." The group argued in its 2011 suit against the city Department of Transportation that city officials claimed the bike path was a pilot, though officials had always intended for it to be permanent.

[Ramsey Orta, activist who filmed Eric Garner's last moments, cuffed during Midtown protest over Charlotte killing](#)

DAILY NEWS - Graham Rayman

The man who became famous for filming the death of Eric Garner was slapped with a disorderly conduct summons for blocking traffic at a protest, police said. Ramsey Orta was detained Wednesday night at E. 29th St. and Fifth Ave. along

with three other people protesting the fatal shooting of a Charlotte, N.C. man by police there. He was issued the summons and released, officials said. "I was just recording the police — that's what I do," he told cops, according to the summons.

[NYC building management company charged with violating city codes that led to the death of a 2-year-old girl](#)

DAILY NEWS - Greg Smith, Ginger Adams Otis

The owner and building management company of an Upper West Side building have been charged with violations that led to the death last year of a 2-year-old girl. Little Greta Greene and her grandmother, Susan Frierson, were sitting on a sidewalk bench on May 17, 2015 when both were hit by bricks falling from The Esplanade, a seniors home at 305 West End Ave.

... Esplanade Venture Partnership and Alexander Scharf, its managing agent and principal majority shareholder, were charged Tuesday with violating city codes that require exterior walls to be maintained in safe conditions, according to the Department of Buildings.

[Bronx student asked school safety agent to watch his bag full of books — and a loaded gun](#)

DAILY NEWS - Ben Kochman

He had a loaded Cobra mixed in with his course books. A 20-year-old student busted for bringing a gun into a Bronx school stored it inside a bag of books he set down near a school safety agent — before asking her to watch over his stuff, prosecutors said Thursday. "Can you hold my books here? I'll be back by third period," Earl Williams told the safety agent inside Providing Urban Learners Success in Education High School in Tremont Wednesday morning, court papers charge.

... Education department officials also deploy a roving cadre of metal detectors — operated by NYPD school safety agents — to randomly selected public schools.

[EXCLUSIVE: Cops investigate Brooklyn school shooting threat they believe was a prank](#)

DAILY NEWS - Staff

Cops are investigating a bizarre threat in which someone threatened to "shoot up" a Brooklyn high school unless he was paid a hefty sum, police sources said Thursday. The threat was made at Lincoln High School on Ocean Parkway in Coney Island Tuesday morning when the unidentified caller reached out to school administrators and said he would shoot up the school if he didn't receive \$20,000.

... The school was placed on a brief shelter-in — meaning students were directed to remain in the building until cops investigating the threat gave the all clear, according to city Education Department officials.

[Ex-assistant principal at Brooklyn school faces four years behind bars in alleged sex assault of two students](#)

DAILY NEWS - Christina Carrega-Woodby

A Brooklyn jury is expected to begin deliberations Friday for a former assistant principal on trial for allegedly forcing a student to have sex and molesting another. "That never happened," William Abreu repeatedly said as he testified on his own behalf in Brooklyn Supreme Court on Thursday. Abreu, 47, shut down the allegations that he privately employed, threatened to call immigration on, offered money, sexually molested or forcibly raped any students during his tenure as an educator at Progress High School.

[Grandmother of man, 28, shot dead outside Brooklyn housing project demands justice: 'I want the police to find whoever did this'](#)

DAILY NEWS - Edgar Sandoval, Thomas Tracy

The inconsolable grandmother of a 28-year-old man fatally shot outside a Brooklyn housing project is demanding that the killer be brought to justice. "He was my baby. I raised him since he was a baby," Arnette Ervin, 76, told the Daily News Thursday as her family gathered to mourn Rysheen Ervin. "I want the police to find whoever did this. He can run, but he can't hide." Rysheen Ervin was shot multiple times in the chest on Osborne St. outside the Howard Houses in Brownsville about 3 p.m. Wednesday.

[NYPD still won't rule out possibility that Ahmad Rahami had help making, planting bombs](#)

DAILY NEWS - Graham Rayman

The city's top counterterrorism official said Thursday it remains possible that Chelsea bomber Ahmad Rahami had help in building the explosives that left 29 injured. "The question is could one person make that many devices, cover that amount of ground, do all that by themselves," NYPD Deputy Commissioner for Counterterrorism John Miller said on CBS This Morning. "It's certainly possible. But it is equally possible that there may be others involved."

[Test for admission to city's elite high schools will be reworked to align with Common Core curriculum](#)

DAILY NEWS - Ben Chapman, Lisa Colangelo

The test for the city's elite high schools will be more in sync with classroom work as part of a \$13.4 million contract approved Wednesday night by the city's Panel for Educational Policy. The Pearson firm was awarded the six-year contract to create the Specialized High School Admissions Test, the exam required to attend top city schools including Stuyvesant High School and the Bronx High School of Science. Educators believe aligning the test with the Common Core curriculum taught in classrooms might also help diversify the student body in the specialized high schools, where only 11% of the teens are black or Latino.

[EXCLUSIVE: New NYPD Commissioner James O'Neill opens up about cop-related killings and improving relations with community after 'stop and frisk debacle'](#)

DAILY NEWS - Larry McShane

The repeated video clips of black men gunned down by police officers in recent months left new NYPD Commissioner James O'Neill rattled as both a cop and a citizen. "I don't know about a pattern, but there are some videos that I absolutely acknowledge that it doesn't look right to me," O'Neill said during a Thursday sitdown with the Daily News Editorial Board. "I don't want to go into any one individually, but at times it is disturbing. It's very disturbing. ... It does, at times, cause me great angst."

[Bronx witness set to testify against NYPD cop in drug case was killed 'Don Corleone' style; 'It certainly sounds like a contract killing'](#)

DAILY NEWS - John Marzulli, Victoria Bekiempis, Graham Rayman, Thomas Tracy

An NYPD cop accused of running with a violent drug crew had his bail revoked Wednesday after a cooperating witness set to testify against him was whacked "Don Corleone" gangland style in the Bronx, the Daily News has learned. Federal Judge Colleen McMahon made the declaration just hours after victim Robert Bishun, 36, was abducted from his auto body shop and found strangled in the back of his BMW in Fieldston late Tuesday.

[NYPD says cop who shot Ramarley Graham will face departmental trial](#)

DAILY NEWS - Leonard Greene

The cop accused of shooting Ramarley Graham in the bathroom of his Bronx home will face departmental trial before the end of the year, officials said Thursday. Graham was unarmed when he was shot and killed Feb. 2, 2012, in front of his grandmother and little brother after Officer Richard Haste chased the 18-year-old into his home during a drug bust gone bad. An NYPD spokesman said the department concluded an internal disciplinary case and a "determination has been made to move forward with departmental trial."

[EXCLUSIVE: Group accuses NYC of failing to properly track acts of bullying after 961 schools report zero incidents](#)

DAILY NEWS - Ben Chapman

More than half of the city's public schools reported zero incidents of student bullying to the state as required by law for the 2014-15 school year, an analysis reveals. The tally of state Education Department data conducted by the pro-charter group Families for Excellent Schools found 961 out of 1,805 city schools reported no bullying episodes for that school year, the latest for which the data is publicly available. But hold your applause.

... City Education Department spokeswoman Toya Holness disputed the findings and said incidents at schools that do not meet the state's definition of bullying are immediately addressed.

[United Federation of Teachers shells out \\$1M for 'Rock Steady' ad campaign](#)

DAILY NEWS - Ben Chapman, Lisa Colangelo

The city teacher's union is dropping more than \$1 million on a new television campaign to focus on the work of educators during the contentious political season. The United Federation of Teachers commercial, called "Rock Steady" will start airing Friday and run for two weeks during the upcoming presidential debate, news and late night television shows as well as the Mets and Yankees games on broadcast and cable networks in the New York City area. "The candidates. The issues. The debate goes back and forth," a voice says over scenes of teachers in their classrooms and parents taking their children to school.

[EXCLUSIVE: Eric Garner kids' DNA sought for dividing \\$7M settlement with his love child](#)

DAILY NEWS - John Marzulli

The court-appointed guardian for Eric Garner's love child wants the dead man's four children with widow Esaw Garner to submit to DNA tests to prove paternity because his name does not appear on their birth certificates, the Daily News has learned. The shocking demand by lawyer Lorraine Coyle, who was appointed to represent 2-year-old Legacy Miller in

dividing the \$6.9 million settlements from the city and a hospital in connection with Garner's wrongful death due to a fatal police chokehold, was made Wednesday during a contentious hearing behind closed doors in Staten Island Surrogate Court.

[NYPD investigating Weiner's sexting relationship with teen](#)

NY POST – Rebecca Rosenberg, Jamie Schram, Tina Moore, Shawn Cohen

NYPD detectives and the Manhattan DA's office are looking into allegations that Anthony Weiner engaged in a months-long sexting relationship with an underage girl, sources said Thursday. The NYPD's Special Victims Unit is investigating the matter after a 15-year-old high-school student released a trove of sick texts and photos she allegedly received from the disgraced politician. "We're looking to see if a crime was committed in New York and if there's a complainant," an NYPD official said.

[Man slashed with boxcutter at Midtown subway station](#)

NY POST – Amanda Woods, Sophia Rosenbaum, Elizabeth Rosner

A man was slashed multiple times with a boxcutter on an uptown D train Thursday morning as it pulled into the Bryant Park subway station, cops said. The 38-year-old suffered one laceration to his face and three to his chest around 10:15 a.m. after getting into a dispute with a heavysset man, according to police. His shirt was shredded," said Kenenth Collet, an employee at the Pandora jewelry store who watched on in horror as the butchered up man stumbled out of the 42nd Street station following the slashing. "So, much, blood," Collet recalled. "It was crazy. You could tell he was in a state of shock." The victim was rushed to Bellevue hospital and listed in stable condition, sources said.

[Companies unveil redesign proposals for Port Authority bus terminal](#)

NY POST – Sophia Rosenbaum

The wheels are rolling on the redesign process for a much-needed new Port Authority bus terminal Thursday — but it will be at least a decade before a functional building is up and running. Five companies unveiled their renderings of a re-envisioned West Side bus terminal Thursday morning as part of a design competition that will lead to the replacement of the "existing obsolete and deteriorating 66-year-old terminal," Port Authority officials said. The competition asked the participating design firms to come up with a cost estimate, which ranged from \$3.7 billion for Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects plan to \$15.3 billion for Hudson Terminal Center Collaborative.

[Dead man found floating near Verrazano Bridge](#)

NY POST – Amanda Woods

A dead man with a back tattoo saying "In Memory of Eddie" was found floating near the Verrazano Bridge in Brooklyn Thursday, police sources said. Police got a 911 call about an unconscious man near the bridge in the New York Harbor around 8:30 a.m. The unidentified man, who appeared to be between 20 and 30 years old, was removed from the water and taken to the Marine Basin Marina, where EMS responded and pronounced him dead, cops said. The man is about 5-foot-10 and 200 pounds. He was fully clothed, wearing a blue T-shirt, blue jeans and white sneakers, the sources said. The city Medical Examiner's office will determine the cause of death and police are continuing to investigate.

[NYPD isn't convinced Chelsea bombing suspect worked alone](#)

NY POST – Daniel Prendergast

The NYPD's counterterrorism chief said Thursday that investigators aren't completely convinced Chelsea bomber Ahmad Rahami acted alone. "The question is, could one person make that many devices, cover that amount of ground, do all that by themselves," Deputy Commissioner of Intelligence John Miller said during an interview on "CBS This Morning." "It's certainly possible, but it is equally possible that there may be others involved."

[Cop saves woman with Heimlich after passers-by do nothing](#)

NY POST - Audrey Williams

A woman who began choking while eating and walking in Midtown Thursday was saved by a cop — after a crowd of pedestrians passed her by. When a piece of chicken became lodged in her throat as she walked along East 55th Street, the woman waved, stumbled, gasped for help and even tugged on the shirt of a passer-by. But "they all looked at me like I was crazy," the woman, who asked to be identified only as Tonya, 35, told The Post of the bad Samaritans.

[Hospital turns away 9/11 volunteer for bringing service dog](#)

NY POST - Marisa Schultz

A 9/11 volunteer being treated for PTSD was turned away from a Manhattan hospital Tuesday because he brought his service dog. Security officers at the New York State Psychiatric Institute in Washington Heights barred Jaime Hazan from an appointment with his doctor when they spotted his companion, Bernie, a service dog. Hazan explained that the one-year-old Labradoodle is a working service dog and said he felt “humiliated” when he was told that didn’t matter. ... It took four sympathetic NYPD cops called to scene to resolve the situation and make clear that disability laws protect service dogs. But by that time, Hazan was too late for his appointment.

[\[PRO\] Childrens' Defense Fund offers tips for School Based Health Centers](#)

POLITICO NY - Dan Goldberg

[Bid for Ahmad Khan Rahami, Chelsea bombing suspect, to be brought to court denied](#)

AM NY – Reuters

Prosecutors and New York's top federal public defender squabbled on Thursday over when the suspect in the series of weekend bombings around the city and New Jersey will get a lawyer. Ahmad Khan Rahami, 28, has been held in a Newark, New Jersey, hospital since he was arrested on Monday after a gunfight with police. He faces federal charges in both states for a Saturday night bombing in Manhattan's Chelsea neighborhood that injured 31 people and a pair of blasts in New Jersey. ...New York police said on Wednesday they had not yet been cleared to interview Rahami and were waiting for doctors to confirm that he is well enough to be questioned.

[Man slashed on subway at 42nd Street-Bryant Park Station, NYPD says](#)

AM NY – Nicole Brown, Alison

A 38-year-old man was slashed on a northbound D train at the 42nd Street-Bryant Park Station on Thursday morning, police said, as his attacker got away. The victim was slashed in the face, chest and hands with a box cutter at about 10:15 a.m., Assistant Chief Vincent Coogan of the NYPD Transit Bureau said. Coogan said investigators believe the men, who were strangers, may have boarded the train at West Fourth Street and gotten into an argument. That’s when the suspect, in his 30s or early 40s, pulled out the razor and attacked, he said. It wasn’t immediately clear what the dispute was about. “The victim did get off the train, follow the perpetrator, who slashed him up to the street area, where he got away,” Coogan said, adding the suspect “blended into the crowd” on the street.

[Teens robbed at gunpoint at Ridgewood subway station: Cops](#)

METRO – Cristabelle Tumola

Two teens were robbed early Monday evening as they were trying to swipe their MetroCards at a Ridgewood subway station, police said. The male victims, age 16 and 17, were inside of the Halsey Street L train stop at about 5 p.m. when they were allegedly robbed. They were about to pay their fares, when one of the suspects approached them, displayed a gun and demanded their money, police said. The 17-year-old took his money out and placed it on the ground. The first suspect picked it up and walked to the stairs, where a second suspect was acting as a lookout before they both fled the station.

...Anyone with information in regards to this incident is asked to call the NYPD's Crime Stoppers Hotline at 1-800-577-TIPS (8477) or for Spanish, 1-888-57-PISTA (74782).

[Karina Vetrano's dad wants to hire private investigator using reward money](#)

METRO – Amanda Mikelberg

Phillip Vetrano, father of the woman slain while jogging in Howard Beach, wants to take the nearly \$280,000 in reward money raised through GoFundMe to pay for a private detective. “We always believed that if we raised enough reward money someone would say something,” Vetrano wrote in a post on the GoFundMe page Monday. “That did not happen.” Although he commends the NYPD’s dedication to the investigation into his daughter Karina’s death, Vetrano believes more could be done to track down the “vicious animal” who sexually assaulted and strangled her while she was jogging through Spring Creek Park on Aug. 2. “They’re working seven days a week around the clock. This has gotten personal for them,” he said.

[NYPD traffic agent injured in hit-and-run](#)

METRO - Kimberly M. Aquilina

An NYPD traffic agent was hit by a car that fled the scene on Thursday in Midtown Manhattan. The accident took place at 4:15 p.m. on East 37th Street between Park and Lexington avenues in Murray Hill, ABC7 reported. Police are looking for the car and said they have good surveillance video of the accident, a police spokesman said. Part of the investigation is determining if the agent was targeted or if this was an accident.

[Ex-Cuomo aide with ties to Staten Island indicted on federal corruption charges](#)

SI ADVANCE - Diane C. Lore

Joseph Percoco, a former top aide to Gov. Andrew Cuomo with ties to Staten Island, has been indicted on federal corruption charges involving one of the governor's signature upstate economic development programs. According to an 80-page indictment unsealed Thursday morning by prosecutors, the charges involve bribery, corruption and fraud in the awarding of hundreds of millions of dollars in state contracts. Percoco, one of nine individuals named in the indictment, is described as the key person in the transactions.

... According to the indictment, Percoco also used his influence to arrange for no-show job for his wife -- whose first name is never mentioned in the charges. She left her job as a teacher with the city's Department of Education when the couple moved to Westchester several years ago. At about the same time his wife resigned her teaching position, the complaint continued, Percoco began having problems meeting the monthly household expenses on his \$800,000 home due to the loss of her salary.

[Report: Graffiti message found in Manhattan threatens Eric Garner cop](#)

SI ADVANCE - Mira Wassef

A graffiti message threatening the cop at the center of the Eric Garner incident was discovered Saturday in Manhattan's Flatiron District, according to the Daily News. "Officer (Daniel) Pantaleo, you're a disgrace not only to the NYPD, but to the human race," said the graffiti, written over an advertisement at the E. 23rd St., the report said. "You Ginzo, go back to Bensonhurst. God sees all & karma is a b----. You'll see." The message, which included a swastika and a few indecipherable German words, was cleaned up by the MTA, the News reported.

[Report: Ramsey Orta, who filmed Garner video, detained during demonstration](#)

SI ADVANCE - Mira Wassef

Ramsey Orta, the man who filmed the Eric Garner incident, was one of nine people detained during a demonstration in Manhattan Wednesday, according to the Daily News. The NYPD said four people were arrested, but could not say if Orta was one of them, the article said. One hundred people marched from Union Square to Midtown to protest the shooting death of North Carolina man Keith Scott at the hands of a police officer, the News reported.

[Zoning boundaries revealed for new Port Richmond school](#)

SI ADVANCE - Diane C. Lore

The Department of Education has unveiled new school lines for the first major rezoning on Staten Island's North Shore. During a sparsely-attended public hearing Wednesday evening, the DOE's Office of District Planning and the Community Education Council (CEC31) discussed the new lines, designed create a zone for the new PS 68, the Port Richmond School for Visionary Learning, which opened in September. The former Verizon building, at 1625 Forest Ave., between Decker Avenue and Willowbrook Road, has been renovated by DOE for use as a school for children from pre-Kindergarten through fifth grade. It opened with pre-K and Kindergarten classes.

[Oddo: Fort Wadsworth maritime school passes first hurdle](#)

SI ADVANCE - Diane C. Lore

A proposed new maritime-themed middle school to be located on the grounds of Fort Wadsworth has passed its first hurdle, according to Borough President James Oddo. In an update posted to Facebook, Oddo reported that a feasibility study of the project completed by the city's School Construction Authority (SCA) came back positive. "'No show stoppers' was how it was reported to me," he wrote.

[NYPD receives hundreds of messages of "suspicious packages" after explosion in Chelsea](#)

EL DIARIO - Staff

Early yesterday morning the Uniformed had to shut down traffic in Times Square by a notice of "suspicious device", but this call was not the first he had received the New York Police (NYPD) from the city see plunged into panic by the homemade bomb that exploded in the neighborhood of Chelsea on Saturday. At 8.30am closed 42nd Street between Seventh and Eighth avenues's, but less than two hours after the Fire Department (FDNY) confirmed that it was a false alarm. It was just an empty suitcase.

[Video: Police Strike Hard against dirt bikes](#)

EL DIARIO - Staff

On Saturday two officers were injured after an incident with some fans of off - road motorcycles (ATV or 'dirt bikes'). These vehicles are being increasingly used in the Big Apple and the New York Police (NYPD) put to work to end this "plague" and remove illegal street motorcycles.

[NYPD investigated sexting less Weiner](#)

EL DIARIO - Staff

Things could get complicated for former Congressman Anthony Weiner , after the Special Victims Unit of NYPD report Thursday that it is investigating his online relationship with a 15 year old. Police sources said they began investigating the case as a possible 'sex crime', then the less revealed that for more than a month was doing sexting with former politician of 52 years. "We are investigating whether a crime was committed , " the source told local media.

[Opinion: Justice for Latinos with the closure of Rikers Island](#)

EL DIARIO - Antonio Reynoso

Since the first jail in Rikers Island opened in 1935 it has been plagued with problems of corruption, violence, abuse and dilapidation. We have come to be too familiar with stories-sometimes weekly diary of assault, violence and sexual abuse. The common New Yorker is well aware that an overwhelming number of those detained at Rikers Island are African American or Latino, and about 80% have not been convicted of any crime. For decades, advocates, elected officials and community members have worked to improve the circumstances in Rikers, the horrors still persist. It is time for us to stop tinkering around the edges of reform. It's time to close Rikers Island forever.

[Man Who Attacked Police With Meat Cleaver Held Without Bail: Prosecutors](#)

DNA INFO - Ben Fractenberg

The man suspected of attacking an off-duty NYPD detective with a meat cleaver was held without bail after being arraigned Wednesday, prosecutors said. Officers chased Akram Joudeh, 32, to West 32nd Street near Penn Station after he pulled the large knife on officers in Midtown, officials said. Joudeh was cornered at Sixth Avenue before he suddenly started sprinting west on 32nd Street, where he ran into Detective Brian O'Donnell, who was responding to the scene, and sliced his face from his temple to his jaw.

[Hudson Heights Tenants Sue Landlord for Deregulating Rent-Stabilized Units](#)

DNA INFO - Amy Zimmer, Carolina Pichardo

A group of tenants living in a building on West 180th Street are accusing their landlord of a "fraudulent scheme to overcharge tenants and illegally deregulate the apartments," according to a lawsuit expected to be filed in New York Supreme Court on Thursday. Twelve of the tenants of 854 W. 180th St., a pre-war building overlooking the Hudson River, are seeking to recover rent overcharges from LIV Hudson Heights LLC and adjust their leases to reflect what they believe their legal rent should be.

... Yet, there were no Department of Building permits associated with the apartment, which shows signs of disrepair, including a wall that had collapsed, the Housing Rights Initiative found.

[Tenant Resource Fair Offers Help With 'Serious Issues' Facing Inwood](#)

DNA INFO - Carolina Pichardo

Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez is hosting a tenant resource fair to address the "serious issues" Uptown residents face regarding housing. The fair, which will take place Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Muscota New School on 4862 Broadway, is a collaboration between the councilman and several city agencies, including the Department of Housing Preservation and Development and the Economic Development Corporation. Those present will provide residents with information on rent protection, new affordable housing lotteries, rights of tenants in rent-regulated apartments, housing discrimination, housing court and eviction protection.

[Public Seating Could Replace Parking Spots in Front BRIC](#)

DNA INFO - Alexandra Leon

A small public seating area could soon replace two parking spaces in front of the BRIC cultural center. The mini-plaza, part of the Department of Transportation's Street Seats program, would be installed on Rockwell Place near Fulton Street, DOT officials said Tuesday at a Community Board 2 meeting. The 6-by-20-foot public seating area would include about 12 seats and six tables atop a plastic pallet on the street furnished with planter boxes.

[Tenants Suing Landlord Over Repairs Rally to Demand Safe Conditions](#)

DNA INFO - Allegra Hobbs

Tenants suing their landlord for continuing to ignore much-needed repairs rallied on Thursday outside their apartments at 135 Eldridge St., demanding an end to what tenant advocates claim to be harassment tactics. Rent-stabilized tenants, along with advocates and legal representatives, gathered in the street outside the building where landlord R.A. Cohen has allegedly neglected to address mold, pests and crumbling appliances in their homes despite continued requests for repairs and 311 calls.

... There are currently 79 open Department of Housing Preservation and Development violations stacked against the property, according to city records, including lead-based paint, mold and defective appliances.

[83-Year-Old UES Woman Fatally Struck By SUV in Crosswalk, Police Say](#)

DNA INFO - Shaye Weaver

An elderly resident was struck and killed by an SUV backing into a parking spot on East 71st Street and Third Avenue this week — marking at least the second pedestrian fatality at the intersection since May. Lee Strong, 83, of East 71st Street, was standing in the crosswalk at the southwest corner of the intersection on Saturday just before 10:40 a.m., when a man driving a 2015 Chevrolet Traverse stopped in the intersection and reversed to get a parking spot, police said.

... The intersection has now seen two pedestrian deaths this year and two pedestrian injuries, one in 2012 and one in 2015, according to the city's Vision Zero Map.

[Protesters Shut Down Meeting to Discuss Massive Pfizer Development](#)

DNA INFO - Gwynne Hogan

Rowdy protesters shut down the first public meeting to discuss a sprawling 1,147-apartment complex planned for the Broadway Triangle area. Calm lasted only a few seconds at the City Planning session held Wednesday on behalf of the Rabsky Group, a developer that wants to convert 4.2 acres of vacant land into apartments. Then a community organizer stepped up to the microphone and seized control of the meeting.

... With banners, signs and noisemakers, about 100 protesters stomped around I.S. 318's auditorium a few blocks from the development site before the Department of City Planning agreed to call the meeting off, following about a half hour of protest.

[More Bicycle Parking Planned for Park Slope As Locals Fume Over Citi Bike](#)

DNA INFO - Leslie Albrecht

Bikes will get eight new parking spots and cars will lose one under a city proposal for a new "bike corral" on Fifth Avenue. The Department of Transportation has proposed installing the on-street bike rack in front of L'Albero dei Gelati, a popular gelato shop and cafe at 341 Fifth Ave. near Fourth Street. Community Board 6's transportation committee approved the proposal at its Sept. 15 meeting. The full board will vote on the proposal next month.

[Bronx District Attorney Opens Prosecution Bureau on Rikers Island](#)

DNA INFO - Eddie Small

The Bronx District Attorney's Office officially opened its new prosecution bureau at Rikers Island on Thursday, fulfilling a promise that DA Darcel Clark made in her inauguration in January. The bureau consists of a staff of 14, including investigators, administrators and assistant district attorneys who would work closely on crimes committed among inmates and visitors to the jail complex, whether smuggling contraband or violence, according to the Bronx District Attorney's Office.

... Deanna Logan will head up the site as Chief of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau. She's worked as Assistant Commissioner in the Trials Litigation Division for the Department of Correction, and has served in the Manhattan District Attorney's office.

[Midtown Eatery's 'Disco-Era' Interior to Be Considered for Landmark Status](#)

DNA INFO - Noah Horowitz

The city will consider giving landmark status to the interior of a shuttered Midtown East hotel restaurant after preservationists rallied to protect it, according to a spokeswoman for the Landmarks Preservation Commission. The LPC on Tuesday voted unanimously to hold a hearing for the Ambassador Grill, a restaurant inside the ONE UN New York hotel at East 44th Street and United Nations Plaza whose interior preservationists say represents a key moment in the city's architectural history.

[UNIQLO to Fund Work by Local Artists in 20 City Parks With \\$200K Grant](#)

DNA INFO - Alexandra Leon

The clothing brand UNIQLO is shelling out \$200,000 to fund public art in city parks over the next two years. UNIQLO executives and the city's Parks Department announced the grant — which gives 20 local artists \$10,000 each to create original works of art for parks across the city — Thursday morning at Fort Greene Park. The retailer will award the grants to 10 artists in the first year to create pieces that will sit in Joyce Kilmer and Virginia parks in The Bronx, Herbert Von King and Fort Greene parks in Brooklyn, Thomas Jefferson and Seward parks in Manhattan, Flushing Meadows-Corona and Rufus King parks in Queens, and Tappen and Faber parks in Staten Island.

[From Landfill to Park, Photo Exhibit Focuses on Freshkills](#)

DNA INFO - Nicholas Rizzi

The world's biggest landfill-turned-park has its metamorphosis documented in a new photo exhibit. "Freshkills Park: Landscape in Motion," which opened this week at the Staten Island Arts Culture Lounge inside the St. George Ferry Terminal, features 12 photographs of the park taken over the summer as part of a photography contest, paired with shots of the site taken over several years.

... The display features 12 printed photos from the winners of "A Fresh Look," a contest organized by the parks department and the Staten Island Advance.

[Plan to Close 76th Street for Play Street Gets OK From Community Board](#)

DNA INFO - Shaye Weaver

Residents and neighbors of Robert Wagner Middle School threw their support behind a plan to close East 76th Street to traffic for roughly 18 months as a play street while the school finishes renovation work. Members of Community Board 8 voted unanimously to approve a resolution supporting the closure in front of the 220 E. 76th St. school during its full board meeting Wednesday.

... If the Department of Transportation agrees to close it, the street would be shut to traffic between Second and Third avenues, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., during lunch time on Mondays through Fridays through the end of 2017, when construction is expected to wrap up, according to school officials.

[Teen Struck by Stray Bullet During Gang Fight at Douglass Houses, NYPD Says](#)

DNA INFO - Emily Frost

A teenager was hit by a stray bullet during a gang-related fight at the Frederick Douglass Houses, police said. The 19-year-old Harlem resident was standing outside 845 Columbus Ave. when he was shot once in the left shoulder on Sept. 4 at 12:50 a.m., the NYPD said. He was transported to St. Luke's and was expected to survive, police said.

[VIDEO: State Senator Sees Man Shot Dead During Meeting on Gang Violence](#)

DNA INFO - Kathleen Culliton, Rachel Holliday Smith

State Sen. Jesse Hamilton was in a meeting about gang violence when he heard gunfire, looked out the window and saw a man who had just been shot in the chest bleeding in the street, he told DNAinfo New York. "We see this young man literally fatally shot, walking, trying to get away," Hamilton said. Police confirmed that a 28-year-old man was shot multiple times in the torso and died outside 80 Osborne St., in Brownsville, around 3:10 p.m. on Wednesday. Hamilton and his colleagues rushed out onto the street to help the man, but he was bleeding profusely from his mouth, shoulder and chest, he said.

Local News:

[As New York Breathes Sigh of Relief, Bomb Victims Cope With the Aftermath](#)

NY TIMES - Annie Correal, Samantha Schmidt

One man's front teeth were knocked out. Another blacked out when his car was hit by the force of the blast. And one woman had to have ball bearings tweezed from her flesh, metal fragments removed from her ear and wood shards extracted from her neck. When a pressure-cooker bomb exploded on Saturday night on West 23rd Street in Manhattan, more than two dozen people were hurt — most of them struck by shrapnel and flying debris and glass. Officials immediately assured they had only minor injuries, and when Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo announced on Sunday morning that all the victims had been released from hospitals, there was a collective sigh of relief: In a city scarred by terror, not a single life was lost.

[A New York School Where Students Learn to Read by Sculpting Words](#)

NY TIMES - Jim Dwyer

Cut into syllables, one of Wednesday's vocabulary words was displayed on the board in Rachel Schiff's fourth-grade classroom in Manhattan. The children rang out the beats: A-ban-doned. Watching from the back of the room was Charlie Salzer, a tall, bearded man. At 26, Mr. Salzer, a graduate of Franklin & Marshall College and a licensed ship captain, has traveled the world for four years as a mate on yachts. In fourth grade, he was in approximately the same place as the little sprites with their hands up. Except that his hand wasn't raised 17 years ago.

[A Real-Life Black Beauty Is Cashing In on His Looks](#)

NY TIMES - Sarah Maslin Nir

Fifteen hundred tons of synthetic dirt now sit in the middle of Wollman Rink in Central Park, hauled in a few days ago to transform the ice skating area into a parade ground for some of the world's most prized horses. The Rolex Central Park Horse Show is meant to bring horses back to a city and a park with bridle paths that were once frequently used for riding. Champion ponies and renowned Olympic steeds will spend part of this week there in what are expected to be fierce competitions. One horse in attendance, however, will not so much as break a sweat. His job is just to be really, really, ridiculously good looking.

[Antiques Dealers Charged in Illegal Sale of Ivory Priced at \\$4.5 Million](#)

NY TIMES - James McKinley Jr.

One chilly day last November, two well-dressed men walked into the Metropolitan Fine Arts and Antiques store on West 57th Street in Manhattan, looking for Chinese figurines carved from ivory. It was the second time the men had been in the store, with its antique chandeliers and walls of breakfront cabinets filled with vases, ornate clocks, statues and other finely wrought objects. A salesman brought them a statuette from another floor, saying it had been fashioned from a mammoth tusk. One of the men bought the piece for \$2,000.

[Wage Campaign at Port Authority Hits an Impasse](#)

NY TIMES - Patrick McGeehan

Angering a vocal crowd of unionized airport workers, the commissioners of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey hit an impasse on Thursday over proposals for raising the agency's minimum wage. The commissioners split, almost to a man, along state lines when they voted on two competing proposals for raising the pay scale for workers at the airports that serve New York City and other facilities operated by the Port Authority. Neither proposal received enough votes to carry, leaving the workers frustrated in their yearslong campaign for what they consider a living wage.

[Anthony Weiner Faces New Scrutiny After Report About Girl, 15](#)

NY TIMES - Eli Rosenberg

Federal authorities in New York have issued a subpoena for records pertaining to allegations that Anthony D. Weiner exchanged sexually explicit messages with a 15-year-old girl, a person with knowledge of the matter said. Mr. Weiner was the subject of an article on Wednesday in The Daily Mail, a British newspaper, that said he had an online correspondence with the girl beginning in January that included suggestive texts and explicit messages sent over social media.

[Physicist in Albany Corruption Case Was a Geek With Big Goals](#)

NY TIMES - Vivian Lee

For eight of the nine defendants charged on Thursday in the wide-ranging bribery and bid-rigging scheme surrounding Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo's economic development programs in upstate and Western New York, the motive for the alleged crime seemed to be simple, old-fashioned greed. But for Alain E. Kaloyeros, a physicist who rose from a basement laboratory at the State University at Albany to oversee hundreds of millions of dollars in state economic development funds over a quarter-century, a more complex purpose seemed to be at work. Beyond money, the rewards he sought appeared to be power, prestige and, perhaps most of all, the fulfillment of a long-held dream: reinventing upstate New York as a Rust Belt Silicon Valley.

[New Charges for Long Island Foster Father Accused of Abusing Boys](#)

NY TIMES - Nikita Stewart, Arielle Dollinger

A longtime foster father, already accused of sexually abusing five of his adopted sons and endangering the welfare of two foster children, was charged on Thursday with abusing another boy in his home on Long Island. The foster father, Cesar Gonzales-Mugaburu, 60, pleaded not guilty in Suffolk County court in Riverhead on Thursday. An indictment against him unsealed the same day includes five counts of sexual abuse involving two adopted sons he was previously accused of abusing and an additional child, described as an adopted son who was under the age of 13 at the time of the abuse.

[Chris Christie Protected Culprit in Bridge Lane Closings, Agency Head Testifies](#)

NY TIMES - Kate Zernike

The acknowledged culprit behind the closing of traffic lanes leading to the George Washington Bridge in September 2013 was “protected by Chris Christie,” the executive director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey agreed during court testimony on Thursday. That culprit, David Wildstein, is now the prosecution’s star witness against two former top officials in the administration of Mr. Christie, the governor of New Jersey. The officials are accused of closing access lanes at the bridge to punish the mayor of Fort Lee, N.J., for refusing to endorse the governor’s re-election bid, then covering the plot up.

[Closing Arguments Are Made in Trial Over Potsdam Boy’s Killing](#)

NY TIMES - Jesse McKinley

After nearly five years of living under suspicion, Oral Nicholas Hillary — accused of murder, and steadfastly proclaiming his innocence — is about to have his fate decided by a single man. Betraying little emotion while facing up to life in prison, Mr. Hillary watched as his defense team laid out an exhaustive closing argument on Thursday in his trial over the killing of Garrett Phillips, the 12-year-old son of his former girlfriend, Tandy Cyrus. The boy was found strangled in his mother’s apartment in nearby Potsdam, N.Y., in October 2011.

[Five Proposals for Port Authority Bus Terminal](#)

WSJ - Josh Barbanell

The heavy ramps carrying buses to the Port Authority Bus Terminal were cut through blocks of the West Side, tearing apart the fabric of a neighborhood. Now the design of a new terminal may repair the damage, by burying the terminal underground or camouflaging it under greenery and parks. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which operates the bus terminal, released five widely varying design concepts Thursday for a new station.

[Dos Toros Is Bullish on Expansion](#)

WSJ - Charles Passy

In the battle of the burrito chains, Dos Toros Taqueria is aiming to become a grande-sized player. The New York-based company, which operates 11 fast-casual Mexican restaurants in the city, expects to open four to six new locations annually in the coming years, both locally and in markets such as Boston, Philadelphia, Houston and Washington, D.C. The planned expansion comes on the heels of \$10 million in funding that Dos Toros received from GrowthPoint Partners, an investment group headed by Nick Marsh, chief executive of another New York chain, Chopt Creative Salad Co.

[Former Top Aide to Andrew Cuomo and Eight Others Charged in Bribery Scheme](#)

WSJ - Erica Orden, Rebecca Davis O’Brien

A former top aide to New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo and the president of a state university were among nine people charged by federal prosecutors Thursday in two wide-ranging bribery, bid-rigging and extortion schemes involving some of the governor’s signature economic-development programs. The sweeping scope of the charges and the details of the allegations contained in the 80-page complaint filed by U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara’s office represent a vigorous censure of the culture of state government that has long been derided as corrupt.

[Just Like in ‘Sopranos,’ Joseph Percoco Used ‘Ziti’ as Code Word for Cash, Prosecutors Say](#)

WSJ - Josh Dawsey

Joseph Percoco has been described as New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s “right-hand man,” but in a federal complaint accusing him of bribery he is frequently referred to as a ziti lover named “Herb.” The 80-page federal complaint released Thursday that charged Mr. Percoco, the governor’s former aide, in a wide-ranging public-corruption scheme cited emails that showed he sometimes answered to the name “Herb.” Those emails also show the governor’s former aide aggressively pursued “ziti,” the code word that prosecutors allege Mr. Percoco and some of the other defendants used for cash.

[Cuomo Sees Reputation Put on the Line](#)

WSJ - Mike Vilensky

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo isn’t a defendant, but his reputation is on trial. The federal complaint against nine people close to Mr. Cuomo’s administration, including a former top aide and close friend, describes a pay-to-play culture in which closeness to the governor was leveraged for personal profit. And it describes how Mr. Cuomo’s ex-allies strategically rewarded his generous campaign donors with state contracts for signature Cuomo development projects in lieu of a democratic process. The allegations involve the Cuomo administration in one of the biggest corruption cases to

touch Albany in the past several years—after the Democratic governor spent nearly six years vowing to clean up the capital and usher in a new era of ethics.

[SUNY Polytechnic President Faces State Bid-Rigging Charges](#)

WSJ - Josh Dawsey

A university president with close ties to New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo was charged with bid rigging by the state's attorney general Thursday, hours after he was accused of similar allegations in a federal case. Alain Kaloyeros, the 60-year-old president of State University of New York Polytechnic Institute, crafted bids for multimillion-dollar projects that were designed for specific developers or favored corporations, according to the felony complaint filed by Attorney General Eric Schneiderman's office. In exchange, Mr. Kaloyeros sometimes secured benefits that enhanced his salary or gave contracts to large contributors to Mr. Cuomo, the complaint alleges.

[Anthony Weiner Investigated After Reports of Texts With Teenager](#)

WSJ - Mike Vilensky, Pervaiz Shallwani

Former U.S. Rep. Anthony Weiner is being investigated by federal and local law-enforcement agencies following reports that he exchanged sexually explicit text messages and suggestive photos with a 15-year-old girl, officials said Thursday. The Daily Mail reported Wednesday that Mr. Weiner had exchanged the messages and photos with the girl. In a statement emailed to media agencies, Mr. Weiner apologized but also said he may be the victim of a hoax.

[SEE IT: President Obama reads 6-year-old New York boy's invitation for young Syrian refugee to come live with him](#)

DAILY NEWS - Molly Crane-Newman, Leonard Greene

He's the tot heard 'round the world. A Scarsdale boy has made the ultimate offer of generosity — he wants another little boy, a war-scarred Syrian refugee, to come live with him. And he's taking his case all the way to the top. In a heartfelt, handwritten note to President Obama, 6-year-old Alex Myteberi asked the commander-in-chief if Omran Daqneesh, the 5-year-old Syrian boy who was pictured in the back of an ambulance looking bloodied and dazed, could come live with him.

[Daily News Innovation Lab's Conversations explores the evolving newsroom, journalists as strategists](#)

DAILY NEWS - Staff

In a media landscape that's constantly evolving, journalists have to act as strategists to focus on business models that work for the company. The Daily News Innovation Lab Conversation, a series of events focused on issues that affect media, returned for its third season on Wednesday with a new discussion: "The Evolving Newsroom: Journalists as Strategists." Jay Rosen, journalism professor at New York University, moderated the panel sponsored by Microsoft, Inform and Davis Wright Tremaine.

[Orthodox Jewish man outraged after security did nothing about fan who yanked yarmulke off his head at Yankee Stadium](#)

DAILY NEWS - Edgar Sandoval, Reuven Blau

An Orthodox Jewish Yankee fan is calling foul on his favorite team — alleging officials for the Bronx Bombers failed to investigate his complaint against a man who grabbed his yarmulke during a game. Ben Lapin, 45, says he was watching the Yankees play against the Dodgers on Sept. 12 when a man sitting behind him grabbed the yarmulke off his head. "I was shocked," Lapin recalled Thursday. "This hasn't happened to me since I was 12 years old."

[Ex-girlfriend of accused terrorist Ahmad Khan Rahami says 'neither my child nor I' have had any contact with him for two years](#)

DAILY NEWS - Leonard Greene

The ex-girlfriend of Chelsea bombing suspect said Thursday that she and their daughter have had no contact with the accused terrorist for two years. In a statement after meeting with authorities, Maria Mena said she has kept her distance from the man accused of planting bombs that exploded last weekend in Chelsea and Seaside Park, N.J. "My family and I were deeply shocked and appalled at the recent incidents involving the explosions in New York and New Jersey, and our thoughts and prayers are with all who were affected," Mena said. "Particularly those law enforcement officers who were injured in the line of duty."

[Cuomo backers Alain Kaloyeros, Joseph Nicolla face corruption charges](#)

DAILY NEWS - Kenneth Lovett

Manhattan U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara wasn't the only one bringing charges against a top state official Thursday. State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman separately announced corruption charges Thursday afternoon against Alain Kaloyeros, the politically-connected president of SUNY Polytechnic Institute, over alleged bid-rigging schemes. "The

charges filed (Thursday) outline a blatant and brazen abuse of taxpayer dollars and the public trust," Schneiderman said. "This self-serving scheme alleged in the complaint was particularly egregious because it was aimed at enriching powerful people at the expense of the state's public university system."

[Former Cuomo aide Joseph Percoco used 'Sopranos' code to secretly negotiate wife's salary with upstate energy firm: 'Need 7500 boxes of ziti!!'](#)

DAILY NEWS - Victoria Bekiempis, Kenneth Lovett, Greg Smith

One of Gov. Cuomo's closest friends and ex-aides shook down upstate companies seeking lucrative state contracts right under the governor's nose, prosecutors charged Thursday. Joseph Percoco, Cuomo's former executive secretary and campaign manager, was charged in a detailed 80-page complaint unsealed by Manhattan U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara. Seven others were also charged, including the head of the State University of New York Polytechnic Institute, a top executive of an upstate energy firm, Competitive Power Ventures (CPV) and five execs of major upstate firms.

[LOVETT: Gov. Cuomo has broken his vow to clean up the political corruption in Albany](#)

DAILY NEWS - Kenneth Lovett

In 2010, as he stood in front of the Tweed Courthouse announcing his run for governor, Andrew Cuomo declared "enough is enough" while promising to clean up Albany once and for all. He has failed. Since he took office in 2011, not only has the state seen its top two legislative leaders and a host of lower-level lawmakers convicted on corruption charges, but the Cuomo administration has been the subject of two federal investigations itself.

[Man slashed in the face while riding D train near Bryant Park subway station](#)

DAILY NEWS - Thomas Tracy, Graham Rayman

A man was slashed in the face at the Bryant Park subway station early Thursday, police said. The victim was attacked on an uptown D train pulling into the 42 St./Bryant Park station about 10:17 a.m. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital with a serious wound.

[Trump's support for expanding 'stop-and-frisk' doesn't mean he's a racist, but that he is an idiot](#)

DAILY NEWS - Gersh Kuntzman

When Donald Trump is discussing violence in America, there are only two choices: he's either a racist or he's an idiot. I'm willing to say Trump's merely an idiot after his call Wednesday for a massive expansion of the now-disgraced "stop-and-frisk" policy, a policing strategy that allowed cops to detain, delay and distress millions of innocent people, mostly blacks, in New York in the early part of this century before it was dramatically curtailed under court order.

[EXCLUSIVE: French cop on UN mission helps NYPD nab teen thief while jogging through Central Park](#)

DAILY NEWS - Rocco Parascandola, Thomas Tracy

Vive la jogger! A French cop assigned to his country's UN mission helped arrest a teen stealing a woman's purse in Central Park, authorities said Thursday. The victim, as it turned out, was from his side of the pond — a British tourist.

[Port Authority officials reveal five innovative designs for new bus terminal](#)

DAILY NEWS - Dan Rivoli

Port Authority officials on Thursday unveiled grand new visions for replacing the cruddy, overcrowded and confusing Port Authority Bus Terminal. The five designs were commissioned as part of a competition that was ultimately scuttled over complaints from West Side elected officials who felt shut out of the planning process. Parts of these futuristic designs will be incorporated into a final plan, though there's no timeline yet for a finished concept, according to Port Authority officials.

[Three men indicted for selling elephant tusks at Manhattan antiques shop; DA outraged there are NYC stores 'profiting from wildlife crime'](#)

DAILY NEWS - Shayna Jacobs

Three men were indicted for selling ivory tusks and elaborate sculptures out of a private room in a Manhattan antiques store, prosecutors said Thursday. Carefully carved Asian-inspired art was recovered from the shop and was on display at a press conference held by the Manhattan District Attorney and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. "I'm outraged," DA Cyrus Vance Jr. said. "I can't believe that in our city we have stores that are profiting from wildlife crime."

[Abandoned car outside LaGuardia Airport causes lockdown and panic](#)

DAILY NEWS - Aidan McLaughlin, Ryan Sit, Denis Slattery

LaGuardia Airport went into lockdown late Thursday after an abandoned SUV sparked chaos and confusion at the transit hub, authorities and witnesses said. Terminal B at the Queens airport was partially evacuated and traffic was diverted for nearly two hours after a black SUV was dumped outside and a person was seen running from the vehicle around 11 p.m., a law enforcement source said. Passengers said authorities in the terminal were tight-lipped about what was going on.

[Editorial: All the governor's men: What associates' criminal charges say about Cuomo](#)

DAILY NEWS - Editorial

Federal charges leveled against a longtime aide to Gov. Cuomo and the mastermind of upstate high-tech economic development dealt a severe blow to the governor's image as an executive whose stern management prevents corruption. The complaint filed against Joseph Percoco, who served as an all-purpose gubernatorial assistant both to Cuomo and to his father, Mario, and against Alain Kaloyeros, now ex-chief of the SUNY Polytechnic Institute, tells a tale of two-bit influence peddling, betrayals and high-handed abuse of power.

[Editorial: Maybe cops can stop him: By allegedly sexting a minor, Anthony Weiner may just have crossed a legal line](#)

NY POST - Editorial

Prisoner to his sexual demons, Anthony Weiner may follow them behind bars. A 15-year-old North Carolina girl has alleged that the former congressman engaged in explicit sexual communications with her, while knowing that she was underage. The girl kept screenshots of two alleged Weiner texts that explicitly describe rough vaginal penetration.

[Opinion: The smart way to profile terrorists: Finding patterns in recent attacks](#)

DAILY NEWS - Bridget Johnson

There's a difference between mass profiling of a community, which is unconstitutional and counterproductive, and looking for potential terrorists who fit a profile. Recent cases have raised alarm about whether we're doing enough of the latter. Known terrorists and suspects — including ISIS and Al Qaeda's top recruiting targets, Muslims who were born in the United States or grew up here — have left a common trail of bread crumbs that must be weighed in their entirety in considering whether someone warrants further scrutiny as a threat.

[Cuomo confidantes hit with corruption charges](#)

NY POST – Lia Eustachewich, Yaron Steinbuch, Jamie Schram, Kirstan Conley

Federal charges were filed Thursday against nine people connected to Gov. Andrew Cuomo's upstate development projects, including his former top aide, Joseph Percoco, and his longtime family confidante, Todd Howe, prosecutors announced. Seven others were also charged in the alleged bribery scheme tied to a slew of state-funded upstate development projects — including the so-called Buffalo Billion economic plan, according to a criminal indictment unsealed in Manhattan federal court. SUNY Polytechnic Institute President Alain Kaloyeros was among those named in the 80-page indictment in connection with fraudulently awarding hundreds of millions of dollars in state contracts and other official state business, the documents allege.

[Uber will let NY users schedule their rides this week](#)

NY POST – Danielle Furfaro

Uber has increased its stranglehold on competitors with a new feature that will allow users to schedule cars ahead of time. The car app company is adding the feature in New York City Thursday morning. It lets customers book rides up to 30 days in advance. A passenger who has an early morning flight can now schedule their ride to the airport ahead of time, so that they have one less task to worry about on travel day.

[Jay Leno has quietly kept this NYC kids charity alive](#)

NY POST - Michael Starr

Jay Leno lives 3,000 miles away — but part of his spirit resides in the heart of Brooklyn. Over the past 12 years, the former “Tonight Show” host has quietly donated more than \$1 million to Bailey's Café, an intergenerational community arts and education program in Bed-Stuy. “What they do is provide a lot of services, taking kids in the community and teaming them up with older people,” says Leno, 66. “Kids that don't have grandparents, [the older people] teach them how to cook, and the kids teach [the older people] how to work with computers.

[La Guardia Airport hopes new plan will fix gridlock problem](#)

NY POST - Danika Fears

Port Authority officials outlined several measures on Thursday to help alleviate the traffic problems at La Guardia Airport. One major change will be a new lane in front of the airport. Officials are mulling a direct right turn at 94th Street and eliminating a loop that was installed in early August. The agency has already created a coordination center for monitoring the flow of traffic. The ideas come after a summer of horrific traffic that forced travelers to ditch their cabs and run through the street to terminals with their baggage.

[Politician witnesses ‘gang’ death before meeting on gang violence](#)

NY POST - Daniel Prendergast, Natalie Musumeci

A Brooklyn lawmaker was preparing for a community meeting on gang violence — but he wasn’t prepared for the real-life example just outside the window, including the sound of gunfire and a fleeing, bloodied victim. “We saw people running, and one guy was running and he was shot in the back — you could see the blood,” state Sen. Jesse Hamilton told The Post, describing the mayhem in Brownsville. Hamilton was in the first-floor rec center of the Howard Houses for the Wednesday afternoon meeting when he heard four or five gunshots.

[Chelsea bomb suspect’s dad: I told FBI to ‘keep an eye on him’](#)

NY POST - Chris Perez

The father of alleged Chelsea bomber Ahmad Khan Rahami told the FBI to “keep an eye” on his son in 2014, claiming the young man had developed an obsession with terrorism and immersed himself in jihadist music, poetry and videos. Speaking to The New York Times, Mohammad Rahami recounted what he said to investigators when he tipped them off about his now-28-year-old son. “I told the FBI to keep an eye on him,” he recalled, speaking in his native Pashto.

[Cuomo pals linked to corruption case have not been charged](#)

NY POST - Carl Campanile

The wife of a longtime Cuomo family confidant and the governor’s former director of state operations both feature prominently in the feds’ latest corruption case — even though neither has been charged. Lisa Toscano-Percoco, who is married to former top gubernatorial aide Joseph Percoco, allegedly snagged a \$90,000-a-year, “no-show” job with energy firm Competitive Power Ventures, in exchange for her powerful hubby’s influence in Albany. CPV “purposefully” kept her last name off brochures touting her work developing an education program for fourth-graders living near a plant the company was building in New Jersey, and also kept her from appearing in photos to promote the program, the feds say.

[Off-duty French cop catches purse thief in Central Park](#)

NY POST - Tina Moore, Daniel Prendergast, Gabrielle Fonrouge

Only in New York! A French cop chased down a mugger who had just robbed a British tourist in Central Park. Stephane Rocher — who is assigned to the French Mission to the UN — was off-duty when he heard a man shouting “Thief! Thief!” around 10:15 a.m. Tuesday near East Drive and East 71st Street, police sources said. “I came near him and I asked him what’s the matter and he told me, ‘a young man grabbed the bag off my wife and he run away,’” Rocher, 41, told The Post.

[West Point deemed safe after bomb scare](#)

NY POST — Jamie Schram, Shawn Cohen

A bomb threat at the US Military Academy at West Point Thursday led police to evacuate the area but turned out to be bogus. The New York State Police deemed the potential threat a false alarm as of 11:30 a.m. — about an hour after an individual on the grounds went to the Visitors Center on New South Post Road and said there was a “bomb” in a nearby vehicle, authorities said. The vehicle was checked and cleared of any explosives, officials said. West Point spokesman Lt. Col. Christopher Kasker said in a statement that the area was evacuated as a precaution. Though the area was deemed safe, authorities are still investigating.

[LaGuardia terminal reopened after abandoned car is cleared](#)

NY POST - Associated Press

Officials say a terminal at New York’s LaGuardia Airport that was evacuated has been reopened after an abandoned vehicle was cleared. Alana Calmi, a spokeswoman for The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, says in a statement that Terminal B at LaGuardia was closed and passengers were evacuated late Thursday due to an abandoned vehicle near the terminal.

[Editorial: Corruption lands at doorstep of governor who vowed clean up](#)

NY POST - Editorial Board

Gov. Cuomo took office vowing to clean up Albany's pay-to-play culture once and for all. Yet now it seems that culture infected the highest reaches of his own administration and his billion-dollar signature initiative. So charges New York's corruption-busting federal prosecutor, US Attorney Preet Bharara, in a 79-page bribery, extortion and bid-rigging indictment unveiled Thursday. No, nothing in the indictment directly implicates Cuomo in any wrongdoing, according to Bharara.

[Opinion: Cuomo's SolarCity disaster could become a monument to corruption](#)

NY POST - E. J. McMahon

Earlier this month, Gov. Cuomo paid a visit to the centerpiece of his upstate economic development strategy: a massive, still unfinished "gigafactory" taxpayers spent \$750 million to build and equip for SolarCity, a money-losing company with a foggy future. "This is the economy of tomorrow," the governor gushed, according to a Buffalo News account. "It's such a metaphor — a symbol of everything we're doing." Indeed. But rather than symbolizing a shiny high-tech future, the solar-panel could become a monument to what US Attorney Preet Bharara described as "pervasive corruption and fraud" allegedly infecting Cuomo's signature economic development programs.

[Power plant favors central to charges against top Cuomo aide](#)

POLITICO NY – Scott Waldman

A former top aide to Gov. Andrew Cuomo solicited years worth of payments from an energy company for trying to get it a lucrative purchase agreement to build a \$1 billion Hudson Valley power plant, according to a criminal complaint unveiled Thursday by U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara. The document shows that Joe Percoco started receiving benefits from a Competitive Power Ventures executive, Peter Galbraith Kelly Jr., as early as 2010, as it became clear that Cuomo would be elected governor. Percoco, Cuomo's former top aide whom he has referred to as a "brother," repeatedly intervened on behalf of CPV for state actions in exchange for an annual \$90,000 salary for his wife, Lisa Toscano-Percoco, the complaint alleges. In total, the couple received \$287,000 from the company.

[Schneiderman to charge Kaloyeros, developer with bid-rigging](#)

POLITICO NY – Josefa Velasquez

Attorney General Eric Schneiderman is expected to announce corruption charges against SUNY Polytechnic Institute CEO Alain Kaloyeros in connection with an alleged bid-rigging scheme involving a dormitory it had planned to build in Albany. Schneiderman's office sent out an advisory that it will hold a press conference at 2:30 p.m. in Manhattan to announce "charges in a public corruption investigation."

[Bharara: Indictment allegations go 'to the core of how I think state government operates'](#)

POLITICO NY – Colby Hamilton

Parrying question after question about Gov. Andrew Cuomo's possible knowledge of and involvement in the alleged bribery and bid rigging schemes unveiled by his office Thursday morning, U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara declined to insinuate the second-term governor was part of any ongoing investigation — even as he leveled his regular critique of corruption in state government. "We're as busy as we ever were, maybe busier," Bharara said at the end of a press conference detailing the alleged schemes, which involved Joseph Percoco, the one-time "right hand man" to Cuomo; Alain Kaloyeros, the head of SUNY Polytech; and another long-time Cuomo confidant, along with six other co-conspirators.

[Cuomo allies charged in corruption scheme](#)

POLITICO NY – Jimmy Vielkind

Two high-ranking officials in the administration of Gov. Andrew Cuomo, Joe Percoco and Alain Kaloyeros, were charged Thursday by federal agents as part of a sweeping probe of the administration's economic development efforts. A complaint brought by prosecutors working in the office of U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara and unsealed Thursday morning alleges Percoco extorted developers who built multi-million dollar facilities for the SUNY Polytechnic Institute, which was led by Kaloyeros. It also alleged that Kaloyeros and developers rigged the construction bids for several facilities, which the Democratic governor has touted as a cornerstone of legacy in upstate New York.

[From exorbitant to relatively modest, Port Authority offers ideas to ease bus commuting](#)

POLITICO NY - Dana Rubinstein

What to do about the aging, obsolete and widely reviled Port Authority Bus Terminal has bedeviled bureaucrats and planners for years now. And continues to. On Thursday, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey released the five

entries in the bus terminal design competition it launched in March, a competition that was supposed to help the bi-state agency reach a final decision on how to go about building a new facility.

[Bridgegate mastermind was 'protected' by Christie, Port Authority chief testifies](#)

POLITICO NY - Ryan Hutchins

The architect of the George Washington Bridge lane closures was not interviewed during an internal investigation of the incident because he was “protected by Chris Christie,” the head of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey testified on Thursday in federal court. Despite having the legal authority to fire that man, David Wildstein, Port Authority executive director Pat Foye said he was unable to do so because it was “complicated.”

[Bharara complaint details activities of unregistered influence peddler](#)

POLITICO NY - Bill Mahoney

While announcing sweeping criminal charges against individuals close to Gov. Andrew Cuomo on Thursday morning, U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara referred to one of them, Todd Howe, as a “powerful and connected lobbyist with close ties to the governor’s office.” Based on the details provided in Bharara’s complaints, to which Howe has pled guilty, it’s clear that Howe was connected and had close ties to the governor’s office. But while Howe meets the dictionary definition of a lobbyist — for the entirety of Cuomo’s tenure, he’s partially made his living off influencing New York’s government — he hasn’t been registered for most of this time.

[Woodward discusses 'crisis' in journalism with business leaders](#)

POLITICO NY - Jimmy Vielkind

Bob Woodward, dogged journalist that he is, built a speech to business leaders here on Thursday night around questions. He asked an audience of roughly 200 people gathered at the Sagamore resort for the annual meeting of the Business Council of New York State whether they were satisfied with the state of the economy. The number of hands was even. He asked whether they were satisfied with the direction of U.S. foreign policy. Another mixed response.

[Former lawmen Christie and Cuomo now bound by scandals](#)

POLITICO NY - Terry Golway

The governor of New York is scheduled to be in the city early next week to wax eloquent on the subject of infrastructure, a topic to which he is so devoted that his aides have encouraged comparisons to Robert Moses. They appear to have forgotten that thanks to the narrative skills of Robert Caro, the master builder is remembered not so much for his great works of public utility as his unscrupulous exercise of raw power. But perhaps that is not the comparison they seek to make.

[Charges against allies a damaging setback for Cuomo](#)

POLITICO NY - Jimmy Vielkind

Gov. Andrew Cuomo was not criminally charged on Thursday, but the schemes involving his close allies that were detailed by state and federal prosecutors are a serious blow to the Democratic governor and several of his proudest accomplishments. The governor’s upstate economic development programs have been tainted. After promising to clean up Albany during his first campaign, the smelliest aspects of campaign fundraising and influence-peddling still flourish. There will be swirling questions about what Cuomo knew about what the men in his inner circle were doing. All of it will be a cacophonous distraction from any legislative agenda the governor might advance next year, and will cast a shadow on any re-election bid.

[Schneiderman, dozens of AGs sue maker of Suboxone for anti-competitive practices](#)

POLITICO NY - Dan Goldberg

The maker of Suboxone, a blockbuster drug that helps people control their opioid addiction, engaged in anti-competitive business practices, coercing patients to use an oral strip because the tablets were set to face generic competition, according to a federal lawsuit filed by New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman and 35 other Attorneys General. Indivior’s alleged scheme took place over five years during which the company, spun off from Reckitt Benckiser in 2014, worked to maintain its monopoly.

[\[PRO\] Assemblyman calls for more access to medical treatment for opioid addiction](#)

POLITICO NY - Nick Niedzwiadek

[\[PRO\] Bharara discounts McDonnell concerns in Percoco case](#)

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POLITICO – Bill Mahoney

[\[PRO\] SUNY to review Kaloyeros charges, appoints interim head](#)

POLITICO NY – Keshia Clukey

[\[PRO\] Little movement toward agreement on legislator salaries](#)

POLITICO – Bill Mahoney

[Cuomo: ‘I Am Saddened and Profoundly Disappointed’ if Percoco Allegations True](#)

NY OBSERVER – Jillian Jorgensen

Gov. Andrew Cuomo said he’s “saddened and profoundly disappointed” after his former confidante was charged with taking bribes from companies seeking business and funding from his office. Joseph Percoco was so close to the governor and his late father, Gov. Mario Cuomo, that Cuomo once referred to Percoco as his father’s “third son”—but Percoco’s name is nowhere in the governor’s statement, which calls him “a former member of my administration.” “If the allegations are true, I am saddened and profoundly disappointed. I hold my administration to the highest level of integrity,” Cuomo said. “I have zero tolerance for abuse of the public trust from anyone.” The statement does, however, make reference to their relationship and the relationship with his late father.

[Bharara Promises ‘Gory Detail’ of Corruption at Core of Cuomo’s Office and Agenda](#)

NY OBSERVER – Will Bredderman

U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara lashed out at the state’s executive branch and the “show-the-money-culture in Albany” today as he unveiled a massive criminal complaint implicating some of Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s closest associates—but he refused to say what the governor’s knowledge of the alleged scheme might be. Addressing the press at his office in Lower Manhattan, the federal prosecutor asserted Cuomo’s ex-deputy executive secretary Joseph Percoco was “on the take” and that “pervasive corruption and fraud” infested one of the governor’s signature economic development programs.

[All the Governor’s Men—Federal Charges Against Top Cuomo Aide, Donor and SUNY Head](#)

NY OBSERVER – Will Bredderman

U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara slapped three top allies to Gov. Andrew Cuomo today with federal charges alleging an extensive conspiracy of bribery, bid-rigging and extortion. Hours after reports surfaced that Cuomo’s former deputy executive secretary and political enforcer Joseph Percoco would face arrest today, the prosecutor for the Southern District of New York unsealed a criminal complaint implicating not just Percoco but seven other men. Among them are Buffalo developer Louis Ciminelli, a top contributor to the governor’s political campaigns, and Alain Kaloyeros, the flamboyant head of the State University of New York Polytechnic Institute—both major players in the Buffalo Billion, one of the governor’s central economic development initiatives.

[New York boy asks Obama to bring Syrian refugee Omran Daqneesh to his home](#)

AM NY – Nicole Brown

[2 ex-Cuomo aides among 9 charged in federal corruption probe](#)

AM NY – Newsday

[Donald Trump praises stop-and-frisk police policy](#)

AM NY – Reuters

[Obama to veto bill allowing 9/11 victims to sue Saudi Arabia by Friday, White House says](#)

AM NY – Reuters

[MacArthur ‘genius grants’ awarded to seven New Yorkers](#)

AM NY – Ivan Pereira

[NYC apartment buildings with unusual luxury amenities](#)

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[LaGuardia Airport cleared for operation after suspicious vehicle checked, NYPD says](#)

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[W train gets exact date for service restoration](#)

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[\\$4.5M elephant ivory seizure in midtown is largest in state history, records show](#)

AM NY - Alison Fox

[Tony winning drama 'The Humans' breaks even and more theater news](#)

AM NY - Matt Windman

[Subway rider yells 'bomb' on L train, NYPD says](#)

AM NY - Nicole Brown

[LaGuardia traffic from terminal renovation raises questions](#)

AM NY - William Murphy

[City Island will make you forget you're in the Bronx with its nautical feel](#)

AM NY - Patrick McGovern

[Cuomo's former top aide, eight others charged with corruption](#)

METRO – Reuters

[W train expected to resume service Nov. 7: MTA](#)

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[Bombing suspect critical, unconscious, intubated: Reports](#)

METRO - Kimberly M. Aquilina

[This is how much it costs to move into a bigger place in NYC](#)

METRO - Cristabelle Tumola

[NYC bombing case most high-profile since Boston Marathon](#)

SI ADVANCE - Associated Press

[As autumn arrives, it will feel more like summer for a bit longer](#)

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[Community leaders participate in ShopRite's 'Help Bag Hunger Day'](#)

SI ADVANCE - Cassy Sommer

[Cuomo 'saddened' over charges against former aide Joe Percoco](#)

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National News:

[Tulsa Officer Charged in Fatal Shooting of Black Driver](#)

NY TIMES - Manny Fernandez

The white police officer who fatally shot an unarmed black driver here last week as he stood outside his vehicle overreacted during a confrontation captured on video and was charged on Thursday with first-degree manslaughter, the authorities said. According to court documents, the officer, Betty Jo Shelby, 42, was overcome with fear that the man, Terence Crutcher, 40, who was not responding to her commands and was walking away from her with his hands up, was going to kill her. An investigator with the Tulsa County district attorney's office said in an affidavit that Officer Shelby became "emotionally involved to the point that she overreacted" and fired her weapon even though she "was not able to see any weapons or bulges indicating" that Mr. Crutcher had a gun.

[Email Hack Details Movements of Joe Biden, Michelle Obama and Hillary Clinton](#)

NY TIMES - Michael Shear, Matthew Rosenberg

Hackers on Thursday posted hundreds of emails from a young Democratic operative that contained documents detailing the minute-by-minute schedules and precise movements of the vice president, the first lady and Hillary Clinton during recent campaign fund-raisers and official political events. The emails included names and cellphone numbers of numerous Secret Service agents, spreadsheets with the names and Social Security numbers of campaign donors, and PowerPoint

presentations showing step-by-step directions for where officials like Vice President Joseph R. Biden Jr. should walk when they arrived at events.

[Inside Hillary Clinton's Outrage Machine, Allies Push the Buttons](#)

NY TIMES - Jason Horowitz

Just before 9:30 p.m. on Sept. 13, the first Twitter post appeared, directing users to an obscure article about a remark Donald J. Trump had made last year that 50 percent of the country did not want to work. Over the next 48 hours, 1,819 people, seemingly furious that the news media had paid more attention to Hillary Clinton's assertion that half of Trump supporters fit into a "basket of deplorables," lashed out at reporters and news outlets. "Dear Media: If you don't cover this, you're covering for him, #Trump50percent," wrote one Twitter user.

[Rahm Emanuel Proposes More Police and Mentors to Stop Chicago's Cascading Violence](#)

NY TIMES - Monica Davey

Faced with intensifying pressure to solve this city's cascading violence, Mayor Rahm Emanuel on Thursday evening laid out what he described as a comprehensive plan for public safety: more police, more mentors, more jobs. Rarely in Mr. Emanuel's more than five years as mayor has he given a speech with stakes as high or circumstances as tense. "Gun violence in Chicago is unacceptable," Mr. Emanuel told an invitation-only audience on the city's Near West Side in a speech that was, by turns, a point-by-point list of policy initiatives and a flood of emotional recollections that strayed from his prepared script. "It is pulling us apart at the very moment when our city needs us to come together."

[Keith Scott's Family Sees Videos of His Killing, and Says the Public Should, Too](#)

NY TIMES - Alan Blinder, Niraj Choksi, Richard Perez-Pena

The grieving relatives of a man who was killed by the police here watched videos on Thursday of the fatal shooting, a wrenching experience that they said revealed no hint of aggression in him and left the family members convinced that the videos should be made public. But the city's police chief, who had arranged for the private viewing, held fast to his decision not to release the recordings. The wife and other relatives of the dead man, Keith L. Scott, watched his killing from two angles, recorded Tuesday by police dashboard and body cameras, and "it was incredibly difficult," a family lawyer, Justin Bamberg, said in a statement.

[Keith Scott's Killing by Police Emerges as Issue in Tight North Carolina Race](#)

NY TIMES - Trip Gabriel

The protests filling television screens since a police shootingThe release of official videos has become a significant point of contention in the aftermath of the fatal police shooting of a 43-year-old black man on Tuesday in Charlotte, N.C. Protesters, civil rights groups and others have called for the release of footage from police dashboard and body cameras to establish what happened. The police say that the man, Keith L. Scott, refused to comply with commands to drop a handgun. Mr. Scott's family says he was unarmed and was holding a book. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg police chief, Kerr Putney, said Thursday that while Mr. Scott's family would be allowed to watch the videos, they would not be made available to the public.ng here have added a volatile new element to the presidential race in North Carolina, where the candidates are locked in fierce competition. It is too soon to know how this latest edition of the wrenching national debate over policing and race will play out in this battleground state, where nearly one in four voters are African-American. But both nominees seized on the fatal shooting of a 43-year-old black man on Tuesday in ways meant to appeal to core supporters.

[Police Videos, Kept Private, Fuel Tensions in Charlotte](#)

NY TIMES - Timothy Williams

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International News:

[U.S. to Step Up Deportations of Haitians Amid Surge at Border](#)

NY TIMES - Kirk Semple

The Obama administration, responding to an extraordinary wave of Haitian migrants seeking to enter the United States, said on Thursday that it would fully resume deportations of undocumented Haitian immigrants. After an earthquake devastated parts of Haiti in 2010, the United States suspended deportations, saying that sending Haitians back to the country at a time of great instability would put their lives at risk. About a year later, officials partly resumed deportations, focusing on people convicted of serious crimes or those considered a threat to national security.

[Amid New Airstrikes in Syria, an Aid Convoy Arrives](#)

NY TIMES - Michael Gordon, Nick Cumming-Bruce, Somini Sengupta

The United Nations resumed aid convoys to besieged communities in Syria on Thursday for the first time since a deadly attack on trucks loaded with supplies on Monday. But that accomplishment seemed fragile as talks in New York between the United States and Russia failed to produce agreement on how to restore a cease-fire in Syria, and as the Syrian military announced that it had begun a new offensive in eastern Aleppo and warned residents to stay away from rebel positions. That announcement was made after two days of intensive bombing of eastern Aleppo by the Russian-backed Syrian forces.

[Obama Puts Syria at Arm's Length as Carnage Drags On](#)

NY TIMES - Mark Landler

When Secretary of State John Kerry took the floor at the United Nations on Wednesday to deliver a searing denunciation of the airstrike on an aid convoy headed for the Syrian city of Aleppo President Obama was crosstown, at his Manhattan hotel, preparing for a day of diplomacy that included Africa, Israel and Colombia — but, conspicuously, not Syria. It was typical of the arm's-length approach the president has taken toward the Syria conflict on the world stage in recent weeks. At a summit meeting in China this month, he studiously avoided negotiating a cease-fire with President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia, leaving the diplomacy to Mr. Kerry and his Russian counterpart. At the United Nations, he scarcely mentioned Syria in a wide-ranging farewell address to the General Assembly.

[World Crises Push Israeli-Palestinian Conflict Off U.N. Center Stage](#)

NY TIMES - Peter Baker

They took the stage, one after the other, two aging actors in a long-running drama that has begun to lose its audience. As the Israeli and Palestinian leaders recited their lines in the grand hall of the United Nations General Assembly on Thursday, many in the orchestra seats recognized the script. “Heinous crimes,” charged Mahmoud Abbas, the Palestinian president. “Historic catastrophe.” “Fanaticism,” countered Benjamin Netanyahu, the Israeli prime minister. “Inhumanity.”

[Iran's President Accuses U.S. of 'Lack of Compliance' on Nuclear Deal](#)

NY TIMES - Rick Gladstone, Thomas Erdbrink

President Hassan Rouhani of Iran accused the United States on Thursday of not complying with the landmark nuclear agreement that took effect in January, and said American credibility would suffer if the accord were not honored. In his United Nations General Assembly speech and later at an hourlong news conference, Mr. Rouhani criticized what he described as an American failure to adhere to obligations under the agreement, which relaxed many economic sanctions on Iran in exchange for verifiable pledges of peaceful nuclear work.

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FOX 5 - Charlotte Police-Involved Shooting; Tulsa Police-Involved Shooting; 2016 Presidential Campaign
ABC 7 - LI Body Found; Anthony Weiner; NJ Bus Fire

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CBS 2 - Anthony Weiner; Queens Bodega Assault; NJ Bus Fire
NBC 4 - Chelsea Bombing (Team Coverage); LI Murder Investigations
ABC 7 -Anthony Weiner; Midtown Subway Slashing; Chelsea Bombing

Mayor de Blasio in Broadcast:

Mayor de Blasio Touts Computer Science for All Initiative

[NBC 4 - David Ushery - 5:47 pm](#)

Mayor de Blasio says he wants every public school student to be able to learn computer science. Today, he got a lesson of his own. He visited the computer coding class at the Laboratory School of Finance and Technology in the Bronx. Earlier this month, the Mayor announced a ten-year plan to put these classes in every school. Right now, only about five percent of City students have access to the curriculum. The \$81 million computer science initiative will be paid for with public and private funds.

New Surveillance Video Shows People Running for Cover Following Chelsea Explosion

[ABC 7 - Darla Miles - 5:07 pm](#)

There's new video today that shows the moment the bomb exploded on a busy street in Chelsea. You can see people frantically running from the blast. The suspect, Ahmad Rahami, is in critical condition still and hasn't spoken with investigators yet. Meanwhile, his wife returned to the U.S. from Dubai, and Rahami's ex-girlfriend released a statement today. Rahami has been unconscious and intubated since being admitted into the hospital. He was shot seven times, struck in a major artery, and is still in critical condition. There is a three hour gap where Rahami is not seen on surveillance video – from the time where he dropped off the pressure cooker until the time he was seen leaving Manhattan. Investigators still need to talk to two men who are possible key witnesses in the terror investigation. Police say they can be seen on surveillance video grabbing the suitcase and tossing the bomb to the side and walking away. The pressure cooker was left on the sidewalk until a passerby saw it and knew something wasn't right. Mayor: "Thank God for the woman on 27th Street who, as you heard – if you heard her interview, she walked by one time, didn't make much of that item she saw, then came back and thought twice and placed the call." There's also new surveillance video of the bomb that did go off in Chelsea. People are seen looking for shelter from the falling debris and running away. Federal investigators have been going in and out of the Rahami home all day.

[CBS 2 - Dick Brennan - 5:08 pm](#)

Mayor: "We don't have specific evidence of a cell. We are concerned to know if there's other people. We just don't have a final answer on that yet."

[*The Mayor is not mentioned in the following reports:*]

FOX 5 - Lisa Evers - 5:03 pm

Police have released new surveillance video of the bomb that exploded in Chelsea on Saturday night. The new video surfaces as authorities continue to build their case against suspect Ahmad Rahami. NYPD Deputy Commissioner for Counter-Terrorism, John Miller says they are still not sure if he acted alone. Deputy Commissioner Miller: “The question is did one person make that many devices, cover that amount of ground, do all that by themselves. It is certainly possible, but it is equally possible that there maybe are others involved.”

NBC 4 - Jonathan Dienst - 5:01 pm

Commissioner Banks on New York City’s Homelessness Crisis

[FOX 5 - Zachary Kiesch - 5:32 pm](#)

The City’s Department of Homeless Services has been criticized recently for its plans to turn hotels into shelters. Most records are meant to be broken, but when the Department of Homeless Services announced earlier this week that 59,698 people, in a single night, slept in a shelter it wasn’t the kind of record to celebrate. Commissioner Banks: “It’s the most pressing problems – to keep a roof over people’s heads; that they get people out of the shelter system and into housing. Commissioner Banks spent more than three decades addressing income inequality and advocating for residents with the Legal Aid Society. But, his role as Commissioner has made him a lightning rod for some. Like in Maspeth, DHS is proposing a hotel be turned into an adult shelter. Commissioner Banks: “It’s a problem that can’t – didn’t happen overnight, not going to be solved overnight but we have to keep focusing on making sure that people have a roof over their heads every night. It’s a legal requirement to New York City, but it is also a moral obligation for us to make sure that our fellow New Yorkers don’t end up on the streets. According to Banks, between 1994 and the present there has been 115 percent increase in homelessness in New York City. He says there is a number of contributing factors, among them the lost of 400,000 affordable housing units. The de Blasio administration rolled out a plan about five months ago, which focuses on investments on the frontend like \$62 million set aside for legal services to prevent people from being evicted. Also, rental assistance which bridges the gap between what people can afford and what rent is. [Commissioner Banks: “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. So, investment and prevention has been critically important for us, but certainly housing is an important piece.” Zachary Kiesch: “Is it possible to end homelessness as we know it or will there always be a segment of the population that we find in this predicament.” Commissioner Banks: “What I focus on is the pain that I see in the eyes of adults and children who need help. And I know that our role is to provide them with a helping hand to make sure they don’t end up on the streets of the City. And we’re going to keep doing that because what we’re focused on is the adults and children that need help.”]

Agency Mentions:

Construction Started on 19 New City Ferries

ABC 7 - Diana Williams - 5:42 pm

New Yorkers are getting a look at new ferries coming to New York City. Construction started on 19 vessels and is going to move fast. The boats are expected to start service early next year. The ferries will be able to hold 150 passengers with space for bikes, strollers, and wheelchairs. The boats are longer and offer more space, which is good news for winter because there’s going to be heated decks on the boats.

Subpoena Issued for Anthony Weiner’s Cell Phone Records

ABC 7 - Sade Baderinwa - 5:00 pm

Federal prosecutors are investigating Anthony Weiner’s alleged sexting scandal with a teenage girl. No formal complaints have been launched at this point, but a subpoena has been issued for his cell phone records.

FOX 5 - Steve Lacy - 5:07 pm

The NYPD is looking into an alleged sexting relationship between Anthony Weiner and an underaged girl.

ABC 7 - Kemberly Richardson - 5:30 pm

NBC 4 - David Ushery - 5:33 pm

CBS 2 - Dick Brennan - 6:01 pm

Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark Opens Office On Rikers Island

NBC 4 - Sibila Vargas - 5:34 pm

There are now prosecutors on Rikers Island ready to charge anyone who breaks the law at a moment's notice including inmates and officers. Today, Bronx district attorney Darcel Clark showed off their new work space. 14 staffers will be on hand to collect evidence, do interviews, and be ready to file charges immediately. Through the years NBC-4 has reported on corruption, contraband issues, fights, and allegations of abuse. She is now promising changes.

Local News:

Former Top Cuomo Aide Indicted on Federal Bribery Charges

NBC 4 - Melissa Russo - 5:32 pm

A former top adviser who Governor Andrew Cuomo once likened to a brother was among eight men arrested Thursday in a bribery and fraud case that threatens to tarnish Cuomo's efforts to spur the upstate economy and darken a reputation that until now has been spared from a federal prosecutor's anti-corruption crusade. U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara announced the charges at a news conference and said another former Cuomo aide, a ninth defendant, was cooperating after he pleaded guilty. The prosecutor spoke sparingly when questioned specifically about Cuomo. Some of the most serious allegations in a Manhattan federal court criminal complaint were brought against Joseph Percoco, formerly Cuomo's executive deputy secretary and one of his most loyal advisers. Percoco also worked for Cuomo's father, Gov. Mario Cuomo. At the former governor's funeral last year, Andrew Cuomo called Percoco "my father's third son who sometimes I think he loved the most." Percoco pleaded not guilty to the charges Thursday and was released on \$100,000 bond. He had to surrender his passport and three firearms and is required to stay in Connecticut and the southern and eastern districts of New York. He declined to comment to NBC-4 New York as he left court. The court papers alleged Percoco took over \$315,000 in bribes from 2012 through 2016 from Syracuse-based COR Development and Competitive Power Ventures, an energy company looking to build a power plant in the Hudson Valley. Todd Howe, a consultant for the two companies and former Cuomo associate, set up bank accounts and a shell company to funnel bribes, including payments to Percoco's wife, the complaint said. Howe pleaded guilty Tuesday. Percoco's attorney, Barry Bohrer, called the case "an overreach of classic proportions." The federal probe revealed a web of individuals and businesses tied to Cuomo that were poised to profit from the Buffalo Billion, Cuomo's effort to boost New York's second-largest city, and Nano, a high-tech jobs initiative led by defendant Alain Kaloyeros, president of SUNY Polytechnic Institute. Howe pleaded guilty to charges, including conspiracy to commit extortion, bribery and wire and tax fraud. His attorney, Richard Morvillo, said Howe will "testify truthfully if called upon." In an apparent reference to Howe, Bohrer said the case against Percoco is "based on information provided by someone of utterly unreliable credibility." Percoco resigned as Cuomo's executive deputy in 2014 to lead Cuomo's re-election campaign. He rejoined the administration in late 2014 before leaving again in January to become a vice president at Madison Square Garden. According to state financial disclosures, Percoco made up to \$125,000 by becoming a consultant for COR Development and CHA Consulting, two firms involved in Buffalo Billion and Nano. The firms are also big Cuomo political donors. Peter Galbraith Kelly Jr., an executive at Competitive Power Ventures, is accused in the complaint of conspiracy and paying bribes to Percoco. The Braintree, Massachusetts company didn't immediately reply to requests for comment. Authorities accused Percoco of conspiring with Kaloyeros and Howe in the Buffalo Billion project to deceive Fort Schuyler, the state-funded entity awarding the contracts, so bids would go to COR Development and Buffalo contractor LPCiminelli. They said Kaloyeros retained Howe to help him, and Howe in turn solicited and received bribes. Kaloyeros was suspended without pay Thursday, Cuomo said. Also charged were COR Development executives Steven Aiello and Joseph Girardi and LPCiminelli executives Michael Laipple, Kevin Schuler and CEO Louis Ciminelli. Laipple, Schuler and Ciminelli were released after federal court appearances Thursday in Buffalo. None of them commented as they left court. Their lawyers said they are innocent. LPCiminelli said in a statement that company officials acted appropriately and legally and will be vindicated. COR didn't respond to a request for comment. Kaloyeros wasn't immediately available for comment. Meanwhile, Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman brought separate state charges against Kaloyeros and a real estate developer not charged in the federal case, saying Kaloyeros steered or agreed to steer contracts to hand-picked companies, rigging the bidding process for three multimillion-dollar contracts. In Bharara's crackdown on political corruption in Albany he successfully prosecuted the former Senate majority leader and ex-Assembly speaker last year, two men who worked closely with Cuomo as the three most powerful men in the state.

ABC 7 - Diana Williams - 5:05 pm

A former top aide a close family friend to New York Governor Andrew Cuomo has been indicted today on federal bribery charges. Joseph Percoco, Cuomo's former Deputy Secretary is among eight people facing charges in the bribery and fraud case. Percoco allegedly took more than \$320,000 in bribes over several years while working for Cuomo. Todd Howe, a lobbyist who worked closely with the Cuomo administration, has already pleaded guilty and is cooperating with authorities.

FOX 5 - Linda Schmidt - 5:07 pm

CBS 2 - Marcia Kramer - 5:05 pm

Behind the Scenes Look at DEA's Fight Against Heroin in NY

ABC 7 - NJ Burkett - 5:51 pm

30 percent of all of the heroin smuggled into the United States gets into the country through New York borders. ABC-7 flew with the DEA to see the drug pipeline routes into the city, going behind the scenes with the crime fighters who are racing to close down these routes because people are dying at alarming rates. It's enough to kill an entire herd of elephants. Fentanyl is 100 times more powerful than morphine. Now routinely mixed with heroin, and flooding the streets of New York. Most of the heroin is smuggled in by the truckload, packed into tractor-trailers and driven up from Mexico, over the Verrazano and into Brooklyn, over the GW and into the Bronx. Just last month, agents arrested two men after they found over 65 pounds of heroin hidden in the axle of their tractor-trailer. With overdoses and deaths at an all-time high, the DEA's Manhattan lab is overwhelmed by the sheer volume of heroin seizures. One third of all the heroin seized by the DEA is seized in New York, a number that doubles every year.

New Port Authority Bus Terminal Designs Revealed

FOX 5 - Steve Lacy - 5:20 pm

New Yorkers are being asked to weigh in on designs for the Port Authority bus terminal. Officials unveiled five different layouts for the West Side terminal. One features a pedestrian plaza with a car-free entrance; another can accommodate up to 365,000 passengers through a proposed four-floor complex. There is also a design that would put the terminal underground.

NBC 4 - Natalie Pasquarella - 6:12 pm

MTA Announces W Train Comeback

NBC 4 - David Ushery - 5:20 pm

A new train will roll again in the subway system. The W train is coming back. The W will roll from Astoria, Queens to Lower Manhattan starting November 7th. It will replace the Q train, which will move to the Second Avenue line in December. The MTA took the W out of service in 2010 amidst budget cuts.

Senator Schumer Announces \$8 Million in Funds to Improve Sidewalks and Crosswalks in NY

NBC 4 - Sibila Vargas - 5:20 pm

Your hustle down New York sidewalks will soon get smoother. Senator Charles Schumer announced several communities across the State will split \$8 million in State and federal funds to improve sidewalks and crosswalks, making them more accessible to those with disabilities. Westchester County will get more than half of the money to bring it up to compliance with the Americans with Disability Act.

Police Hunt Suspect in Midtown Subway Slashing

NBC 4 - Roseanne Colletti - 4:59 pm

A man was slashed on a train on the 42nd Street Bryant Park station. The man who was slashed staggered all the way up to the subway entrance. Exclusive video obtained by NBC-4 shows the bloody victim staggering on and off the train after someone slashed him with a boxcutter. He then followed his attacker all the way from the platform, up the stairs, to the sidewalk shocking anyone who saw him. The 38-year-old was taken to Bellevue Hospital, but his attacker disappeared. According to police, an argument erupted between the two men aboard the D train as it pulled into the Bryant Park station at around 10:15 am. As the victim stepped off the attacker pulled out a boxcutter slashing the man on the face, chest, and hands before running off. The bleeding victim attempted to follow him. The figures for slashing and stabbings on the subway show attacks are keeping pace with last year – 52 to date in 2016. There was 53 for the same period last year. One is too many for subway riders. The police are looking for the suspect. The victim is expected to recover.

ABC 7 - Tim Fleischer - 6:02 pm

Police are searching for a suspect after a man was slashed in a Midtown subway station Thursday morning. The incident happened at about 10:45 am on a northbound D train south of the Bryant Park station. There was an argument between two men that escalated into a slashing, investigators say. The victim had been riding northbound from what police think was the West 4th Street station when he encountered another man. At the Bryant Park station the suspect fled the train followed by the victim heading up the stairs. But police say the victim lost sight of the suspect as he escaped into the park.

The injured man was taken to Bellevue Hospital with what police say were non-life-threatening injuries. Police said they're looking for a man wearing a gray shirt who went above ground and fled after the stabbing. An evidence collection team began securing video from cameras in and outside the station in hopes of getting a good picture of the suspect. The box cutter was also retrieved.

CBS 2 - Dave Carlin - 5:01 pm

Bodega Worker in Critical Condition After Suspect Allegedly Beats Him

CBS 2 - Alice Gainer - 6:01 pm

A bodega worker in Far Rockaway was fighting for his life Thursday, after sources said he got into an argument with a man over the cost of beer. 57-year-old Abdul Almilaki was found in the back of his apartment building with a severe head injury around 3:30 Wednesday morning. He works at the Rohan Deli where a man apparently only had \$3 to buy a beer that cost \$3.25. The customer then allegedly threatened to beat up Almilaki after he wouldn't sell the beer to him. The victim's cousin thinks he was followed home. Longtime customers of the deli were upset after hearing about what happened. Almilaki sustained a fractured skull and was taken to St. John's Hospital in critical condition.

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STOP & FRISK

[Donald Trump Embraces Wider Use of Stop-and-Frisk by Police](#)

NY TIMES - Michael Barbaro, Maggie Haberman, Yamiche Alcindor

Donald J. Trump on Wednesday called for the broad use of the contentious stop-and-frisk policing strategy in America's cities, embracing an aggressive tactic whose legality has been challenged and whose enforcement has been abandoned in New York. His support for the polarizing crime-fighting policy — which involves officers' questioning and searching pedestrians — collides with his highly visible courtship of African-Americans, who have been disproportionately singled out by the tactic, data show.

... In New York, Mayor Bill de Blasio, who has overseen the dismantling of stop-and-frisk as official police policy, said what Mr. Trump was proposing "will simply alienate the very people who we need to be partners in the fight against crime."

[Clinton, Trump Decry Latest Police Shootings of Black Men](#)

NY TIMES - Associated Press

Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton are decrying police-involved shootings in Oklahoma and North Carolina, with the Democrat calling them "unbearable" and the Republican saying he was "very troubled." Trump's effort to court black voters Wednesday in Cleveland took a bizarre turn when he was introduced by boxing promoter Don King, who used a racial slur as he made the case for black voters to support Trump. In an interview later, Trump called for a national expansion of "stop-and-frisk," the police tactic that a federal judge ruled can be discriminatory against minorities.

... Current New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, a Democrat who supports Clinton, slammed Trump's call for more stop-and-frisk as "appalling."

[Donald Trump Questions Police Shooting in Oklahoma](#)

WSJ - Michael Bender, Michelle Hackman

Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump, who often expresses solidarity with law enforcement, said he was troubled by the shooting death last week of an unarmed black man in Tulsa, Okla., and said the police may be at fault. "That man went to the car, hands-up, put his hand on the car—to me it looked like he did everything you're supposed to," Mr. Trump said Wednesday in Cleveland, referring to 40-year-old Terence Crutcher.

... New York Mayor Bill De Blasio, a Democrat, slammed Mr. Trump for his comments. "Crime has gone down since we got rid of the unconstitutional policy of stop and frisk," he said. "I don't understand at all how a guy who calls himself a New Yorker could be this unaware of what's happened in the last few years in this city."

[Donald Trump says he would implement nationwide stop and frisk policy, forgets controversial tactic was ruled unconstitutional in 2013](#)

DAILY NEWS - Erin Durkin, Adam Edelman

Donald Trump said in an interview slated to air Wednesday night that he would implement nationwide stop-and-frisk practices — even though the use of such policing tactics in New York City was ruled unconstitutional in 2013. "I would do stop and frisk. I think you have to. We did it in New York, it worked incredibly well and you have to be proactive,"

Trump said on Fox News Channel's "Hannity" program, according to a partial transcript of the interview released by the network.

[Mayor de Blasio bashes Donald Trump's stop and frisk plan: 'He has no experience in the black community'](#)

DAILY NEWS - Erin Durkin

Donald Trump is "either ignorant of the history of the city or he's lying about it," Mayor de Blasio said after the GOP nominee proposed a nationwide stop and frisk policy. Hizzoner made a rare visit to City Hall's press room Wednesday to denounce Trump's proposal to impose the controversial policy, which de Blasio dramatically reduced in New York, in cities across the country. "Trump doesn't understand the communities he's talking about," de Blasio said. "He's a pampered billionaire. He has no connection to the people he's talking about. He has no experience in the black community or any other inner city community."

[Trump: Expand stop-and-frisk to curb violence in black communities](#)

NY POST - Bob Fredericks

Donald Trump said in an interview on "core black issues" Wednesday that cops across the US should expand the use of stop and frisk to combat black-on-black crime — using the practice in place during the Bloomberg administration in New York City as a model. "One of the things I'd do ... is I would do stop and frisk. I think you have to. We did it in New York and it worked incredibly well and you have to be proactive," Trump said in response to an audience member at a town hall-style meeting, who asked what Trump would do to stop the violence in African-American communities. ... Trump has been a vocal supporter of the tactic, which has been drastically scaled back in the Big Apple since Mayor de Blasio took office, calling for more stops and frisks in Philadelphia and Cleveland in the past.

[City wants to bring in local vendors to 'soulless' street fairs](#)

NY POST - Michael Gartland

Carbon-copy street fairs that feature the same tube socks, cellphone cases and knapsacks for sale would get a dramatic makeover under a plan advocated by Mayor de Blasio to set aside at least 50 percent of the spaces for local businesses and drastically cut the number of events in Manhattan. The proposed overhaul comes after years of complaints that the city's 200 annual fairs have lost their distinct neighborhood flavors, with the same mass-produced goods showing up at just about every event. "Too many of these things have become soulless socks-and-sausages affairs," said City Councilman Dan Garodnick, who represents the East Side and has been urging the city to do something about the fairs since 2010.

[New York officials reject Trump's call for national stop-and-frisk](#)

POLITICO NY - Brendan Cheney, Azi Paybarah

When Donald Trump said he would "do stop-and-frisk" across the nation to combat urban crime on Wednesday night, the Republican presidential candidate pointed to his hometown as proof that his plan would work. Officials here quickly countered Trump's claim. Rep. Hakeem Jeffries of Brooklyn said "there is no evidence" stop-and-frisk drove down crime.

[\[PRO\] De Blasio: Trump 'ignorant' on policing and inner city issues](#)

POLITICO NY - Gloria Pazmino

[U.S. presidential candidate Trump praises 'stop-and-frisk' police tactic](#)

REUTERS – Emily Flitter

U.S. Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump said on Wednesday he would consider using "stop-and-frisk" policing methods to cut crime if elected, according to two people who attended a Fox News "town hall" taping at a predominantly African-American church in Cleveland. With the race tightening between Trump and Democratic opponent Hillary Clinton in the final weeks before the Nov. 8 election, the Republican candidate recently began wooing African-American voters.

...The opposition to "stop-and-frisk" led police departments in New York, as well as Chicago and Newark, New Jersey to agree to cut back on its use, in some cases submitting to outside monitoring and improving police training. In New York, ending the practice was a key plank of Democrat Bill de Blasio's successful 2013 run for mayor.

MISCELLANEOUS MENTIONS

[After Bombing, a Crucial Test for Mayor de Blasio, and a Calm Response](#)

NY TIMES - J. David Goodman, William Neuman

Mayor Bill de Blasio strode along West 23rd Street on Tuesday, amid a phalanx of suits and uniforms, past the buildings and shops with windows shattered by a terrorist's bomb in Manhattan. He spoke with the Homeland Security secretary, Jeh Johnson, placing his hand on his back; praised police officers; visited with tenants at a residence for the blind who were playing bingo before the blast rocked their building; and chatted with customers at a diner up the block — his every move recorded by the assembled press corps.

[New Tool Shows New York Neighborhoods at Risk of Rent Hikes](#)

NY TIMES - Mireya Navarro

A building sells for twice as much as the average price in the neighborhood. For another building, multiple work permits are being sought from the city for renovations. To the Association for Neighborhood and Housing Development, a group that campaigns for affordable housing, these changes could signal the potential displacement of low-income renters and sharp increases in rent. On Wednesday, the group released a building-by-building interactive map that can steer officials and tenant organizers to neighborhoods of New York City where affordable apartments may be threatened.

... The city's stock of affordable housing is shrinking even as Mayor Bill de Blasio has been working to add tens of thousands of new homes with below-market rents in his 10-year plan and keep many more from leaving rent regulation.

[An Event That Is Truly Electric: Formula E Races Coming to Brooklyn](#)

NY TIMES - Victor Mather

The New York area is home to the Yankees and the Knicks, the Belmont Stakes and the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show. But the city that is the capital for so many sports has hardly been a center for auto racing. In July, that will change, when the Formula E circuit comes to the city for two races. The twist is that while the cars look like the open-wheel speedsters you would see in Indianapolis or Monaco, they run 100 percent on electricity, making Formula E something of a green racing series.

... "New York City is where technology, sustainability and commerce collide," Mayor Bill de Blasio said in a statement. "We are thrilled to be the new home of the ePrix."

[New Sandy Hit Looms for NYC Taxpayers](#)

WSJ - Mara Gay

Mayor Bill de Blasio's administration plans to use \$500 million in New York City taxpayer money to fund initiatives related to superstorm Sandy that were expected to be fully paid for with federal aid, city officials said Wednesday. The city's plan to infuse half a billion dollars into Sandy recovery and storm-protection programs comes as the cost to U.S. taxpayers for repairing and elevating some of the houses damaged by the 2012 storm could hit about \$1 million a home, according to documents reviewed by The Wall Street Journal.

[Ex-mayoral candidate Christine Quinn opens up on losing to de Blasio, says she's 'not closing the door' on politics](#)

DAILY NEWS - Erin Durkin

Ex-mayoral candidate Christine Quinn said she's "not closing the door on running for office again," as she recalled the crushing 2013 defeat that left her feeling she "had so profoundly let everyone down." In an essay published in Vogue, the former City Council Speaker said she barely wanted to leave the house after losing the primary to Mayor de Blasio, finishing third in a race where she had once been the clear front-runner. "When I lost, I felt as though I'd disappointed thousands of people I'd never met who had pinned their hopes on me," wrote Quinn, who aimed to be the first woman and openly gay mayor.

[EXCLUSIVE: Bronx student, 20, busted for bringing gun, four bullets to his high school](#)

DAILY NEWS - Ben Chapman

School safety agents collared a student with a gun and ammunition at a Bronx school Wednesday morning, union officials said. The 20-year-old student was caught with a .38-caliber handgun with four bullets at Providing Urban Learners Success In Education High School, union officials said.

... That incident happened just a few miles from where Mayor de Blasio and schools Chancellor Carmen Fariña welcomed kids to the opening of school at Intermediate School 392 in Brownsville.

[Editorial: Bill's homeless homeless: Record numbers in shelters signal need to change gameplan](#)

DAILY NEWS - Editorial

Never before have so many slept in New York City homeless shelters — on Tuesday night, the count was 59,786 men, women and children. Nearly six months after proclaiming "we're resetting the equation" on homelessness, Mayor de Blasio grows ever more swamped by a tide propelled in part by his own policies. At a time when decent, affordable

housing is scarce, de Blasio's uncompromising defense of a legal right to shelter for all — the life's work of his welfare commissioner, Steve Banks — makes for a self-fulfilling crisis.

[Letter: Readers sound off on reading, Trump and Medicare taxes](#)

DAILY NEWS - Chancellor Carmen Farina

Manhattan: Re "Doing the math on English" (editorial, Sept. 14): As a longtime teacher and principal, I know if you make a promise to parents, you'd better deliver. When the mayor and I took office, we said we'd get every second grader reading on grade level and show real change over three years. We added 80 minutes of training for every teacher every week, and gave elementary schools new tools and early intervention strategies. We rejected the premise that kids couldn't succeed because of their zip code or if they didn't yet speak English. So far, state English scores have increased by over 10 points each for third and fourth graders. And for the first time, more New York City students in grades 3 to 8 read at grade level than in the rest of the state. That's real change.

[Editorial: Yes, de Blasio's to blame for the surging shelter population](#)

NY POST - Editorial Board

A year after Mayor de Blasio finally admitted the city faced a rising homeless crisis, the problem's gotten worse — and he deserves much of the blame. As The Post reported Wednesday, the shelter population is surging. This past Sunday, it reached an all-time high of 59,734, eclipsing the record of 59,068 set in 2014. The Mayor's Management Report says that, for the fiscal year ending June 30, the daily average shelter population was up 2.3 percent for families with children, 5 percent for adult-only families and 12.3 percent for single adults.

[De Blasio emerges unscathed from post-Bratton terror test](#)

POLITICO NY - Laura Nahmias, Azi Paybarah

When Mayor Bill de Blasio offered a carefully measured response to the explosion in Chelsea on Saturday night — promising a full investigation, while saying there was "no evidence" of an immediate connection to terrorism — he invited criticism from the usual quarters. "That bomber can have no intent except to terrorize, even if it's not yet clear what cause the terror's meant to promote," wrote the New York Post in an editorial on Tuesday morning. "Yet de Blasio refused to say more than that it was an 'intentional' incident."

[Cuomo offers state aid to Chelsea bomb victims](#)

POLITICO NY - Azi Paybarah

Gov. Andrew Cuomo today visited a Chelsea to announce that the state will expedite insurance claims and cover uninsured businesses and residents affected by the terrorist bombing Saturday night, which injured nearly three dozen people. Cuomo said the money will come from roughly \$200 million emergency fund in this year's budget. "Whatever is it, the state will pay and I'm sure we'll have the funds available."

...While Cuomo appeared alongside State Senator Brad Hoylman and City Councilman Corey Johnson, who represent the area, the gathering did not include Mayor Bill de Blasio — continuing a trend in which the two leaders and erstwhile allies hold separate news conferences to relay information about the same issue.

[Council hearing will examine ways city can reduce wrongful convictions](#)

POLITICO NY - Gloria Pazmino

The City Council's Committee on Courts and Legal Services will hold a hearing later this week to examine what the city can do, via the use of evidence-based protocols and newer technology, to reduce the number wrongful convictions. A record number of false convictions were overturned in New York State 2015, when 17 people were cleared of wrongdoing. That number is the second-most in the nation after Texas, where 54 people had their convictions overturned. ... "We don't want to wait around for the state Senate and the state Assembly to one day address these issues," Lancman said. "We oversee the police department, we fund the district attorneys offices and the public defenders. The police department is a city agency, so they don't need a state law mandating that their interrogations be videotaped. Mayor Bill de Blasio can just direct the department and provide the resources if we think that is good policy."

[\[PRO\] Mayors tout progress on climate issues, but concede hurdles remain](#)

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[\[PRO\] HUD public housing program leverages outside funding](#)

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[\[PRO\] Jeffries to keynote pro-charter schools rally in Prospect Park](#)

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[\[PRO\] Bharara indicts three corrections officers in 2013 beating](#)

POLITICO NY - Colby Hamilton

[Cuomo Calls Anthony Weiner ‘Sick’ Following Reports of Sexting With Underage Girl](#)

NY OBSERVER - Madina Toure

After reports surfaced indicating disgraced former Congressman Anthony Weiner allegedly traded sexual messages with a 15-year-old girl, Gov. Andrew Cuomo says the conduct is “possibly criminal”—in addition to being “sick.” The Daily Mail reported that Weiner had a sexual online relationship with the girl, a sophomore in high school, dating back to January. The girl—who claims Weiner knew her age—said he told her to undress and say his name over video chat, and that although Weiner would not get completely naked, he was typically shirtless and wearing boxers.

...Weiner’s repeated incidents of electronically exposing himself ruined his 12-year career in the House in 2011 when he accidentally posted a lewd photo on his Twitter account. He confessed that he had traded semi-nude photos online with six women and gave up his seat. The revelation that he continued to expose himself electronically then cost him his candidacy in the 2013 mayoral race, allowing Mayor Bill de Blasio to rise above him.

[Formula E race headed to Red Hook, Brooklyn](#)

AM NY - Ivan Pereira

Brooklyn, start your green engines. Red Hook will host the city’s first-ever FIA Formula E Championship race in July, the city announced Wednesday. The competition features vehicles that are designed like regular Formula 1 cars but operate with electric engines. Mayor Bill de Blasio predicted the event will be a huge draw for racing fans around the world.

[Citywide Ferry Service boats now under construction in Louisiana, Alabama](#)

AM NY - Vincent Barone

The boats for Mayor Bill de Blasio’s Citywide Ferry Service are coming down the assembly line. Two southern shipyards have begun building the 19 aluminum-made vessels that will eventually serve the municipal ferry network, expected to launch in summer 2017. The city is announcing on Thursday that components have begun arriving at the contracted Metal Shark and Horizon shipyards, in Louisiana and Alabama, respectively, as some 200 workers begin piecing together boat frames.

[Column: 10 things to hate on this week](#)

SI ADVANCE - Tom Wroblewski

[Slideshow]

[More resources for Hispanic victims of domestic violence](#)

EL DIARIO - Carmen Molina Tamacas

The 4 year old girl came with the marks of a slap in the face to school. That's when Margarita Martinez became aware that violence within the family had reached a point of no return. Well, she knew him from before. Because her husband was violent, but not beat him, he gave him shoving and cursing ... and as she did not want to be with him, forced her to have sex.

... Sanctuary for Families will use the \$ 599,000 with New York Legal Assistance Group, New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault, 12 schools of law, 37 law firms, nine community organizations and the Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence to bring legal services in matters such as divorce, child custody and child support, immigration, administrative agencies and housing, among others.

[NYC opens a business support center urban technology](#)

EL DIARIO - Ana Nieto

New York, one of the most promising but also more difficult, costs for entrepreneurs cities just opened a new center to reach out to companies in growth phase and specialized in urban technology. This is the Hub @ GCT (The Grand Central Tech Center) is located next to Grand Central station in the Manhattan and can accommodate up to 300 people working in this sector and types of businesses.

... The hub created by Grand Central Tech, one of the incubators of most innovative companies in the country, has received funding from Urban Tech NYC, an aid of \$ 2.5 million from the Corporation for Economic Development of the city (EDC) and Milstein Properties who has collaborated with five million dollars to build this great workplace. In addition, it has come to partnerships with GE, Microsoft and Lowe's to help entrepreneurs to be installed in offices yesterday were opened by Deputy Mayor, Alicia Glen, the president of EDC, Maria Torres Springer and Matt Harrigan, cofounder of Grand Central Tech .

[So cell alerts that were used to capture Ahman Khan Rahami work](#)

EL DIARIO - Staff

Wanted: Rahami Ahmad Khan, man, 28 years old. See media for a photo. Call 911 if you saw ". This is the content of the message received by New Yorkers on their cell phones on Monday when an alert is launched to catch the prime suspect in the explosion Saturday in the Chelsea neighborhood that left 29 injured.

... "This is a tool that we will use in the future , " he said at a press conference on Monday the mayor of New York, Bill de Blasio.

[City Investigating Why Half of All 'Build it Back' Applicants Dropped Out](#)

DNA INFO - Katie Honan

City officials are trying to figure out why more than half of the original applicants to its Build It Back program didn't stay with it — and many homeowners who did, still worry if construction will start before the mayor's self-imposed deadline. The program, launched by former Mayor Michael Bloomberg in the months after Hurricane Sandy, closed near the one-year anniversary in October 2013 with more than 20,300 homeowners signed up. But as the program languished, 11,691 people withdrew their applications. Some dropped out on their own, while others were found to be ineligible or “unresponsive,” according to the city. The city doesn't know why so many people left the program, and are currently working on a separate attrition study with the CUNY Center for Urban Research to find out why. The study will be completed by the end of 2016, according to spokesman Raul Contreras. Meanwhile, many still registered with Build It Back are waiting for construction to begin before the end of the year, when Mayor Bill de Blasio said all single-family homes will be completed.

[Staten Island Ferry Had a Record 23.1M Riders Last Year](#)

DNA INFO - Nicholas Rizzi

The Staten Island Ferry had a record number of riders this past year with 23.1 million people taking the free trip between Staten Island and Manhattan. Ridership on the boat increased by 5 percent from July 2015 to June 2016 over the previous year and cleared the previous record of 22.2 million riders set in 2012, the Staten Island Advance first reported. Since the previous record was set, ridership decreased to 21.3 million in 2013 and 21 million in 2014, according to the Mayor's Management Report which tracks the numbers.

[How Cuomo and de Blasio's tale of two outlooks explains their standings in the polls](#)

CRAIN'S NY – Greg David

New York City's economy is booming and the population is growing because people want to live here. The rest of the state is mired in economic malaise and is experiencing a serious outmigration. Yet New York City voters say by a wide margin that the state is headed in the right direction. More than half say they are dissatisfied with the direction of the city. What accounts for this strange result? It seems to be heavily influenced by what voters think of the governor and mayor in another example of the Cuomo-de Blasio divide.

[First fully electric racing series will visit Brooklyn in 2017](#)

CRAIN'S NY – Associated Press

The world's first fully electric racing series will stage a race next year in Brooklyn, where Formula E will host the first FIA-sanctioned open-wheel race within the five boroughs of New York City. The 1.21-mile track was revealed Wednesday on the shores of New York Harbour at the Brooklyn Cruise Terminal. The race through Red Hook will be called the New York City ePrix and will be a doubleheader over two days in July. "New York City is where technology, sustainability and commerce all connect," Mayor Bill de Blasio said in a statement. "There's no better home for the ePrix. Bringing this international event to the five boroughs is a huge win for New York City.

[Opinion: Three steps for New York City to reach its audacious carbon-reduction goals](#)

CRAIN'S NY - Arthur "Jerry" Kremer

Will New York City be able to meet its audacious carbon reduction goals without onerous costs? The short answer is yes, if three sensible steps are taken. With world business, government and philanthropy leaders in the city for Climate Week (Sept. 19-25), now is an ideal time to examine the city's goals and how well it is meeting them. Under Mayor Michael Bloomberg, the city introduced carbon-reductions goals and programs in 2007, aiming to cut carbon emissions by 30% from 2005 levels by 2030 and 80% by 2050. The effort is bold, pioneering and critical for the future of cities like ours. As Superstorm Sandy reminded us, New York is a port city that is literally on the front lines of climate change.

... Because buildings account for approximately three-quarters of the city's emissions, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced in September 2014 a 10-year plan to retrofit public and private buildings, promising it would dramatically reduce the city's contributions to climate change. The mayor raised the ante this past Earth Day, April 22, calling for a suite of new energy-efficiency initiatives for the city's more than one million buildings.

[NYC Flooded With Suspicious Package Reports Following Chelsea Bombing](#)

GOTHAMIST – Emma Whitford

The NYPD responded to a suspicious package call, one of hundreds they've received citywide in recent days, around 8:30 this morning in Times Square. The FDNY stood on call to make any necessary emergency transports. Investigators shut down 42nd Street between 7th and 8th Avenues, and witness updates chronicling the incident flew on Twitter. Shortly before 10:00 a.m., the package was determined to be benign—an empty suitcase.

... Both Mayor Bill de Blasio and Governor Andrew Cuomo have been adamant in recent days that New Yorkers should both go about their regular business, and remain vigilant.

[De Blasio Will Try To Make NYC Street Fairs Less Generic](#)

GOTHAMIST – David Colon

Duane Reade and Chase branches and bars with \$16 cocktails get most of the attention when discussing the Great Blanding of New York, but don't forget all those street fairs with the same boring vendors selling the same sausages and zeppoles as the generic street fair the week before. Ex-longhair and current progressive mayor Bill de Blasio hasn't forgotten, and he's about to propose a way to drain the familiar banality out of street fairs and give the outer boroughs more chances to buy whatever their local version of sausages and zeppoles are.

[Maspeth Shelter Protest Goes On The Road](#)

QUEENS TRIBUNE – Jon Cronin

Last week, the Maspeth homeless shelter protest moved from its nightly location to Brooklyn in front of the private home of Steven Banks, commissioner of the Human Resources Administration, and then to Oyster Bay, Long Island, to protest in front of the suburban home of Acacia Network COO Pamela Mattel.

...As the elderly woman, who refused to give her name, was interviewed by the televised press, the crowd moved towards her and drowned out her voice. Afterwards, a couple of the protesters took her aside and explained their plight. She said she understood, but thought this protest better suited Gracie Mansion or City Hall. That comment was later echoed by Mayor Bill de Blasio on NPR's Brian Lehrer Show last Friday. The protesters plan to accept de Blasio's invitation.

Agency Mentions:

[Dead Shot Mary, Pistol-Packing Trailblazer, Returns in One-Policewoman Show](#)

NY TIMES - Corey Kilgannon

Armed with her trusty .32-caliber revolver and a bottle of Irish whiskey, Dead Shot Mary is back in town. Her real name was Mary Shanley, and she was nicknamed for her skill at pulling a pistol from her handbag and compelling fleeing pickpockets to halt in their tracks, even on the crowded streets of Manhattan. She was credited with more than 1,000 arrests during her 26-year career with the New York Police Department, from 1931 to 1957, and as one of the earliest female first-grade detectives was considered a trailblazer.

[Five New York Prison Guards Charged in '13 Beating of Inmate](#)

NY TIMES - Michael Winerip, Michael Schwartz

On the night three years ago when Kevin Moore's dreadlocks were ripped out and his ribs and facial bones were broken, a group of New York State corrections officers involved in a confrontation with him said that they were the victims, that Mr. Moore, a 56-year-old inmate, had attacked them. To make their case, the officers, who worked at Downstate Correctional Facility in Fishkill, produced a trove of evidence.

... The next morning, New York City correction officers transported Mr. Moore to the Rikers Island jail complex before his scheduled court appearance. But supervisors were so shocked by his injuries that they had him taken to Bellevue Hospital Center, according to city officials. There, investigators from the city's Correction Department interviewed him, photographed his injuries and sent the information to state investigators.

[N.Y. Officers Charged in Inmate's Beating](#)

WSJ - Corinne Ramey

Five former prison officers were charged with federal crimes for allegedly beating an inmate, leaving him with five fractured ribs, a collapsed lung and broken facial bones, officials said Wednesday. They struck the inmate, Kevin Moore, using their boots and batons, then ripped dreadlocks from his head, "which one of the officers took as a 'trophy' following the beating," according to a complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Manhattan.

... Last year, New York City's Department of Correction entered into a settlement with Mr. Bharara's office to install a monitor to oversee changes at the Rikers Island jail complex.

[EXCLUSIVE: Two cops injured in clash with goons on dirt bikes and ATVs as NYPD battles growing plague of the illegal vehicles](#)

DAILY NEWS - Christina Carrega-Woodby, Rocco Parascandola, Graham Rayman

Two motorbike fanatics were arrested for running over a cop and breaking two of his ribs, while bruising the hip of a second officer during a dustup in Brooklyn this past Saturday. Graham Curtis, 34, of Middle Island, L.I., and Jamaal Elder, 32, of Queens, were part of a group of 50 dirt bike and ATV riders who descended on Old Fulton and Hicks Sts. between DUMBO and Brooklyn Heights about 5:20 p.m.

[Accused Chelsea bomber Ahmad Khan Rahami wants a lawyer, court hearing after being grilled in N.J. for 2 days](#)

DAILY NEWS - Victoria Bekiempis, Larry McShane

Accused terror bomber Ahmad Khan Rahami, grilled by investigators for two days, wants to see a lawyer and a judge as soon as possible. The head of the Federal Defenders of New York, in a letter filed Tuesday in Manhattan Federal Court, claimed Rahami was incarcerated in New Jersey "for over 36 hours without benefit of counsel."

[Brooklyn cop charged in fatal DWI crash pleads not guilty, has license suspended a second time](#)

DAILY NEWS - Christina Carrega-Woodby

A former NYPD cop indicted for drunkenly crashing his car into innocent pedestrians, killing one, had his license suspended for a second time by a Brooklyn judge. After Nicholas Batka's attorney Michael Farkas entered a not guilty plea on his client's behalf on Wednesday at his Supreme Court arraignment, Justice William Miller ordered him not to drive.

[Suspected J'Ouvert shooter's lawyer says grand jury rushed to indict his client in 'witch hunt'](#)

DAILY NEWS - Molly Crane-Newman, Christina Carrega-Woodby

The lawyer for a Brooklyn man indicted in the killing of an aspiring accountant during the J'Ouvert celebration says his client was denied a fair shake before a grand jury. Last week, a Brooklyn grand jury indicted Reginald Moise, 20, in the second-degree murder of Tiarah Poyau, 22, on Sept. 5.

[Cop facing punishment for accepting lavish meals gets promoted to Chief of Personnel](#)

DAILY NEWS - John Marzulli, Rocco Parascandola, Graham Rayman

The city's top cop has promoted NYPD Assistant Chief Diana Pizzuti, who likely will have to pay a fine for violating city conflict of interest rules, to Chief of Personnel, sources told the Daily News. Police Commissioner James O'Neill promoted Pizzuti, the former commander of Queens North, and tapped Deputy Chief Juanita Holmes, the former head of the Domestic Violence Unit, to take her place, sources said.

[Cops seek two men who found Chelsea bomb that never detonated](#)

DAILY NEWS - Thomas Tracy, Graham Rayman

Cops and federal agents want the public's help in finding two men who came across a pressure cooker in luggage in Chelsea believed to have been left by bomber Ahmad Khan Rahami, officials said. The two men, dressed in casual clothes, were captured on video Saturday between 8 and 9 p.m. on W. 27th St. between 6th and 7th Aves., police said.

[Metal beam knocks out construction worker in Meatpacking District](#)

DAILY NEWS - Graham Rayman

A 56-year-old worker suffered severe head trauma when he was hit by a beam at a construction site early Wednesday in Manhattan, officials said. The incident happened at about 8 a.m. at a job site at 2 Bloomfield St. near the Hudson River in the Meatpacking District.

... The Department of Buildings issued a full stop-work order for the site.

[Madman who butchered NYPD cop's face with cleaver screams 'objection!' then lifts gown to show stomach staples in bizarre hospital arraignment](#)

DAILY NEWS - Shayna Jacobs

The cleaver-toting lunatic who hacked a NYPD cop's face tried to showcase his own injuries and "objected" to the allegations during his hospital arraignment Wednesday. Akram Joudeh, 32, looking antsy in a wheelchair at Bellevue Hospital, mumbled through the short proceeding and cut into the prosecutor's take of the "extremely strong case" in a series of bizarre interruptions.

[Former Brooklyn high school student testifies that principal offered her \\$4,000 to have sex with other men](#)

DAILY NEWS - Christina Carrega-Woodby

A former female student who accused her high school assistant principal of sexually molesting her put a stop to the escalating abuse when he offered her \$4,000 to have sex with other men. The 21-year-old woman told a Brooklyn jury on Wednesday that after she confided in William Abreu when she was having trouble with a classmate in Oct. 2010 he offered her a paid office gig. For five months, the then 15-year-old worked for two hours as a personal secretary after school for \$70 to \$80 a week until Abreu told her "to behave as his wife" if she wanted to continue working for him, she said.

[Ex-NYPD cop pleads guilty to pimping out 16-year-old girl](#)

DAILY NEWS - John Marzulli

An ex-NYPD cop pleaded guilty Wednesday in Brooklyn Federal Court to pimping out an underage prostitute. Eduardo Cornejo, 34, admitted in Brooklyn Federal Court that he drove the 16-year-old girl to motels in Brooklyn and Staten Island for hookups with johns. Cornejo claimed that he did not know the girl was under 18 at the time she was turning tricks. He also admitted that he placed online ads for prostitutes advertising their services even while he was free on bail.

[NYPD top cop James O'Neill promises 'formidable' police presence on Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur in wake of Chelsea bombing](#)

DAILY NEWS - Thomas Tracy

A bomb blast like the one that rattled Chelsea over the weekend will not happen during the High Holy Days, Police Commissioner James O'Neill vowed in front of Jewish leaders on Wednesday. Speaking at a High Holy Day briefing at One Police Plaza, O'Neill said that a "formidable force" will be implemented to protect synagogues and other Jewish institutions — and the lessons learned while investigating Saturday's explosion on W. 23rd St. will be called on to bolster defenses as Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, set for Oct. 3 and Oct. 12, respectively, draw closer.

[Writers to turn Langston Hughes' Harlem home into cultural center after successful fundraising campaign](#)

DAILY NEWS - Christopher Brennan

The former home of Harlem Renaissance writer Langston Hughes will be reborn as an arts center after a writers collective successfully raised money to rent it. A brownstone on 127th St. where he lived for 20 years in the 1920s and 30s has stood vacant for years, but has fallen into disrepair and currently has 20 open Department of Building violations. Fears that the structure could eventually lose its tie to the legendary writer led children's author Renee Watson and a group of fellow writers to try to turn it into a cultural center.

[NYPD lieutenant repeatedly harassed female cop who was transferred after voicing complaint, lawsuit states](#)

DAILY NEWS - Victoria Bekiempis

An NYPD lieutenant was one of several department employees who routinely humiliated a female officer, once asking her "if she needed help adjusting her gun belt," a new Manhattan federal lawsuit alleges. Bernice Gracia, formerly of NYPD fleet maintenance, claims that Lt. Randy Friedman asked her "if she was going to watch porn on the police computer" in December 2013. Friedman used the creepy gun-belt come-on in March 2014, leaving Gracia "very offended and humiliated but afraid to report it."

[Family of Queens teen shot dead by NYPD cops in 2009 drops lawsuit due to lack of evidence](#)

DAILY NEWS - Victoria Bekiempis

The family of a Queens teen fatally shot by cops in November 2009 has decided to drop its lawsuit against the city after questions were raised about the strength of their case, the Daily News has learned. Kin of Dashawn Vasconcellos filed suit against the city and four officers involved with the Far Rockaway shooting in November 2012. Vasconcellos, who had a clean record, was with friends in Baywaters Park when he was "unlawfully" approached by cops before they unloaded 11 bullets into him.

... "The parties agreed that the claim that the NYPD failed to properly train its officers in the use of firearms lacked merit and warranted the withdrawal of this suit," said Daniel Passeser, senior counsel for the Law Department.

[Teen collects more than 11,300 signatures to petition city for expanded MetroCard service for students](#)

DAILY NEWS - Ben Chapman

Plucky East Harlem teen Samantha Fierro has garnered more than 11,300 signatures on her petition for the city to expand its free MetroCard program for public school students. Samantha, 17, a senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Manhattan, believes the city should help students like her get to their after-school, extracurricular activities.

... City Education Department officials said they welcome the feedback, but are not hurrying to expand the city's free MetroCard program.

[New York State proposes overhaul to Common Core standards](#)

DAILY NEWS - Lisa Colangelo, Ben Chapman

State Education Department officials issued draft changes to improve Common Core academic standards Wednesday, promising better lessons that are still plenty tough. The proposed changes to streamline the standards and make them easier to understand would be implemented starting in the 2017-18 school year, once they are approved by the Board of Regents next year.

... But the proposed changes, which include restoring more fiction to reading lessons and adding glossaries to critical reading passages, were met with support by Common Core backers including the city Education Department, the state teachers union and various education advocacy groups.

[EXCLUSIVE: Eric Garner chokehold cop Daniel Pantaleo targeted in graffiti threat: 'You Ginzo, go back to Bensonhurst'](#)

DAILY NEWS - Rocco Parascandola, Dan Rivoli, Thomas Tracy

A vandal left a bizarre threat for the cop who put Eric Garner in a chokehold that led to the Staten Island man's death, police sources said Wednesday. "Officer (Daniel) Pantaleo, you're a disgrace not only to the NYPD, but to the human race," said the graffiti, written over an advertisement at the E. 23rd St. 6 station in Manhattan's Flatiron District. "You Ginzo, go back to Bensonhurst. God sees all & karma is a bitch. You'll see." A swastika and a few indecipherable German words followed the message, cops said.

[Opinion: Why Congress drags its feet on Zika: New York City's health commissioner blames racism](#)

DAILY NEWS - Dr. Mary Bassett

The public health community is watching in astonishment as Congress continues to drag its feet on funding to fight Zika, a disease that threatens one of the most basic human functions — the ability to produce healthy babies. The usual political gridlock is playing a role, but there's something else that few people acknowledge: Zika is perceived as a disease of the south, mostly affecting people of color. The media have bombarded us with images of brown babies with microcephaly who live in the Caribbean and Latin America. Our Congress, which is dominated by an increasingly anti-immigrant party, may not feel a sense of urgency to respond to this evolving tragedy.

[Ex-cop kept his license after fatal 'drunken' crash due to DMV flub](#)

NY POST - Emily Saul

The bar-hopping ex-cop accused of fatally mowing down an MIT student after a night out was still in possession of his driver's license due to a state Department of Motor Vehicles procedural flub, it was revealed in court Wednesday. Nicholas Batka willingly handed his New York license over to Brooklyn Supreme Court Justice William Miller after pleading "not guilty" to a series of charges, including aggravated vehicular homicide, manslaughter and vehicular assault.

[FBI searching for men who found bomb on Chelsea sidewalk](#)

NY POST - Jamie Schram, Shawn Cohen, Chris Perez

The FBI released an image Wednesday of the two men who found the unexploded bomb in Chelsea and left it unattended on the sidewalk — saying they are wanted for questioning. The pair had been caught on surveillance video on West 27th Street removing the improvised explosive device from a duffel bag and then leaving with the luggage between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m., according to authorities.

[Opponents of bike lanes near Prospect Park drop suit](#)

NY POST - Emily Saul

Longtime opponents of bike lanes on Prospect Park West announced Wednesday they are voluntarily ending their 2011 suit seeking the lanes' removal. Neighbors for Better Bike Lanes and Seniors for Safety cited additional traffic safety, increased transparency in the current Department of Transportation and other reasons. "Given the long passage of time, we believe the most responsible choice for our groups' members and our community is to ensure that the bike lane is as safe and effective as possible going forward, rather than to prolong a debate in the courts," said a statement from the Brooklyn groups.

[Ex-cop pleads guilty to pimping out women, young girl](#)

NY POST - Priscilla DeGregory

The disgraced ex-cop who was busted for pimping out at least 10 women — including a 16-year-old — pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit sex trafficking of a child in Brooklyn federal court Wednesday. Eduardo Cornejo, 34, an 11-year NYPD vet and former Marine, told Judge Brian Cogan he drove the women to hotels and met with the underage girl five to 10 times. Cornejo, who was fired from the NYPD after testing positive for marijuana, faces 11 to 14 years in prison when he's sentenced on Dec. 19.

['Fake' landlord swindled tenants out of \\$194K in rent](#)

NY POST - Rebecca Rosenberg

A Manhattan woman was busted Wednesday for unlawfully collecting \$194,000 in rent from tenants who lived in a building she no longer owned, officials said. Cheryl Keeling, 65, sold her Harlem brownstone for about \$1.8 million in 2007 to a buyer who defaulted on the mortgage and then died in 2011, according to the Manhattan DA's Office and property records.

... Authorities said that Keeling worked as a high school track and field coach for the NYC Department of Education from 2012 to 2014.

[Homeless shelter violence rates nearly double after data tweak](#)

NY POST - Yoav Gonen

The number of violent and other serious incidents reported in the city's homeless shelters more than doubled in one year after officials revamped the way the incidents were classified. The increase in reported incidents in fiscal 2016, which ended June 30, comes as the shelter population hit another record high of 59,786 on Tuesday. Under the new methodology, the Department of Homeless Services tallied 1,698 "critical" incidents in shelters, including 890 classified as violent.

[Meat cleaver madman charged with attempted murder for cop attack](#)

NY POST - Rebecca Rosenberg

The madman who attacked a cop with a meat cleaver near Penn Station last week — leaving him with a scar running from his temple to his throat — was indicted on attempted murder and other charges, prosecutors said Wednesday. Akram Joudeh, 32, was arraigned from his room at Bellevue Hospital via a monitor in Manhattan Criminal Court. He repeatedly bellowed "Objection!" as prosecutor Michael Pasinkoff described the crime — and had to be shushed by his defense lawyer.

[Opinion: The Chelsea bombing is fresh vindication of Ray Kelly and the NYPD](#)

NY POST - Seth Lipsky

Just as authorities are scrambling after the terror bombings in Chelsea and across the river, settlement talks are coming to a head in the lawsuit over whether the NYPD can keep tabs on Muslim communities in New Jersey. That's where the accused bomber, Ahmad Khan Rahami, allegedly hatched his would-be murderous scheme. That's where Rahami's own father two years ago warned an over-taxed FBI that his son was a terrorist. FBI agents, though, couldn't find anything on the aspiring terrorist and didn't bring him in. Two years later, we have 31 injured, and it's only by the grace of God that no one was killed.

[City Council calls for oversight of \\$2.8 billion in tax breaks](#)

POLITICO NY - Sally Goldenberg

New York City had to forgo \$2.8 billion in revenue from economic development tax breaks last year — money that would have been in the budget for traditional government expenses without these incentives. The forsaken funds, owed to a slew of incentives enjoyed by developers, are the subject of a report the City Council will release at a hearing on Thursday.

[\[PRO\] Officials say new staff will help city comply with new open data mandates](#)

POLITICO NY - Miranda Neubauer

[\[PRO\] Schumer says 911 services vulnerable to hackers](#)

POLITICO NY - Nick Niedzwiadek

[Al Sharpton Demands ‘Immediate Justice’ For Terence Crutcher, Man Killed by Tulsa Cop](#)

NY OBSERVER - Will Bredderman

Rev. Al Sharpton assembled at his National Action Network’s Harlem headquarters the family of an unarmed black man who police killed last week in Tulsa, Oklahoma—and with them demanded swift prosecution of the officer involved and an end to efforts to “smear” the reputation of the deceased.

Taking the podium at the 145th Street office, Sharpton lambasted what he claimed is an ongoing effort by certain authorities to justify Terence Crutcher’s killing by pointing out his time in prison before the shooting and the PCP discovered in his car after his death. Cops had responded on Friday to reports that the Oklahoman’s vehicle had stalled on the side of the road, and camera footage shows the Crutcher with his hands up and appearing to comply with police orders when Officer Betty Shelby fatally shot him.

[Jewish High Holy Days will see increased police patrols, NYPD says](#)

AM NY - Anthony DeStefano

The NYPD will provide a significant police presence around synagogues and other sites during the upcoming High Holy Days next month, police officials said on Wednesday. NYPD Commissioner James O’Neill and Chief of Department Carlos Gomez spoke at a special briefing for Jewish community leaders and clergy at police headquarters in advance of the High Holy Days, which commence at sundown on Oct. 2 with Rosh Hashana and run for 10 days. O’Neill said there would be significant police activity around Jewish houses of worship and other institutions, and referenced the Saturday bomb explosion in Manhattan’s Chelsea neighborhood, which injured 31 people.

[NYC traffic guide: NYRR Bronx 10-mile run street closures](#)

AM NY - Lauren Cook

The New York Road Runners club will be hitting the pavement in the Bronx on Sunday. The organization is holding a 10-mile race that kicks off at 8 a.m. And as runners take to the streets, several roads in the borough will be closed to motorists. So before you head out on Sunday, be sure to check this list of road closures. According to the city Department of Transportation, the following streets will be closed from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.:

[Slain jogger Karina Vetrano case will see arrest, NYPD chief says](#)

AM NY - Anthony DeStefano

A top NYPD officials on Wednesday expressed cautious optimism detectives might be able to solve the slaying of Howard Beach jogger Karina Vetrano. “I think we will make an arrest in the case,” chief of detectives Robert Boyce said when questioned about the Aug. 2 strangulation and sexual assault of the 31-year-old woman as she jogged in Spring Creek Park near her home. She went for a run about 5:30 p.m. that night and was found dead about 10:30 p.m.

[Editorial: The New York City Council’s autocratic unwritten rule](#)

AM NY - Editorial Board

There’s just one person in the room — and he, or she, has all the power. Do you want affordable housing, a new supermarket or a dog park? Do you want empty land transformed into something special or open space preserved? The decision appears to lie in the hands of the City Council’s 51 members. But that’s not true. In reality, one person often has an outsized say on land use and development. It’s not the mayor, or the council speaker. It’s the council member who represents the district where the project is being considered. It’s a long-standing unofficial rule: If that member says no, the project is derailed.

[Taste of Red Hook expands more than waistlines](#)

METRO - Kimberly M. Aquilina

Ten years ago, five or six new restaurants brought their food to a house in Brooklyn. Less than 100 people bought tickets for a tasting of the new businesses' wares. More than \$10,000 was raised for the Red Hook Initiative, a community nonprofit. It was a success. This year, tickets for the Taste of Red Hook are on sale for the Sept. 27 event, only this time, it isn't in a house and there will be at least 50 vendors offering samples of beer, wine, spirits and of course, food. ... Middle school and high school students are trained as peer mentors, researchers, community liaisons and even give presentations to government agencies like the Department of Education.

[Ferry captain lands role in 'Sully' after Hudson River rescue](#)

METRO - Eric Girard

Capt. Vince Lombardi had just started what was supposed to be a routine trip for his NY Waterway ferry, an eight-minute run across the Hudson River from Pier 79 in Manhattan to Weehawken, New Jersey. The run proved to be anything but routine.

... Within three minutes, his ferry arrived at the site, where, as many remember from the iconic photo, passengers waited on the wings of the plane. Everyone survived; 143 were rescued by NY Waterway crews from seven boats, while the rest were saved by the Coast Guard and the New York City Fire Department.

[NYPD: Unusual noise appears to be F-22 airplanes](#)

SI ADVANCE - Eddie DAnna

An unusual noise that rattled Staten Island residents Wednesday afternoon "appears" to have come from two jets in the area, according to an NYPD spokesman. The spokesman said the sound is believed to have come from two F-22 airplanes, although it was not clear why they were passing in the area. A similar noise was also reported in Queens and Nassau County, and the Oceanside Fire Department believes it stems from Air Force One's military escort coming in John F. Kennedy International Airport, according to WPIX. Temporary flight restrictions have been in place this week for the U.N. General Assembly in Manhattan.

[NYPD teases seizure of rifle in Clifton](#)

SI ADVANCE - Maura Grunlund

The NYPD posted a photo of a shotgun confiscated in Clifton in the vicinity of the Park Hill Apartments. "Nice job by PO's Otterbeck, Matteo, Erickson, & Biagini taking this shotgun off the streets of #ParkHill #onelessgun," said a post on the 120th Precinct Twitter feed. More information will be posted when it becomes available.

[North Shore rezoning hearing Wednesday night to focus on new school](#)

SI ADVANCE - Diane Lore

Plans for the first major school rezoning on the North Shore will be unveiled during a public hearing Wednesday evening. The Community Education Council (CEC31) and the Department of Education's Office of District Planning will hear feedback during the hearing, starting at 6:30 p.m. in Markham Intermediate School (I.S. 51), 20 Houston St., Graniteville. The proposal on the table is to create a zone for the new PS 68, the Port Richmond School for Visionary Learning, which opened in September. The former Verizon building, at 1625 Forest Ave., between Decker Avenue and Willowbrook Road, has been renovated by DOE for use as a school for children from pre-Kindergarten through fifth grade. It opened with pre-K and Kindergarten classes. The new school is designed to relieve overcrowding at four other North Shore schools: PS 19, West Brighton; PS 20, Port Richmond; PS 21, Elm Park, and PS 22, Graniteville.

[Brooklyn's Finest Pizza open for business after crash](#)

SI ADVANCE - Maura Grunlund

Brooklyn's Finest Pizza is open for business on Wednesday, the day after an 80-year-old man crashed a car into the eatery on Hylan Boulevard in Grasmere. No arrests have been made in the crash where a car slammed into the restaurant at 1250 Hylan Blvd. near Parkinson Avenue at about 5 p.m. on Tuesday, a spokesman for the NYPD's Deputy Commissioner of Information said. The driver apparently thought his car was in "reverse" rather than "drive" when he smashed through the storefront, according to a source with knowledge of the investigation. "WE ARE OPEN" is scrawled in large letters across a boarded up wall and windows a few feet from parking spaces in the lot. The FDNY has requested a Buildings Department inspection to determine whether the restaurant hit by a car is safe to be open for business.

[Police search for suspect in Clifton Wednesday](#)

SI ADVANCE - Paul Liotta

Police said they were searching for a suspect in Clifton Wednesday afternoon, but would give no other information at the scene. Residents of the Park Hill apartments were not told the reason for the police presence either. "We've never seen

anything like this before, so we know it's something major," said one resident who declined to give her name. Police were searching both 225 and 185 Park Hill Ave. Several residents added that their gas was shut off during the operation. National Grid was on the scene, and a spokesperson said the gas at 185 Park Hill Ave. was shut at the request of the Department of Buildings.

[Ex-S.I. cop accused of driving prostitutes to hotel trysts pleads guilty](#)

SI ADVANCE - Mira Wassef

An ex-cop from Staten Island accused of driving hookers, including an underage girl, to hotel trysts admitted he made some money from the prostitution ring. "I definitely benefited from it," Eduardo Cornejo told the judge after pleading guilty to conspiracy to engage in sex trafficking of a child Wednesday in Brooklyn Federal Court. "I agreed, with others, to drive females for the purpose of prostitution and waited to receive monies." Cornejo, 34, dressed in a light green shirt and jeans and sporting glasses and a goatee, also conceded he knew one of the prostitutes was under 18 years of age, and said he drove her to the hotels around five to 10 times.

[Police recover firearm after search in Clifton](#)

SI ADVANCE - Paul Liotta

Police said they recovered a firearm in Clifton after a massive search for a suspect Wednesday afternoon. An individual was spotted by police with a loaded firearm at 225 Park Hill Ave. who then fled on foot to 185 Park Hill Ave., a spokesman for the NYPD said.

... Several residents added that their gas was shut off at the same time as the operation. National Grid was on the scene, and a spokesperson said the gas at 185 Park Hill Ave. was shut at the request of the Department of Buildings.

[These Are the Men Who Might Have Accidentally Disabled the 2nd Chelsea Bomb](#)

DNA INFO - Murray Weiss, Trevor Kapp, Aidan Gardiner

These are the two men who may have foiled the second Chelsea bombing Saturday by swiping the suitcase the explosive device was in, the FBI said Wednesday. The duo spotted a rolling bag on West 27th Street between Sixth and Seventh avenues about 8:30 p.m., opened it, removed Ahmad Khan Rahami's pressure cooker bomb and walked away with the bag, officials said. "I think they were more interested, quite frankly, in the bag and not what they were taking out," said NYPD Chief of Counterterrorism James Waters.

[Chelsea Bomb Suspect Can't Contact Daughter Anymore, Judge Rules](#)

DNA INFO - Nicholas Rizzi, Ben Fractenberg, Murray Weiss

Suspected Chelsea bomber Ahmad Khan Rahami was barred Tuesday from contacting his daughter and the child's mother was granted full custody, court records show. The woman, who DNAinfo is not naming to protect the identity of the child, filed for custody of their child after she saw on television that Rahami was arrested during a bloody shootout with police for planting bombs around New York and New Jersey, court documents filed in New Jersey read. In the decision, Middlesex County Family Part Judge Peter Barnes denied her request to legally change the child's name and also said the court could not order counseling for the child or stop members of the media from contacting them.

[Judge Shocked Drunk Officer Accused of Killing MIT Student Regained License](#)

DNA INFO - Gwynne Hogan

An off-duty police officer accused of killing a college student when he plowed into four pedestrians on a Williamsburg sidewalk while drunk was given back his driver's license despite facing trial. Nicholas Batka, 28, who was arraigned in Brooklyn Supreme Court Wednesday on an aggravated vehicular manslaughter charge, was given full state privileges to drive by the DMV after his license was temporarily suspended following the July 16 crash, a judge heard. "The license should have been suspended. That's just common sense," said Judge William Miller, who re-suspended it.

[19-Year-Old Robbery Suspect Escapes Police Custody in Crown Heights](#)

DNA INFO - Rachel Smith

A handcuffed 19-year-old robbery suspect escaped a police vehicle while being transported to court and sparked a four-hour manhunt, the NYPD said. Dwayne McCleary, 19, is expected to be charged with robbery and escaping custody after he bolted from the vehicle at Atlantic and Troy avenues just before 8 p.m. Tuesday night, police said. He was being driven to Brooklyn's Central Booking to await his court arraignment. The teen was taken to the NYPD's 77th Precinct and was expected to be taken into court Thursday to face robbery charges for an earlier theft in Crown Heights, police said. The details of how he was able to escape were not immediately available. Police launched a search team, including helicopters, and cordoned off the area before finding him in the Weeksville public houses on Dean Street shortly after 11 p.m. The 19-

year-old is the second teen to escape from police in Crown Heights this year. In June, a 16-year-old farebeater escaped from the NYPD's Transit District 32, then turned himself into the 75th Precinct four hours later.

[IRS and Kidnapping Scams on the Rise in Queens, Precinct Commander Warns](#)

DNA INFO - Katie Honan

Local residents are getting caught up in a myriad of scams that demand cash to rescue kidnapped relatives, ask for iTunes gift cards to pay off IRS loans or demand money to access millions in lotto rewards, according to a precinct commander. Inspector Michele Irizzary, who came on as the commanding officer of the 115th Precinct over the summer, said officials are "seeing a lot of scams" over the past week. "You'll be home and you'll get a phone call and it's someone claiming that they are from the IRS and you owe back taxes to the tune of \$3K, and in order for you to get it to zero, they want you to go out and purchase iTunes gift cards," she said.

[NYPD Was 'Disrespectful' at Tribute For Boy Slain By Police in '94: Parents](#)

DNA INFO - Nikhita Venugopal

The NYPD interrupted an annual memorial for a 13-year-old boy who was shot dead by a police officer at Gowanus Houses in 1994, according to the family, who is now seeking department action against a lieutenant. In the two decades since Nicholas Heyward Jr. was killed, the community has come together every year to commemorate the teen. But this year's event on Aug. 27, which took place at the Boerum Hill park named after the teen, was sullied by an encounter with police officers, his father Nicholas Heyward Sr. said. "I have never had any police presence in the last two decades," he said Tuesday night at the 76th Precinct's community council meeting. Deputy Inspector Elliot Colon, commanding officer of the 76th Precinct, said the increased police presence had nothing to do with the event and everything to do with the safety of attendees.

[Natural History Museum's 'Spectacular' Expansion Plan Earns First Approval](#)

DNA INFO - Emily Frost

The American Museum of Natural History got its first approval to redesign a local park and build a new science center Tuesday when two Community Board 7 committees gave the project the green light. Museum executives sought buy-in from board members for their new \$325 million Gilder Center project, which would create a new entrance on Columbus Avenue and West 77th Street while taking a quarter-acre of existing public parkland. The board's Preservation and Parks committees approved the plans, which will go before the full 50-member community board for a vote on Oct. 5. The board's stance on the project is taken into account by the Landmarks Preservation Commission, whose approval the museum needs before it can break ground.

[Snug Harbor CEO Lynn Kelly Resigns to Take Post at New Yorkers for Parks](#)

DNA INFO - Nicholas Rizzi

Snug Harbor Cultural Center's CEO, Lynn Kelly, will step down from her post to serve as executive director of a parks advocacy group. Kelly was chosen by the board of directors as the new head of New Yorkers for Parks (NY4P), replacing outgoing Executive Director Tupper Thomas who announced her retirement earlier this year, the group said.

[City's 'Largest Urban Tech Space' Opens in Former Midtown Facebook HQ](#)

DNA INFO - Noah Hurowitz

A new incubator in the Facebook's former-New York headquarters celebrated its grand opening on Tuesday, pledging to help the city give Silicon Valley a run for its money as a center for technological innovation. The Hub@GCT, which occupies the fourth floor of 335 Madison Ave. and overlooks Grand Central Terminal, promises to offer discounted, short-term leases to growing startups in an effort to get around the real estate constraints that make growth difficult for companies in Manhattan, according to its founders. "For companies with 10 to 100 employees, it's really difficult to find space, because you're poised for growth, and so a long-term lease is really dangerous to take on, but you need secluded space to start" said co-founder Matthew Harrigan. "The Hub was built specifically to handle companies like that."

[ATV Driver Runs Over Officer as Motorcyclists Swarm DUMBO Street, NYPS Says](#)

DNA INFO - Alexandra Leon

Two men riding in a group of about 30 motorcyclists and ATV drivers were arrested after one hit a police officer with his motorcycle, causing him to fall off his motorized scooter, and another ran over the same officer with this ATV, breaking his ribs, authorities said. Graham Curtis, 34, and Jamaal Elder, 32, were arrested shortly after the riders swarmed the road at Hicks and Old Fulton Streets at 5:15 p.m. on Saturday, police said. Officer Artem Prusayev, 27, was responding to the

scene when he was struck by a 2001 Honda motorcycle driven by Elder, causing the officer to get knocked off his motorized scooter, officials said.

[Construction Worker Struck on Head on Gansevoort Peninsula, FDNY Says](#)

DNA INFO - Kathleen Culliton

A construction worker was hit on the head with a piece of metal at a Gansevoort Peninsula construction site, the FDNY said Wednesday. The worker was injured on Pier 52 off 11th Avenue between Gansevoort and Little West 12th streets around 8:10 a.m., according to an FDNY spokesman. The person was transported to Bellevue Hospital in serious condition, said FDNY. Gansevoort Peninsula houses a Department of Sanitation building that is currently being demolished to be replaced with a park and recycling station, city records show.

[Hunter College Faculty Dining Hall Shuttered by Health Dept. For Mice](#)

DNA INFO - Shaye Weaver

Hunter College's faculty dining hall was forced to close on Monday after inspectors found mice and flies, according to Department of Health records. During an inspection at the college's 68th Street campus at 695 Park Ave. on Monday, an inspector slapped the eatery with 33 health violation points and shut it down, records show. Deborah Raskin, a spokeswoman for Hunter College, said that AVI Foodsystems, an independent food service provider, is responsible for the dining room where food and drinks are served.

[Where's the Beef? 100 Percent NY Hamburger Debuts in City Schools Thursday](#)

DNA INFO - Amy Zimmer

New York City schools are debuting a new menu item on Thursday: a 100 percent New York beef cheeseburger. At first glance it might not seem like a big deal that the Department of Education is adding the locally sourced item to its menu. But in fact, it took a huge effort on the part of NYC SchoolFood, working with the State Department of Agriculture and New York-based farmers, to make the roughly 350,000 to 500,000 burgers appear on compostable lunch trays this Thursday, along with three more Thursdays this year, according to Eric Goldstein, the DOE's CEO of the school food office.

[Sanitation Worker Arrested for Driving Drunk Without Headlights On: NYPD](#)

DNA INFO - Noah Hurowitz

A sanitation worker refused a breathalyzer test after officers pulled him over for driving without headlights near Union Square, according to police. Gaetan Gaudin, 40, who's worked with the Department of Sanitation for 11 years, was driving a Jeep Wrangler on 14th Street with his headlights off just after 4:30 a.m. when officers pulled him over, police said. The officers smelled alcohol on his breath, described him as having bloodshot eyes and, when he stepped out of the SUV, he was unsteady on his feet, a police spokeswoman said.

[Chelsea Bomber's Bloody Notebook Mentioned ISIS Leader, Officials Say](#)

DNA INFO - Ben Fractenberg

Accused Chelsea bomber Ahmad Khan Rahami was captured with a bloody journal containing the name of an ISIS leader, government officials said. Rahami wrote in the notebook that his "guidance comes from" ISIS spokesman Abu Muhammad al-Adnani — who was killed in an airstrike — and that "God willing, the sounds of bombs will be heard in the streets," Congressional Homeland Security Committee Chairman Michael McCaul said during a hearing in Washington, D.C. Wednesday.

... NYPD Deputy Commissioner of Counterterrorism John Miller said during the hearing that federal investigators would look into whether he should have been more closely monitored.

[Park Slope Bike Lane Lawsuit Dropped After 5 Year Court Battle](#)

DNA INFO - Leslie Albrecht

The epic legal battle to remove the Prospect Park West bike lane ended Wednesday after the plaintiffs agreed to drop their lawsuit against the city, giving bike advocates something to cheer about. Neighbors For Better Bike Lanes and Seniors for Safety announced that they're ending their quest against the two-way, 19-block bike path, saying that they believed they've exposed the city's "bait and switch tactics."

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Local News:

[If You See Something, Say Something — and New Yorkers Have, in Droves](#)

NY TIMES - Ashley Southall

The scene that unfolded at a McDonald's in Times Square on Wednesday has played out more than 800 times across New York City in the days since a bomb rattled Chelsea. Police officers rushed into the fast-food restaurant, evacuated customers and their half-eaten breakfasts and shut down a busy thoroughfare. The police said there had been a call around 8:15 a.m. about a suspicious package: a rolling suitcase left unattended.

[Cuomo Called for 'Reboot' of School Standards. Officials Propose Tweaks Instead.](#)

NY TIMES - Elizabeth Harris

More interactive lessons for the youngest students. Reading more fiction. Delaying teaching the order of operations in math until the fourth grade. Those are some of the changes New York State public schools may see in their classrooms, under revised standards proposed on Wednesday by education officials. The state adopted the standards six years ago as its version of the Common Core, a body of knowledge that was supposed to unify and improve American education. But the Common Core quickly became a lightning rod, with opponents saying, among other things, that it stripped localities of some of their autonomy and its expectations were not age appropriate.

[Chelsea Bombing Witnesses Sought by Authorities](#)

WSJ - Pervaiz Shallwani

To the two men casually strolling through a Manhattan side street Saturday night, the rolling bag appeared to be nothing more than a perfectly good piece of abandoned luggage. For authorities, the unidentified men on a surveillance video may have inadvertently defused a second pressure-cooker bomb that was discovered shortly after an explosion injured 31 people in the Chelsea neighborhood.

[Blast Left New Yorkers Wary but Uncowed](#)

WSJ - Ralph Gardner Jr.

In the wake of Saturday's bombing in Chelsea, my daughter Gracie asked whether I'm vigilant about my surroundings and how often I think about the possibility of terrorism. The answer: always. As a matter of sad fact, I don't linger in places such as Grand Central Terminal, magnificent as it is, because I fear it would make an inviting target. I suspect that says more about me than about the possibility of catastrophe in New York City. Some of the blame goes to my father, who believed that anything that can go wrong will go wrong. I fight that curdled view of the universe, though it's hard to shake your genetic inheritance.

[N.Y. Plans Aid for Businesses, Residents Affected by Blast](#)

WSJ - Mike Vilensky

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said on Wednesday that he reached an agreement with legislative leaders to help businesses and residents affected by Saturday's bombing in Manhattan cover damages and injuries with insurance. The state Department of Financial Services will help those affected coordinate with state and federal programs that assist businesses hurt by disasters and crises, including a federal emergency-loan program for small businesses and a state office for crisis victims, Mr. Cuomo said.

[Pierhouse Condos Take a Bow in Brooklyn Bridge Park](#)

WSJ - Josh Barbanell

To stand in the living room of a condo in Pierhouse in Brooklyn Bridge Park, with its 18-foot ceilings, is to intimately experience the grandeur of New York. First visible is the greenery of the park itself, and a passing parade of cyclists, joggers and baby carriages. Beyond that is the East River, then the skyline of lower Manhattan with One World Trade Center at its center. To the north is the easternmost tower of the Brooklyn Bridge and to the south, ferry traffic in New York Harbor and the Statue of Liberty in the distance.

[Kristaps Porzingis, the Knicks' Biggest Kid, Teaches the Little Kids](#)

WSJ - Chris Herring

Kristaps Porzingis exceeded every reasonable expectation laid out for him during his rookie season in the NBA, blossoming into the star the Knicks were hoping for when they drafted him, almost anonymously, out of Latvia with the fourth pick in the 2015 NBA Draft. So it isn't all that surprising that the 21-year-old Porzingis held his own two-day

summer basketball camp for about 200 school-age children this past weekend in nearby Ardsley, N.Y. It's something that plenty of stars around the NBA do every summer.

[Ex-Cuomo Aide Joseph Percoco to Face Charges in Bribery Probe](#)

WSJ - Erica Orden, Rebecca David O'Brien

Federal authorities plan to unseal charges against a former top aide to New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo as early as Thursday in connection with an alleged bribery and kickback scheme involving the governor's signature economic-development program, according to people familiar with the matter. In addition to the former aide, Joseph Percoco, the U.S. attorney's office in Manhattan intends to bring public-corruption charges against a number of other individuals in connection with the wide-ranging investigation, these people said.

[Corrections officers accused of brutally beating inmate, keeping his dreadlocks as 'trophy' at Downstate Correctional Facility](#)

DAILY NEWS - Reuven Blau, Victoria Bekiempis

A pack of sadistic correction officers at Downstate Correctional Facility beat an inmate to near-death in November 2013 — and one kept a clump of dreadlocks torn from his head as a "trophy," bombshell court papers say. Kathy Scott, George Santiago, Jr. and Carson Morris are accused of violating inmate Kevin Moore's civil rights in relation to the beatdown.

[EXCLUSIVE: Uber now offers reserved rides in NYC, infringing further on conventional taxi services](#)

DAILY NEWS - Dan Rivoli

Uber is now taking reservations for prearranged rides in New York, taking aim at another piece of the for-hire taxi industry. The app famous for its on-demand service is rolling out the scheduled pickup option Thursday in the city. Prearranged rides were introduced in response to frequent requests from business travelers, according to Uber. The service will be available to every Uber user in New York, on the app's low-cost ride called UberX.

[Port Authority boss admits he signed off on bogus GWB 'traffic study' statement amid Bridgegate blowback](#)

DAILY NEWS - Stephen Brown

The Port Authority's top official admitted to lying Wednesday during the Bridgegate scandal, while defense lawyers accused him of using the scandal for political gain. Pat Foye, the executive director of the bi-state Port Authority, testified that he approved a statement to the press — crafted by two former P.A. officials, Bill Baroni and David Wildstein — that explained the four days of gridlock in Fort Lee, New Jersey, were the result of a traffic study that had concluded. "I was skeptical. I didn't believe it to be true," Foye said of the statement released the day he restored the normal traffic flow. "I saw this as Bill Baroni's mess, David Wildstein's mess. I was OK with it going out," added Foye, who answers to Gov. Cuomo.

[Anthony Weiner allegedly sexted with 15-year-old girl, sent her shirtless pictures: report](#)

DAILY NEWS - Jennifer Fermino, Jason Silverstein

Anthony Weiner's perversion apparently knows no bounds. The disgraced former congressman sexted a 15-year-old high school girl for months, allegedly writing her lewd messages and sending her shirtless pics of himself, according to a report Wednesday. "If the reports are true, it's possibly criminal and it is sick," Gov. Cuomo told reporters. "And frankly, I've heard enough about Anthony Weiner and I think that goes for all New Yorkers."

[Federal investigators won't say if more suspects are being sought for helping accused Chelsea bomber Ahmad Khan Rahami](#)

DAILY NEWS - Victoria Bekiempis, Larry McShane

Federal investigators declined to say Wednesday if additional suspects were wanted for abetting accused bi-state terrorist bomber Ahmad Khan Rahami. "The investigation continues," said Manhattan U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara without providing any new details in the case of weekend terror attacks on both sides of the Hudson River. William Sweeney, the FBI assistant director-in-charge of the New York office, deflected a question about whether Rahami's wife had said anything since her husband's Monday arrest after a Garden State gunfight.

[NYPD Bomb Squad clears suspicious package on 42nd St. in Times Square](#)

DAILY NEWS - Jefferson Siegel

With the city still on edge following Saturday night's bomb explosion in Chelsea, police were called to the Times Square on Wednesday morning after reports of a suspicious package. W. 42nd St. between 7th and 8th Aves. was shut down as

officers from the NYPD Bomb Squad approached the package near McDonald's. Carol Wang, 61, of Hell's Kitchen, saw something and said something.

[Accused Chelsea bomber Ahmad Khan Rahami praised Osama Bin Laden in blood-soaked journal](#)

DAILY NEWS - Cameron Joseph

Alleged Chelsea bomber Ahmad Khan Rahami praised Osama Bin Laden and ISIS in his journal — one that's now soaked in his own blood after he was wounded during his capture. House Homeland Security Committee Chairman Mike McCaul (R-Texas) held up a photo of the gory rantings during a Wednesday hearing with NYPD Deputy Commissioner John Miller as they discussed the threats of lone-wolf terrorists inspired by ISIS and other terror groups.

[Online campaign raises more than \\$16G for two men that discovered backpack full of bombs at N.J. train station](#)

DAILY NEWS - Laura Dimon, Rich Shapiro

If you see something, swipe something. A homeless man and his pal are the toast of their New Jersey town for directing cops to a backpack full of bombs — that they plucked off the street. Down-on-his-luck Lee Parker, 50, and Ivan White, 56, have already been hailed heroes by the mayor of Elizabeth — where they made their unexpected find.

[Dad of murdered Queens jogger Karina Vetrano wants to use \\$280G reward fund to pay investigator to find killer](#)

DAILY NEWS - Kerry Burke, Thomas Tracy

The grieving dad of a Queens jogger who was sexually assaulted and killed on her nightly run wants to hire a private investigator to dig up clues that can bring her killer to justice, he said Wednesday. "In case it goes cold, I'm going to have to bring someone in," Phil Vetrano said about the investigation into his daughter Karina Vetrano's death on Wednesday. "Someone like Perry Mason."

[Feds may hit former Cuomo aide Joseph Percoco with corruption charges for alleged upstate bribery scheme](#)

DAILY NEWS - Denis Slattery

A former top aide to Gov. Cuomo could be charged as early as Thursday in an alleged bribery and kickback scheme involving a multibillion-dollar plan to revitalize the upstate economy, according to The Wall Street Journal. Manhattan U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara intends to bring public corruption charges against Joseph Percoco, along with a number of others involved in the so-called Buffalo Billion economic program, the newspaper reported. Percoco, one of the governor's most trusted allies for years, was reportedly earning consulting fees from companies doing business with the state while heading up Cuomo's reelection campaign.

[Experts say police could pursue criminal charges if Anthony Weiner sent sexts to 15-year-old teen](#)

DAILY NEWS - Barbara Ross, John Marzulli

Anthony Weiner may have exposed himself to criminal charges and more child custody problems with his alleged inappropriate texting with a 15-year-old girl, legal experts told the Daily News. "He's crossed the bounds. At least he dealt with adults before this," former prosecutor turned celebrity lawyer Raoul Felder said of the 52-year-old Weiner's online relationship with a 15-year-old North Carolina girl. "Now you're in the 'Oh my God' area."

[Anthony Weiner may face criminal prosecution for allegedly sexting 15-year-old girl, sending her shirtless pictures](#)

NY POST - Jennifer Fermino, Jason Silverstein, Larry McShane

Carlos is in real danger this time. Selfie-sending sleaze Anthony Weiner targeted a 15-year-old high school sophomore with his latest round of creepy internet come-ons — and could now face hard time for his ceaseless sexting. The pervy politician's potential legal woes emerged after his cyber-squeeze of the past eight months was exposed Wednesday as an underage North Carolina girl. Texts showed that Weiner, a 52-year-old father of a 4-year-old boy, knew the recipient of his creepy correspondence was no adult.

[Woman who once traded sexy messages with Anthony Weiner thinks he has 'sickness' after alleged sexts with teen](#)

DAILY NEWS - Nancy Dillon, Denis Slattery

Even Anthony Weiner's former messaging mistresses think he crossed a line by sexting with an underage girl. "Obviously it's wrong. It's a 15-year-old girl," Traci Nobles, 40, told the Daily News. Weiner was outed Wednesday for carrying on creepy online conversations with a high school sophomore.

[Editorial: Maybe cops can stop him: By allegedly sexting a minor, Anthony Weiner may just have crossed a legal line](#)

DAILY NEWS - Editorial

Prisoner to his sexual demons, Anthony Weiner may follow them behind bars. A 15-year-old North Carolina girl has alleged that the former congressman engaged in explicit sexual communications with her, while knowing that she was underage. The girl kept screenshots of two alleged Weiner texts that explicitly describe rough vaginal penetration.

[Sonic boom from military planes scares blast-weary New Yorkers](#)

NY POST - Danielle Furfaro

A convoy of military planes returning from an exercise flew too low over eastern Queens, creating a sonic boom and scaring edgy residents, cops said. The F22 Raptors, which are used by the US Air Force, flew overhead at about 2:30 pm on Wednesday afternoon and were going so fast that it sounded like an explosion in the sky. “Heard a loud explosion in queens village,” Humphrey Makomva wrote on Twitter. “Lots of sirens.”

[Feds accuse jail guards of taking beaten inmate’s hair as ‘trophy’](#)

NY POST - Lia Eustachewich

Five former Dutchess County jail guards have been charged for allegedly beating an inmate to a pulp — and even taking a clump of his dreadlocks as a “trophy,” according to an indictment unsealed Wednesday. Kevin Moore was assaulted at the Downstate Correctional Facility in Fishkill on Nov. 12, 2013 by Sgt. Kathy Scott, who also goes by Kathy Todd, and correction officers George Santiago Jr., Carson Morris, Donald Cosman and Andrew Lowery, the Manhattan federal court papers say. Moore, 54, was transported to Downstate for just one night before being taken to Rikers Island. The sickening attack unfolded after he and another inmate pushed back against being confined in a unit designated for inmates with mental health issues, prompting a guard to radio for assistance from a supervisor, court papers say.

[Chelsea bombing suspect could face hearing in hospital bed](#)

NY POST - Reuters

A lawyer for an Afghan-born US citizen charged with bombings in New York and New Jersey over the weekend asked a federal judge to schedule his first court appearance for Wednesday, possibly in his hospital bed. Ahmad Khan Rahami was arrested on Monday after a gunfight with police in Linden, New Jersey. He is now receiving treatment for his wounds at a Newark hospital, where he could formally face his charges if he cannot travel to US District Court in Manhattan, his lawyer said.

[Uber will let NY users schedule their rides this week](#)

NY POST - Danielle Furfaro

Uber has increased its stranglehold on competitors with a new feature that will allow users to schedule cars ahead of time. The car app company is adding the feature in New York City Thursday morning. It lets customers book rides up to 30 days in advance. A passenger who has an early morning flight can now schedule their ride to the airport ahead of time, so that they have one less task to worry about on travel day.

[John Lennon mural unveiled for International Day of Peace](#)

NY POST - Elizabeth Rosner

A 2,500-square-foot mural of John Lennon was unveiled in Central Park on Wednesday. “Imagine Again” — at the Naumburg Bandshell — is the work of Texas-based artist Eric Waugh in celebration of the International Day of Peace. “I wanted to bring a little piece of love and peace into the world,” Waugh told The Post Wednesday.

[Pressure cooker found under Bronx highway is deemed not dangerous](#)

NY POST - Shawn Cohen

A pressure cooker was found under the Major Deegan Expressway in the Bronx on Wednesday afternoon, temporarily closing down streets and a portion of the highway. The kitchen gadget was discovered at East 134th Street & Alexander Avenue at around 7 p.m. — and later deemed not dangerous, police said.

[Chelsea bomb suspect’s blood-soaked diary full of ISIS praise](#)

NY POST - Chris Perez

This is the blood-soaked journal of Chelsea bomb suspect Ahmad Khan Rahami — who praised ISIS in rambling, often illegible rants made public Wednesday. The image was shown at a House Homeland Security Committee hearing in Washington, in which Chairman Mike McCaul (R-Texas) read several excerpts from the book and revealed how the Afghan native drew inspiration from deceased Islamic State spokesman Abu Mohammad al-Adnani.

[It’s no longer safe for the city’s senior citizens to go outside](#)

NY POST - Shari Logan, Shawn Cohen, Daniel Prendergast

They're robbed as they walk their dogs, go on moonlit walks or sit waiting for buses. They're robbed as they lean on their canes or sit in their wheelchairs. In some cases, they're shoved to the ground and even kicked while they're down. More than once a day on average this year, someone over the age of 65 was mugged somewhere in New York City. And the numbers are up, particularly in The Bronx and Manhattan.

[Cuomo pressured to kill Airbnb bill that fines short-term rentals](#)

NY POST - Kirstan Conley

Gov. Cuomo and state lawmakers have been deluged with more than 80,000 e-mails urging that they kill a bill that would impose fines of up to \$7,500 for advertising short-term rentals on Airbnb. But Cuomo has given no indication if he'll sign or veto the bill, which the Legislature passed in June. "It's a tough one," said one source. The politically powerful hotel-workers union has lobbied hard for the measure, arguing that the apartment-sharing service is illegally snatching potential hotel customers.

[Editorial: Schneiderman's chance to save face on his failing Exxon probe](#)

NY POST - Editorial Board

The Securities and Exchange Commission just handed Eric Schneiderman a face-saving way to drop his fast-imploding probe of Exxon. The Wall Street Journal reports the SEC is now investigating how Exxon values its assets (i.e., oil reserves), given "increasing climate-change regulation." That's the only issue that state Attorney General Schneiderman has left in his own Exxon probe.

[Christie appointee claimed high-level support for Bridgegate scheme, official testifies](#)

POLITICO NY - Ryan Hutchins

After the George Washington Bridge lane closures ended, the highest-ranking New Jersey official at the Port Authority demanded the decision be reversed because it was "important to Trenton," the agency's executive director testified on Wednesday. In two meetings that came after the four-day closure at the center of the Bridgegate scandal was reversed on Sept. 13, 2013, Deputy Executive Director Bill Baroni — an appointee of Gov. Chris Christie — tried to convince the executive director, Patrick Foye, to reconsider his order, Foye said.

[Liberal activists try to recapture Sanders' energy for November](#)

POLITICO NY - Jimmy Vielkind

Doug Bullock's message to his fellow Bernie Sanders supporters this election season is a little bit strange: he's asking them to go to the polls without telling them how to vote. "Top of the ticket, we're telling people to make up their own mind," said Bullock, an Albany County legislator and longtime liberal activist who was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention for the Vermont senator. "We're out there now, we're out for [Zephyr] Teachout, Sara Niccoli and Shaun Francis. ... Even if you don't vote for Hillary, vote. That's the case in itself."

[New York government entities spent \\$8.4 million lobbying each other in 2015](#)

POLITICO NY - Bill Mahoney

Early last month, SUNY Geneseo's president signed a \$2,084-per-month contract with Cozen O'Connor to lobby state government on "higher education and related issues." That may seem odd. The State University of New York and its campuses are themselves a part of state government. But it's far from uncommon, and Geneseo's spending would actually put it on the lower end of a list of more than 100 state and local government entities that reported payments to lobby each other last year. Government-on-government lobbying hit \$8.4 million in 2015, according to a POLITICO New York review of data maintained by the Joint Commission on Public Ethics.

[Stakeholders weigh impact of revisions to Common Core standards](#)

POLITICO NY - Keshia Clukey

Following the release of revised learning standards, education stakeholders throughout New York will now work to determine just how meaningful the alterations to the state's Common Core standards really are. The state Education Department released the draft of the state's revised learning standards Wednesday, with state Education Commissioner MaryEllen Elia touting "substantial changes."

[\[PRO\] CUNY revisits free speech policy](#)

POLITICO NY - Conor Skelding

[\[PRO\] Cuomo yields to commission on legislative pay raise](#)

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POLITICO NY - Josefa Velasquez

[PRO] [Suit seeks end of solitary for juveniles in Syracuse county jail](#)

POLITICO NY - Colby Hamilton

[PRO] [Port executive admits to approving inaccurate press release, blames Christie appointee](#)

POLITICO NY - Ryan Hutchins

[Giuliani accuses Obama and Clinton of 'dereliction of duty' in terror threat](#)

POLITICO NY - Madeline Conway

Rudy Giuliani on Wednesday ripped into President Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton for a "dereliction of duty" in their efforts to combat terrorism, while calling the Bush administration's failure to come to grips with the threat before the Sept. 11 attacks "excusable." Writing in USA Today, the former New York City mayor and current Donald Trump surrogate accused Obama and Clinton of investing "too much time and energy into the narrative that there is no ongoing War on Terror."

[Report: Andrew Cuomo's Righthand Man Faces Arrest in Corruption Case](#)

NY OBSERVER - Will Bredderman

Joseph Percoco, once known as Gov. Andrew Cuomo's political and physical muscle man and one of the most powerful figures in New York State, will face as-yet unspecified federal charges tomorrow courtesy of crusading U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara, the Wall Street Journal reports. Percoco, the governor's former executive deputy secretary, will be just one of several figures arrested on still unknown charges in relation to an alleged bribery and kickback scheme, according to the Journal. Percoco served under Cuomo's father and has been close to the governor for much of his life—so much so that Cuomo has described him as a brother.

[Cuomo Announces Emergency Funds for Businesses Hurt by Chelsea Explosion](#)

NY OBSERVER - Madina Toure

Gov. Andrew Cuomo, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie and State Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan announced that emergency funds will be made available to small businesses, homeowners and renters affected by the Saturday night explosion that injured more than 30 people. Afghani native and U.S citizen Ahmad Khan Rahami, 28, of Elizabeth, N.J., has been charged with using and attempting to use weapons of mass destruction, bombing and attempting to bomb a place of public use, destroying and attempting to destroy property by means of fire or explosive and use of a destructive device in furtherance of a crime of violence, namely, the use and attempted use of weapons of mass destruction, U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara announced today.

[Mother of bombing suspect Ahmad Khan Rahami's child gets full custody](#)

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[Anthony Weiner sexted with 15-year-old girl, report says](#)

AM NY - William Murphy

[Karina Vetrano: Where the case into the Queens jogger's death stands now](#)

AM NY - Alison Fox, Nicole Brown

[NYC real estate sales market: Prices stable but still high, experts say](#)

AM NY - Heather Senison

[NYC rent prices to drop as inventory rises, experts say](#)

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[Rescued NYC dogs prove senior pups still have spunk](#)

AM NY - Meghan Giannotta

[New York Public Library introducing a book train at main branch](#)

AM NY - Sheila Anne Feeney

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[Chelsea bombing: FBI seeks men who found suitcase with second device](#)

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[Immigrants Aren't Taking Americans' Jobs, New Study Finds](#)

NY TIMES -Julia Preston

Do immigrants take jobs from Americans and lower their wages by working for less? The answer, according to a report published on Wednesday by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine, is no, immigrants do not take American jobs — but with some caveats. The question is at the heart of the furious debate over immigration that has divided the country and polarized the presidential race. Many American workers, struggling to recover from the recession, have said they feel squeezed out by immigrants.

[Hillary Clinton Struggles to Replicate Obama's Small-Donor Juggernaut](#)

NY TIMES - Jonathan Martin

In 2012, B. Rowe Winecoff, a retired social worker from Newton, Iowa, contributed \$120 to President Obama's re-election campaign. But he has yet to give any money to Hillary Clinton in this election. "This year just seems dirtier than ever," said Mr. Winecoff, a Democrat, explaining why he has not contributed to the candidate he intends to vote for. Even as newly released financial disclosures reveal that Mrs. Clinton enjoys a substantial fund-raising advantage over Donald J. Trump, she is struggling to replicate the sort of small-dollar juggernaut that Mr. Obama enjoyed in his campaigns and Senator Bernie Sanders relied on in this year's Democratic primaries.

[Maternal Mortality Rate in U.S. Rises, Defying Global Trend, Study Finds](#)

NY TIMES - Sabrina Tavernise

One of the biggest worldwide public health triumphs in recent years has been maternal mortality. Global death rates fell by more than a third from 2000 to 2015. The United States, however, is one of the few countries in the world that have gone against the grain, new data show. Its maternal mortality rate has risen despite improvements in health care and an overwhelming global trend in the other direction. The United States has become an outlier among rich nations in maternal deaths, according to data released Wednesday by the Institute of Health Metrics and Evaluation, a research group funded by the Gates Foundation and based at the University of Washington.

[Fight Between Saudis and 9/11 Families Escalates in Washington](#)

NY TIMES - Julie Hirschfeld Davis

On Monday, a constellation of lobbyists for Saudi Arabia, which has spent more than \$5 million this past year to buy influence in Washington, called a crisis meeting to try to stop legislation allowing the families of victims of the Sept. 11 attacks to sue the Saudi government for any role in the plot. On Tuesday, the 9/11 families, represented in their multibillion-dollar lawsuits by lawyers including Jack Quinn, a former White House counsel with deep relationships in Washington, demonstrated outside the White House to pressure President Obama not to veto the legislation, as he has vowed to do.

[Chicago to Hire Many More Police, but Effect on Crime Is Debated](#)

NY TIMES - Monica Davey

An ambitious, costly plan to expand this city's police force by almost 1,000 officers to stem a surge in murders and shootings has opened a new question here: Do more police officers always mean an end to rising violence? On Wednesday, Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson stood before a room crowded with uniformed Chicago police officers and announced plans to increase the department by 970 sworn officers, the largest such expansion here in years. "We can't rob Peter to pay Paul when it comes to the safety of our city," Mr. Johnson said. "We need more patrol officers, and we need them where they're needed the most."

[Texas Threatens to Pull Out of Refugee Resettlement Program](#)

NY TIMES - Manny Fernandez

Texas escalated its fight with the Obama administration over refugee resettlements on Wednesday, threatening to pull out of the federal resettlement program if the state's plan to limit the number of refugees it accepts and to receive additional security assurances is not approved. Since the Paris terrorist attacks last year, conservative leaders in several Republican-dominated states have raised security concerns over Syrian refugees. Texas has been one of the most assertive, suing the State Department in federal court to try to bar Syrian refugees from the state and, on Wednesday, vowing to stop assisting the thousands of refugees from around the world who resettle in Texas annually.

[Why First Aid Is Often Lacking in the Moments After a Police Shooting](#)

NY TIMES - Richard Perez-Pena

After the police in Tulsa, Okla., released video footage of an officer fatally shooting an unarmed man, and then standing back rather than tending to the man's wounds, many people had the same reaction as a local activist, Marq Lewis, who voiced outrage that "they let him lay there two-plus minutes, bleeding." Anger at the treatment of the man, Terence Crutcher — not only his shooting last Friday, but also how officers behaved afterward — echoed concerns over other recent cases, mostly involving black males who died at the hands of the police. Notably, when Tamir Rice, a 12-year-old boy with a pellet gun, was shot to death in 2014 in a park in Cleveland, officers stood around for several minutes, waiting for an emergency medical team and offering no first aid.

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[U.S. Allows Boeing and Airbus to Sell Planes to Iran](#)

NY TIMES - Thomas Erdbrink, Nicola Clark

The United States on Wednesday removed a final hurdle for Western aircraft manufacturers to sell planes to Iran, a country desperately in need of hundreds of new aircraft. The Treasury Department granted the aviation giants Airbus and Boeing licenses to deliver planes to Tehran. The decision is a boon not only for the two companies but also for Iranian politicians who want to expand Iran's engagement with the world now that sanctions linked to Iran's nuclear program have been lifted.

[World Leaders Agree at U.N. on Steps to Curb Rising Drug Resistance](#)

NY TIMES - Sabrina Tavernise

World leaders agreed Wednesday on steps to curb the rapid rise of drug resistance, the first global effort to stop the spread of dangerous superbugs that are fast becoming immune to many of the most critical medicines. Infectious disease doctors have long warned that overuse of antibiotics in people and in animals puts human health at risk by reducing the power of the drugs, some of modern medicine's most prized jewels. The problem is global, because the bugs are mobile. Overuse in pig production in China, for example, has spawned superbugs that have surfaced in the United States and Europe.

[John Kerry Urges Grounding of Military Aircraft in 'Key Areas' of Syria](#)

NY TIMES - Somini Sengupta, Michael Gordon, Anne Barnard

Secretary of State John Kerry on Wednesday called for an immediate grounding of all military aircraft in what he described as "key areas" of Syria — including where aid is delivered — as a last-ditch effort to save an agreement with Russia to reduce violence and ultimately halt a war that shows no sign of slowing. Speaking in an unusually pointed and partly unscripted session at a United Nations Security Council meeting on the Syria crisis, Mr. Kerry angrily accused Russia of living "in a parallel universe" and allowing President Bashar al-Assad of Syria to extend "the greatest humanitarian catastrophe since World War II."

[After Much Rancor, Obama and Netanyahu Meet, Likely for Last Time](#)

NY TIMES - Mark Landler

For seven years, they slogged through the sour rituals of a broken relationship: the strained meetings; the angry phone calls; the bitter recriminations; the slights, real and perceived. On Wednesday, President Obama and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met here for what is likely to be their last time as leaders of Israel and the United States. Their smiles said more than their words. "I want you to know, Barack, that you'll always be a welcome guest in Israel," Mr. Netanyahu said, noting there was a golf course next to his home for an ex-president reputed to have a "terrific" game.

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[Donald Trump Embraces Wider Use of Stop-and-Frisk by Police](#)

NY TIMES - Michael Barbaro, Maggie Haberman, Yamiche Alcindor

Donald J. Trump on Wednesday called for the broad use of the contentious stop-and-frisk policing strategy in America's cities, embracing an aggressive tactic whose legality has been challenged and whose enforcement has been abandoned in New York. His support for the polarizing crime-fighting policy — which involves officers' questioning and searching pedestrians — collides with his highly visible courtship of African-Americans, who have been disproportionately singled out by the tactic, data show.

... In New York, Mayor Bill de Blasio, who has overseen the dismantling of stop-and-frisk as official police policy, said what Mr. Trump was proposing "will simply alienate the very people who we need to be partners in the fight against crime."

[Clinton, Trump Decry Latest Police Shootings of Black Men](#)

NY TIMES - Associated Press

Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton are decrying police-involved shootings in Oklahoma and North Carolina, with the Democrat calling them "unbearable" and the Republican saying he was "very troubled." Trump's effort to court black voters Wednesday in Cleveland took a bizarre turn when he was introduced by boxing promoter Don King, who used a racial slur as he made the case for black voters to support Trump. In an interview later, Trump called for a national expansion of "stop-and-frisk," the police tactic that a federal judge ruled can be discriminatory against minorities.

... Current New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, a Democrat who supports Clinton, slammed Trump's call for more stop-and-frisk as "appalling."

[Donald Trump Questions Police Shooting in Oklahoma](#)

WSJ - Michael Bender, Michelle Hackman

Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump, who often expresses solidarity with law enforcement, said he was troubled by the shooting death last week of an unarmed black man in Tulsa, Okla., and said the police may be at fault. "That man went to the car, hands-up, put his hand on the car—to me it looked like he did everything you're supposed to," Mr. Trump said Wednesday in Cleveland, referring to 40-year-old Terence Crutcher.

... New York Mayor Bill De Blasio, a Democrat, slammed Mr. Trump for his comments. "Crime has gone down since we got rid of the unconstitutional policy of stop and frisk," he said. "I don't understand at all how a guy who calls himself a New Yorker could be this unaware of what's happened in the last few years in this city."

[Donald Trump says he would implement nationwide stop and frisk policy, forgets controversial tactic was ruled unconstitutional in 2013](#)

DAILY NEWS - Erin Durkin, Adam Edelman

Donald Trump said in an interview slated to air Wednesday night that he would implement nationwide stop-and-frisk practices — even though the use of such policing tactics in New York City was ruled unconstitutional in 2013. "I would do stop and frisk. I think you have to. We did it in New York, it worked incredibly well and you have to be proactive,"

Trump said on Fox News Channel's "Hannity" program, according to a partial transcript of the interview released by the network.

[Mayor de Blasio bashes Donald Trump's stop and frisk plan: 'He has no experience in the black community'](#)

DAILY NEWS - Erin Durkin

Donald Trump is "either ignorant of the history of the city or he's lying about it," Mayor de Blasio said after the GOP nominee proposed a nationwide stop and frisk policy. Hizzoner made a rare visit to City Hall's press room Wednesday to denounce Trump's proposal to impose the controversial policy, which de Blasio dramatically reduced in New York, in cities across the country. "Trump doesn't understand the communities he's talking about," de Blasio said. "He's a pampered billionaire. He has no connection to the people he's talking about. He has no experience in the black community or any other inner city community."

[Trump: Expand stop-and-frisk to curb violence in black communities](#)

NY POST - Bob Fredericks

Donald Trump said in an interview on "core black issues" Wednesday that cops across the US should expand the use of stop and frisk to combat black-on-black crime — using the practice in place during the Bloomberg administration in New York City as a model. "One of the things I'd do ... is I would do stop and frisk. I think you have to. We did it in New York and it worked incredibly well and you have to be proactive," Trump said in response to an audience member at a town hall-style meeting, who asked what Trump would do to stop the violence in African-American communities. ... Trump has been a vocal supporter of the tactic, which has been drastically scaled back in the Big Apple since Mayor de Blasio took office, calling for more stops and frisks in Philadelphia and Cleveland in the past.

[City wants to bring in local vendors to 'soulless' street fairs](#)

NY POST - Michael Gartland

Carbon-copy street fairs that feature the same tube socks, cellphone cases and knapsacks for sale would get a dramatic makeover under a plan advocated by Mayor de Blasio to set aside at least 50 percent of the spaces for local businesses and drastically cut the number of events in Manhattan. The proposed overhaul comes after years of complaints that the city's 200 annual fairs have lost their distinct neighborhood flavors, with the same mass-produced goods showing up at just about every event. "Too many of these things have become soulless socks-and-sausages affairs," said City Councilman Dan Garodnick, who represents the East Side and has been urging the city to do something about the fairs since 2010.

[New York officials reject Trump's call for national stop-and-frisk](#)

POLITICO NY - Brendan Cheney, Azi Paybarah

When Donald Trump said he would "do stop-and-frisk" across the nation to combat urban crime on Wednesday night, the Republican presidential candidate pointed to his hometown as proof that his plan would work. Officials here quickly countered Trump's claim. Rep. Hakeem Jeffries of Brooklyn said "there is no evidence" stop-and-frisk drove down crime.

[\[PRO\] De Blasio: Trump 'ignorant' on policing and inner city issues](#)

POLITICO NY - Gloria Pazmino

[U.S. presidential candidate Trump praises 'stop-and-frisk' police tactic](#)

REUTERS – Emily Flitter

U.S. Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump said on Wednesday he would consider using "stop-and-frisk" policing methods to cut crime if elected, according to two people who attended a Fox News "town hall" taping at a predominantly African-American church in Cleveland. With the race tightening between Trump and Democratic opponent Hillary Clinton in the final weeks before the Nov. 8 election, the Republican candidate recently began wooing African-American voters.

...The opposition to "stop-and-frisk" led police departments in New York, as well as Chicago and Newark, New Jersey to agree to cut back on its use, in some cases submitting to outside monitoring and improving police training. In New York, ending the practice was a key plank of Democrat Bill de Blasio's successful 2013 run for mayor.

MISCELLANEOUS MENTIONS

[After Bombing, a Crucial Test for Mayor de Blasio, and a Calm Response](#)

NY TIMES - J. David Goodman, William Neuman

Mayor Bill de Blasio strode along West 23rd Street on Tuesday, amid a phalanx of suits and uniforms, past the buildings and shops with windows shattered by a terrorist's bomb in Manhattan. He spoke with the Homeland Security secretary, Jeh Johnson, placing his hand on his back; praised police officers; visited with tenants at a residence for the blind who were playing bingo before the blast rocked their building; and chatted with customers at a diner up the block — his every move recorded by the assembled press corps.

[New Tool Shows New York Neighborhoods at Risk of Rent Hikes](#)

NY TIMES - Mireya Navarro

A building sells for twice as much as the average price in the neighborhood. For another building, multiple work permits are being sought from the city for renovations. To the Association for Neighborhood and Housing Development, a group that campaigns for affordable housing, these changes could signal the potential displacement of low-income renters and sharp increases in rent. On Wednesday, the group released a building-by-building interactive map that can steer officials and tenant organizers to neighborhoods of New York City where affordable apartments may be threatened.

... The city's stock of affordable housing is shrinking even as Mayor Bill de Blasio has been working to add tens of thousands of new homes with below-market rents in his 10-year plan and keep many more from leaving rent regulation.

[An Event That Is Truly Electric: Formula E Races Coming to Brooklyn](#)

NY TIMES - Victor Mather

The New York area is home to the Yankees and the Knicks, the Belmont Stakes and the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show. But the city that is the capital for so many sports has hardly been a center for auto racing. In July, that will change, when the Formula E circuit comes to the city for two races. The twist is that while the cars look like the open-wheel speedsters you would see in Indianapolis or Monaco, they run 100 percent on electricity, making Formula E something of a green racing series.

... "New York City is where technology, sustainability and commerce collide," Mayor Bill de Blasio said in a statement. "We are thrilled to be the new home of the ePrix."

[New Sandy Hit Looms for NYC Taxpayers](#)

WSJ - Mara Gay

Mayor Bill de Blasio's administration plans to use \$500 million in New York City taxpayer money to fund initiatives related to superstorm Sandy that were expected to be fully paid for with federal aid, city officials said Wednesday. The city's plan to infuse half a billion dollars into Sandy recovery and storm-protection programs comes as the cost to U.S. taxpayers for repairing and elevating some of the houses damaged by the 2012 storm could hit about \$1 million a home, according to documents reviewed by The Wall Street Journal.

[Ex-mayoral candidate Christine Quinn opens up on losing to de Blasio, says she's 'not closing the door' on politics](#)

DAILY NEWS - Erin Durkin

Ex-mayoral candidate Christine Quinn said she's "not closing the door on running for office again," as she recalled the crushing 2013 defeat that left her feeling she "had so profoundly let everyone down." In an essay published in Vogue, the former City Council Speaker said she barely wanted to leave the house after losing the primary to Mayor de Blasio, finishing third in a race where she had once been the clear front-runner. "When I lost, I felt as though I'd disappointed thousands of people I'd never met who had pinned their hopes on me," wrote Quinn, who aimed to be the first woman and openly gay mayor.

[EXCLUSIVE: Bronx student, 20, busted for bringing gun, four bullets to his high school](#)

DAILY NEWS - Ben Chapman

School safety agents collared a student with a gun and ammunition at a Bronx school Wednesday morning, union officials said. The 20-year-old student was caught with a .38-caliber handgun with four bullets at Providing Urban Learners Success In Education High School, union officials said.

... That incident happened just a few miles from where Mayor de Blasio and schools Chancellor Carmen Fariña welcomed kids to the opening of school at Intermediate School 392 in Brownsville.

[Editorial: Bill's homeless homeless: Record numbers in shelters signal need to change gameplan](#)

DAILY NEWS - Editorial

Never before have so many slept in New York City homeless shelters — on Tuesday night, the count was 59,786 men, women and children. Nearly six months after proclaiming "we're resetting the equation" on homelessness, Mayor de Blasio grows ever more swamped by a tide propelled in part by his own policies. At a time when decent, affordable

housing is scarce, de Blasio's uncompromising defense of a legal right to shelter for all — the life's work of his welfare commissioner, Steve Banks — makes for a self-fulfilling crisis.

[Letter: Readers sound off on reading, Trump and Medicare taxes](#)

DAILY NEWS - Chancellor Carmen Farina

Manhattan: Re "Doing the math on English" (editorial, Sept. 14): As a longtime teacher and principal, I know if you make a promise to parents, you'd better deliver. When the mayor and I took office, we said we'd get every second grader reading on grade level and show real change over three years. We added 80 minutes of training for every teacher every week, and gave elementary schools new tools and early intervention strategies. We rejected the premise that kids couldn't succeed because of their zip code or if they didn't yet speak English. So far, state English scores have increased by over 10 points each for third and fourth graders. And for the first time, more New York City students in grades 3 to 8 read at grade level than in the rest of the state. That's real change.

[Editorial: Yes, de Blasio's to blame for the surging shelter population](#)

NY POST - Editorial Board

A year after Mayor de Blasio finally admitted the city faced a rising homeless crisis, the problem's gotten worse — and he deserves much of the blame. As The Post reported Wednesday, the shelter population is surging. This past Sunday, it reached an all-time high of 59,734, eclipsing the record of 59,068 set in 2014. The Mayor's Management Report says that, for the fiscal year ending June 30, the daily average shelter population was up 2.3 percent for families with children, 5 percent for adult-only families and 12.3 percent for single adults.

[De Blasio emerges unscathed from post-Bratton terror test](#)

POLITICO NY - Laura Nahmias, Azi Paybarah

When Mayor Bill de Blasio offered a carefully measured response to the explosion in Chelsea on Saturday night — promising a full investigation, while saying there was "no evidence" of an immediate connection to terrorism — he invited criticism from the usual quarters. "That bomber can have no intent except to terrorize, even if it's not yet clear what cause the terror's meant to promote," wrote the New York Post in an editorial on Tuesday morning. "Yet de Blasio refused to say more than that it was an 'intentional' incident."

[Cuomo offers state aid to Chelsea bomb victims](#)

POLITICO NY - Azi Paybarah

Gov. Andrew Cuomo today visited a Chelsea to announce that the state will expedite insurance claims and cover uninsured businesses and residents affected by the terrorist bombing Saturday night, which injured nearly three dozen people. Cuomo said the money will come from roughly \$200 million emergency fund in this year's budget. "Whatever is it, the state will pay and I'm sure we'll have the funds available."

...While Cuomo appeared alongside State Senator Brad Hoylman and City Councilman Corey Johnson, who represent the area, the gathering did not include Mayor Bill de Blasio — continuing a trend in which the two leaders and erstwhile allies hold separate news conferences to relay information about the same issue.

[Council hearing will examine ways city can reduce wrongful convictions](#)

POLITICO NY - Gloria Pazmino

The City Council's Committee on Courts and Legal Services will hold a hearing later this week to examine what the city can do, via the use of evidence-based protocols and newer technology, to reduce the number wrongful convictions. A record number of false convictions were overturned in New York State 2015, when 17 people were cleared of wrongdoing. That number is the second-most in the nation after Texas, where 54 people had their convictions overturned. ... "We don't want to wait around for the state Senate and the state Assembly to one day address these issues," Lancman said. "We oversee the police department, we fund the district attorneys offices and the public defenders. The police department is a city agency, so they don't need a state law mandating that their interrogations be videotaped. Mayor Bill de Blasio can just direct the department and provide the resources if we think that is good policy."

[\[PRO\] Mayors tout progress on climate issues, but concede hurdles remain](#)

POLITICO NY - David Giambusso

[\[PRO\] HUD public housing program leverages outside funding](#)

POLITICO NY - Brendan Cheney

[\[PRO\] Williamsburg rezoning hearing canceled amid protest by residents](#)

POLITICO NY - Khorri Atkinson

[\[PRO\] Advocacy group honors Steven Banks](#)

POLITICO NY - Brendan Cheney

[\[PRO\] Jeffries to keynote pro-charter schools rally in Prospect Park](#)

POLITICO NY - Laura Nahmias

[\[PRO\] Bharara indicts three corrections officers in 2013 beating](#)

POLITICO NY - Colby Hamilton

[Cuomo Calls Anthony Weiner 'Sick' Following Reports of Sexting With Underage Girl](#)

NY OBSERVER - Madina Toure

After reports surfaced indicating disgraced former Congressman Anthony Weiner allegedly traded sexual messages with a 15-year-old girl, Gov. Andrew Cuomo says the conduct is “possibly criminal”—in addition to being “sick.” The Daily Mail reported that Weiner had a sexual online relationship with the girl, a sophomore in high school, dating back to January. The girl—who claims Weiner knew her age—said he told her to undress and say his name over video chat, and that although Weiner would not get completely naked, he was typically shirtless and wearing boxers.

...Weiner’s repeated incidents of electronically exposing himself ruined his 12-year career in the House in 2011 when he accidentally posted a lewd photo on his Twitter account. He confessed that he had traded semi-nude photos online with six women and gave up his seat. The revelation that he continued to expose himself electronically then cost him his candidacy in the 2013 mayoral race, allowing Mayor Bill de Blasio to rise above him.

[Formula E race headed to Red Hook, Brooklyn](#)

AM NY - Ivan Pereira

Brooklyn, start your green engines. Red Hook will host the city’s first-ever FIA Formula E Championship race in July, the city announced Wednesday. The competition features vehicles that are designed like regular Formula 1 cars but operate with electric engines. Mayor Bill de Blasio predicted the event will be a huge draw for racing fans around the world.

[Citywide Ferry Service boats now under construction in Louisiana, Alabama](#)

AM NY - Vincent Barone

The boats for Mayor Bill de Blasio’s Citywide Ferry Service are coming down the assembly line. Two southern shipyards have begun building the 19 aluminum-made vessels that will eventually serve the municipal ferry network, expected to launch in summer 2017. The city is announcing on Thursday that components have begun arriving at the contracted Metal Shark and Horizon shipyards, in Louisiana and Alabama, respectively, as some 200 workers begin piecing together boat frames.

[Column: 10 things to hate on this week](#)

SI ADVANCE - Tom Wroblewski

[Slideshow]

[More resources for Hispanic victims of domestic violence](#)

EL DIARIO - Carmen Molina Tamacas

The 4 year old girl came with the marks of a slap in the face to school. That's when Margarita Martinez became aware that violence within the family had reached a point of no return. Well, she knew him from before. Because her husband was violent, but not beat him, he gave him shoving and cursing ... and as she did not want to be with him, forced her to have sex.

... Sanctuary for Families will use the \$ 599,000 with New York Legal Assistance Group, New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault, 12 schools of law, 37 law firms, nine community organizations and the Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence to bring legal services in matters such as divorce, child custody and child support, immigration, administrative agencies and housing, among others.

[NYC opens a business support center urban technology](#)

EL DIARIO - Ana Nieto

New York, one of the most promising but also more difficult, costs for entrepreneurs cities just opened a new center to reach out to companies in growth phase and specialized in urban technology. This is the Hub @ GCT (The Grand Central Tech Center) is located next to Grand Central station in the Manhattan and can accommodate up to 300 people working in this sector and types of businesses.

... The hub created by Grand Central Tech, one of the incubators of most innovative companies in the country, has received funding from Urban Tech NYC, an aid of \$ 2.5 million from the Corporation for Economic Development of the city (EDC) and Milstein Properties who has collaborated with five million dollars to build this great workplace. In addition, it has come to partnerships with GE, Microsoft and Lowe's to help entrepreneurs to be installed in offices yesterday were opened by Deputy Mayor, Alicia Glen, the president of EDC, Maria Torres Springer and Matt Harrigan, cofounder of Grand Central Tech .

[So cell alerts that were used to capture Ahman Khan Rahami work](#)

EL DIARIO - Staff

Wanted: Rahami Ahmad Khan, man, 28 years old. See media for a photo. Call 911 if you saw ". This is the content of the message received by New Yorkers on their cell phones on Monday when an alert is launched to catch the prime suspect in the explosion Saturday in the Chelsea neighborhood that left 29 injured.

... "This is a tool that we will use in the future , " he said at a press conference on Monday the mayor of New York, Bill de Blasio.

[City Investigating Why Half of All 'Build it Back' Applicants Dropped Out](#)

DNA INFO - Katie Honan

City officials are trying to figure out why more than half of the original applicants to its Build It Back program didn't stay with it — and many homeowners who did, still worry if construction will start before the mayor's self-imposed deadline. The program, launched by former Mayor Michael Bloomberg in the months after Hurricane Sandy, closed near the one-year anniversary in October 2013 with more than 20,300 homeowners signed up. But as the program languished, 11,691 people withdrew their applications. Some dropped out on their own, while others were found to be ineligible or “unresponsive,” according to the city. The city doesn't know why so many people left the program, and are currently working on a separate attrition study with the CUNY Center for Urban Research to find out why. The study will be completed by the end of 2016, according to spokesman Raul Contreras. Meanwhile, many still registered with Build It Back are waiting for construction to begin before the end of the year, when Mayor Bill de Blasio said all single-family homes will be completed.

[Staten Island Ferry Had a Record 23.1M Riders Last Year](#)

DNA INFO - Nicholas Rizzi

The Staten Island Ferry had a record number of riders this past year with 23.1 million people taking the free trip between Staten Island and Manhattan. Ridership on the boat increased by 5 percent from July 2015 to June 2016 over the previous year and cleared the previous record of 22.2 million riders set in 2012, the Staten Island Advance first reported. Since the previous record was set, ridership decreased to 21.3 million in 2013 and 21 million in 2014, according to the Mayor's Management Report which tracks the numbers.

[How Cuomo and de Blasio's tale of two outlooks explains their standings in the polls](#)

CRAIN'S NY – Greg David

New York City's economy is booming and the population is growing because people want to live here. The rest of the state is mired in economic malaise and is experiencing a serious outmigration. Yet New York City voters say by a wide margin that the state is headed in the right direction. More than half say they are dissatisfied with the direction of the city. What accounts for this strange result? It seems to be heavily influenced by what voters think of the governor and mayor in another example of the Cuomo-de Blasio divide.

[First fully electric racing series will visit Brooklyn in 2017](#)

CRAIN'S NY – Associated Press

The world's first fully electric racing series will stage a race next year in Brooklyn, where Formula E will host the first FIA-sanctioned open-wheel race within the five boroughs of New York City. The 1.21-mile track was revealed Wednesday on the shores of New York Harbour at the Brooklyn Cruise Terminal. The race through Red Hook will be called the New York City ePrix and will be a doubleheader over two days in July. "New York City is where technology, sustainability and commerce all connect," Mayor Bill de Blasio said in a statement. "There's no better home for the ePrix. Bringing this international event to the five boroughs is a huge win for New York City.

[Opinion: Three steps for New York City to reach its audacious carbon-reduction goals](#)

CRAIN'S NY - Arthur "Jerry" Kremer

Will New York City be able to meet its audacious carbon reduction goals without onerous costs? The short answer is yes, if three sensible steps are taken. With world business, government and philanthropy leaders in the city for Climate Week (Sept. 19-25), now is an ideal time to examine the city's goals and how well it is meeting them. Under Mayor Michael Bloomberg, the city introduced carbon-reductions goals and programs in 2007, aiming to cut carbon emissions by 30% from 2005 levels by 2030 and 80% by 2050. The effort is bold, pioneering and critical for the future of cities like ours. As Superstorm Sandy reminded us, New York is a port city that is literally on the front lines of climate change.

... Because buildings account for approximately three-quarters of the city's emissions, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced in September 2014 a 10-year plan to retrofit public and private buildings, promising it would dramatically reduce the city's contributions to climate change. The mayor raised the ante this past Earth Day, April 22, calling for a suite of new energy-efficiency initiatives for the city's more than one million buildings.

[NYC Flooded With Suspicious Package Reports Following Chelsea Bombing](#)

GOTHAMIST – Emma Whitford

The NYPD responded to a suspicious package call, one of hundreds they've received citywide in recent days, around 8:30 this morning in Times Square. The FDNY stood on call to make any necessary emergency transports. Investigators shut down 42nd Street between 7th and 8th Avenues, and witness updates chronicling the incident flew on Twitter. Shortly before 10:00 a.m., the package was determined to be benign—an empty suitcase.

... Both Mayor Bill de Blasio and Governor Andrew Cuomo have been adamant in recent days that New Yorkers should both go about their regular business, and remain vigilant.

[De Blasio Will Try To Make NYC Street Fairs Less Generic](#)

GOTHAMIST – David Colon

Duane Reade and Chase branches and bars with \$16 cocktails get most of the attention when discussing the Great Blanding of New York, but don't forget all those street fairs with the same boring vendors selling the same sausages and zeppoles as the generic street fair the week before. Ex-longhair and current progressive mayor Bill de Blasio hasn't forgotten, and he's about to propose a way to drain the familiar banality out of street fairs and give the outer boroughs more chances to buy whatever their local version of sausages and zeppoles are.

[Maspeth Shelter Protest Goes On The Road](#)

QUEENS TRIBUNE – Jon Cronin

Last week, the Maspeth homeless shelter protest moved from its nightly location to Brooklyn in front of the private home of Steven Banks, commissioner of the Human Resources Administration, and then to Oyster Bay, Long Island, to protest in front of the suburban home of Acacia Network COO Pamela Mattel.

...As the elderly woman, who refused to give her name, was interviewed by the televised press, the crowd moved towards her and drowned out her voice. Afterwards, a couple of the protesters took her aside and explained their plight. She said she understood, but thought this protest better suited Gracie Mansion or City Hall. That comment was later echoed by Mayor Bill de Blasio on NPR's Brian Lehrer Show last Friday. The protesters plan to accept de Blasio's invitation.

Agency Mentions:

[Dead Shot Mary, Pistol-Packing Trailblazer, Returns in One-Policewoman Show](#)

NY TIMES - Corey Kilgannon

Armed with her trusty .32-caliber revolver and a bottle of Irish whiskey, Dead Shot Mary is back in town. Her real name was Mary Shanley, and she was nicknamed for her skill at pulling a pistol from her handbag and compelling fleeing pickpockets to halt in their tracks, even on the crowded streets of Manhattan. She was credited with more than 1,000 arrests during her 26-year career with the New York Police Department, from 1931 to 1957, and as one of the earliest female first-grade detectives was considered a trailblazer.

[Five New York Prison Guards Charged in '13 Beating of Inmate](#)

NY TIMES - Michael Winerip, Michael Schwartz

On the night three years ago when Kevin Moore's dreadlocks were ripped out and his ribs and facial bones were broken, a group of New York State corrections officers involved in a confrontation with him said that they were the victims, that Mr. Moore, a 56-year-old inmate, had attacked them. To make their case, the officers, who worked at Downstate Correctional Facility in Fishkill, produced a trove of evidence.

... The next morning, New York City correction officers transported Mr. Moore to the Rikers Island jail complex before his scheduled court appearance. But supervisors were so shocked by his injuries that they had him taken to Bellevue Hospital Center, according to city officials. There, investigators from the city's Correction Department interviewed him, photographed his injuries and sent the information to state investigators.

[N.Y. Officers Charged in Inmate's Beating](#)

WSJ - Corinne Ramey

Five former prison officers were charged with federal crimes for allegedly beating an inmate, leaving him with five fractured ribs, a collapsed lung and broken facial bones, officials said Wednesday. They struck the inmate, Kevin Moore, using their boots and batons, then ripped dreadlocks from his head, "which one of the officers took as a 'trophy' following the beating," according to a complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Manhattan.

... Last year, New York City's Department of Correction entered into a settlement with Mr. Bharara's office to install a monitor to oversee changes at the Rikers Island jail complex.

[EXCLUSIVE: Two cops injured in clash with goons on dirt bikes and ATVs as NYPD battles growing plague of the illegal vehicles](#)

DAILY NEWS - Christina Carrega-Woodby, Rocco Parascandola, Graham Rayman

Two motorbike fanatics were arrested for running over a cop and breaking two of his ribs, while bruising the hip of a second officer during a dustup in Brooklyn this past Saturday. Graham Curtis, 34, of Middle Island, L.I., and Jamaal Elder, 32, of Queens, were part of a group of 50 dirt bike and ATV riders who descended on Old Fulton and Hicks Sts. between DUMBO and Brooklyn Heights about 5:20 p.m.

[Accused Chelsea bomber Ahmad Khan Rahami wants a lawyer, court hearing after being grilled in N.J. for 2 days](#)

DAILY NEWS - Victoria Bekiempis, Larry McShane

Accused terror bomber Ahmad Khan Rahami, grilled by investigators for two days, wants to see a lawyer and a judge as soon as possible. The head of the Federal Defenders of New York, in a letter filed Tuesday in Manhattan Federal Court, claimed Rahami was incarcerated in New Jersey "for over 36 hours without benefit of counsel."

[Brooklyn cop charged in fatal DWI crash pleads not guilty, has license suspended a second time](#)

DAILY NEWS - Christina Carrega-Woodby

A former NYPD cop indicted for drunkenly crashing his car into innocent pedestrians, killing one, had his license suspended for a second time by a Brooklyn judge. After Nicholas Batka's attorney Michael Farkas entered a not guilty plea on his client's behalf on Wednesday at his Supreme Court arraignment, Justice William Miller ordered him not to drive.

[Suspected J'Ouvert shooter's lawyer says grand jury rushed to indict his client in 'witch hunt'](#)

DAILY NEWS - Molly Crane-Newman, Christina Carrega-Woodby

The lawyer for a Brooklyn man indicted in the killing of an aspiring accountant during the J'Ouvert celebration says his client was denied a fair shake before a grand jury. Last week, a Brooklyn grand jury indicted Reginald Moise, 20, in the second-degree murder of Tiarah Poyau, 22, on Sept. 5.

[Cop facing punishment for accepting lavish meals gets promoted to Chief of Personnel](#)

DAILY NEWS - John Marzulli, Rocco Parascandola, Graham Rayman

The city's top cop has promoted NYPD Assistant Chief Diana Pizzuti, who likely will have to pay a fine for violating city conflict of interest rules, to Chief of Personnel, sources told the Daily News. Police Commissioner James O'Neill promoted Pizzuti, the former commander of Queens North, and tapped Deputy Chief Juanita Holmes, the former head of the Domestic Violence Unit, to take her place, sources said.

[Cops seek two men who found Chelsea bomb that never detonated](#)

DAILY NEWS - Thomas Tracy, Graham Rayman

Cops and federal agents want the public's help in finding two men who came across a pressure cooker in luggage in Chelsea believed to have been left by bomber Ahmad Khan Rahami, officials said. The two men, dressed in casual clothes, were captured on video Saturday between 8 and 9 p.m. on W. 27th St. between 6th and 7th Aves., police said.

[Metal beam knocks out construction worker in Meatpacking District](#)

DAILY NEWS - Graham Rayman

A 56-year-old worker suffered severe head trauma when he was hit by a beam at a construction site early Wednesday in Manhattan, officials said. The incident happened at about 8 a.m. at a job site at 2 Bloomfield St. near the Hudson River in the Meatpacking District.

... The Department of Buildings issued a full stop-work order for the site.

[Madman who butchered NYPD cop's face with cleaver screams 'objection!' then lifts gown to show stomach staples in bizarre hospital arraignment](#)

DAILY NEWS - Shayna Jacobs

The cleaver-toting lunatic who hacked a NYPD cop's face tried to showcase his own injuries and "objected" to the allegations during his hospital arraignment Wednesday. Akram Joudeh, 32, looking antsy in a wheelchair at Bellevue Hospital, mumbled through the short proceeding and cut into the prosecutor's take of the "extremely strong case" in a series of bizarre interruptions.

[Former Brooklyn high school student testifies that principal offered her \\$4,000 to have sex with other men](#)

DAILY NEWS - Christina Carrega-Woodby

A former female student who accused her high school assistant principal of sexually molesting her put a stop to the escalating abuse when he offered her \$4,000 to have sex with other men. The 21-year-old woman told a Brooklyn jury on Wednesday that after she confided in William Abreu when she was having trouble with a classmate in Oct. 2010 he offered her a paid office gig. For five months, the then 15-year-old worked for two hours as a personal secretary after school for \$70 to \$80 a week until Abreu told her "to behave as his wife" if she wanted to continue working for him, she said.

[Ex-NYPD cop pleads guilty to pimping out 16-year-old girl](#)

DAILY NEWS - John Marzulli

An ex-NYPD cop pleaded guilty Wednesday in Brooklyn Federal Court to pimping out an underage prostitute. Eduardo Cornejo, 34, admitted in Brooklyn Federal Court that he drove the 16-year-old girl to motels in Brooklyn and Staten Island for hookups with johns. Cornejo claimed that he did not know the girl was under 18 at the time she was turning tricks. He also admitted that he placed online ads for prostitutes advertising their services even while he was free on bail.

[NYPD top cop James O'Neill promises 'formidable' police presence on Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur in wake of Chelsea bombing](#)

DAILY NEWS - Thomas Tracy

A bomb blast like the one that rattled Chelsea over the weekend will not happen during the High Holy Days, Police Commissioner James O'Neill vowed in front of Jewish leaders on Wednesday. Speaking at a High Holy Day briefing at One Police Plaza, O'Neill said that a "formidable force" will be implemented to protect synagogues and other Jewish institutions — and the lessons learned while investigating Saturday's explosion on W. 23rd St. will be called on to bolster defenses as Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, set for Oct. 3 and Oct. 12, respectively, draw closer.

[Writers to turn Langston Hughes' Harlem home into cultural center after successful fundraising campaign](#)

DAILY NEWS - Christopher Brennan

The former home of Harlem Renaissance writer Langston Hughes will be reborn as an arts center after a writers collective successfully raised money to rent it. A brownstone on 127th St. where he lived for 20 years in the 1920s and 30s has stood vacant for years, but has fallen into disrepair and currently has 20 open Department of Building violations. Fears that the structure could eventually lose its tie to the legendary writer led children's author Renee Watson and a group of fellow writers to try to turn it into a cultural center.

[NYPD lieutenant repeatedly harassed female cop who was transferred after voicing complaint, lawsuit states](#)

DAILY NEWS - Victoria Bekiempis

An NYPD lieutenant was one of several department employees who routinely humiliated a female officer, once asking her "if she needed help adjusting her gun belt," a new Manhattan federal lawsuit alleges. Bernice Gracia, formerly of NYPD fleet maintenance, claims that Lt. Randy Friedman asked her "if she was going to watch porn on the police computer" in December 2013. Friedman used the creepy gun-belt come-on in March 2014, leaving Gracia "very offended and humiliated but afraid to report it."

[Family of Queens teen shot dead by NYPD cops in 2009 drops lawsuit due to lack of evidence](#)

DAILY NEWS - Victoria Bekiempis

The family of a Queens teen fatally shot by cops in November 2009 has decided to drop its lawsuit against the city after questions were raised about the strength of their case, the Daily News has learned. Kin of Dashawn Vasconcellos filed suit against the city and four officers involved with the Far Rockaway shooting in November 2012. Vasconcellos, who had a clean record, was with friends in Baywaters Park when he was "unlawfully" approached by cops before they unloaded 11 bullets into him.

... "The parties agreed that the claim that the NYPD failed to properly train its officers in the use of firearms lacked merit and warranted the withdrawal of this suit," said Daniel Passeser, senior counsel for the Law Department.

[Teen collects more than 11,300 signatures to petition city for expanded MetroCard service for students](#)

DAILY NEWS - Ben Chapman

Plucky East Harlem teen Samantha Fierro has garnered more than 11,300 signatures on her petition for the city to expand its free MetroCard program for public school students. Samantha, 17, a senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Manhattan, believes the city should help students like her get to their after-school, extracurricular activities.

... City Education Department officials said they welcome the feedback, but are not hurrying to expand the city's free MetroCard program.

[New York State proposes overhaul to Common Core standards](#)

DAILY NEWS - Lisa Colangelo, Ben Chapman

State Education Department officials issued draft changes to improve Common Core academic standards Wednesday, promising better lessons that are still plenty tough. The proposed changes to streamline the standards and make them easier to understand would be implemented starting in the 2017-18 school year, once they are approved by the Board of Regents next year.

... But the proposed changes, which include restoring more fiction to reading lessons and adding glossaries to critical reading passages, were met with support by Common Core backers including the city Education Department, the state teachers union and various education advocacy groups.

[EXCLUSIVE: Eric Garner chokehold cop Daniel Pantaleo targeted in graffiti threat: 'You Ginzo, go back to Bensonhurst'](#)

DAILY NEWS - Rocco Parascandola, Dan Rivoli, Thomas Tracy

A vandal left a bizarre threat for the cop who put Eric Garner in a chokehold that led to the Staten Island man's death, police sources said Wednesday. "Officer (Daniel) Pantaleo, you're a disgrace not only to the NYPD, but to the human race," said the graffiti, written over an advertisement at the E. 23rd St. 6 station in Manhattan's Flatiron District. "You Ginzo, go back to Bensonhurst. God sees all & karma is a bitch. You'll see." A swastika and a few indecipherable German words followed the message, cops said.

[Opinion: Why Congress drags its feet on Zika: New York City's health commissioner blames racism](#)

DAILY NEWS - Dr. Mary Bassett

The public health community is watching in astonishment as Congress continues to drag its feet on funding to fight Zika, a disease that threatens one of the most basic human functions — the ability to produce healthy babies. The usual political gridlock is playing a role, but there's something else that few people acknowledge: Zika is perceived as a disease of the south, mostly affecting people of color. The media have bombarded us with images of brown babies with microcephaly who live in the Caribbean and Latin America. Our Congress, which is dominated by an increasingly anti-immigrant party, may not feel a sense of urgency to respond to this evolving tragedy.

[Ex-cop kept his license after fatal 'drunken' crash due to DMV flub](#)

NY POST - Emily Saul

The bar-hopping ex-cop accused of fatally mowing down an MIT student after a night out was still in possession of his driver's license due to a state Department of Motor Vehicles procedural flub, it was revealed in court Wednesday. Nicholas Batka willingly handed his New York license over to Brooklyn Supreme Court Justice William Miller after pleading "not guilty" to a series of charges, including aggravated vehicular homicide, manslaughter and vehicular assault.

[FBI searching for men who found bomb on Chelsea sidewalk](#)

NY POST - Jamie Schram, Shawn Cohen, Chris Perez

The FBI released an image Wednesday of the two men who found the unexploded bomb in Chelsea and left it unattended on the sidewalk — saying they are wanted for questioning. The pair had been caught on surveillance video on West 27th Street removing the improvised explosive device from a duffel bag and then leaving with the luggage between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m., according to authorities.

[Opponents of bike lanes near Prospect Park drop suit](#)

NY POST - Emily Saul

Longtime opponents of bike lanes on Prospect Park West announced Wednesday they are voluntarily ending their 2011 suit seeking the lanes' removal. Neighbors for Better Bike Lanes and Seniors for Safety cited additional traffic safety, increased transparency in the current Department of Transportation and other reasons. "Given the long passage of time, we believe the most responsible choice for our groups' members and our community is to ensure that the bike lane is as safe and effective as possible going forward, rather than to prolong a debate in the courts," said a statement from the Brooklyn groups.

[Ex-cop pleads guilty to pimping out women, young girl](#)

NY POST - Priscilla DeGregory

The disgraced ex-cop who was busted for pimping out at least 10 women — including a 16-year-old — pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit sex trafficking of a child in Brooklyn federal court Wednesday. Eduardo Cornejo, 34, an 11-year NYPD vet and former Marine, told Judge Brian Cogan he drove the women to hotels and met with the underage girl five to 10 times. Cornejo, who was fired from the NYPD after testing positive for marijuana, faces 11 to 14 years in prison when he's sentenced on Dec. 19.

['Fake' landlord swindled tenants out of \\$194K in rent](#)

NY POST - Rebecca Rosenberg

A Manhattan woman was busted Wednesday for unlawfully collecting \$194,000 in rent from tenants who lived in a building she no longer owned, officials said. Cheryl Keeling, 65, sold her Harlem brownstone for about \$1.8 million in 2007 to a buyer who defaulted on the mortgage and then died in 2011, according to the Manhattan DA's Office and property records.

... Authorities said that Keeling worked as a high school track and field coach for the NYC Department of Education from 2012 to 2014.

[Homeless shelter violence rates nearly double after data tweak](#)

NY POST - Yoav Gonen

The number of violent and other serious incidents reported in the city's homeless shelters more than doubled in one year after officials revamped the way the incidents were classified. The increase in reported incidents in fiscal 2016, which ended June 30, comes as the shelter population hit another record high of 59,786 on Tuesday. Under the new methodology, the Department of Homeless Services tallied 1,698 "critical" incidents in shelters, including 890 classified as violent.

[Meat cleaver madman charged with attempted murder for cop attack](#)

NY POST - Rebecca Rosenberg

The madman who attacked a cop with a meat cleaver near Penn Station last week — leaving him with a scar running from his temple to his throat — was indicted on attempted murder and other charges, prosecutors said Wednesday. Akram Joudeh, 32, was arraigned from his room at Bellevue Hospital via a monitor in Manhattan Criminal Court. He repeatedly bellowed "Objection!" as prosecutor Michael Pasinkoff described the crime — and had to be shushed by his defense lawyer.

[Opinion: The Chelsea bombing is fresh vindication of Ray Kelly and the NYPD](#)

NY POST - Seth Lipsky

Just as authorities are scrambling after the terror bombings in Chelsea and across the river, settlement talks are coming to a head in the lawsuit over whether the NYPD can keep tabs on Muslim communities in New Jersey. That's where the accused bomber, Ahmad Khan Rahami, allegedly hatched his would-be murderous scheme. That's where Rahami's own father two years ago warned an over-taxed FBI that his son was a terrorist. FBI agents, though, couldn't find anything on the aspiring terrorist and didn't bring him in. Two years later, we have 31 injured, and it's only by the grace of God that no one was killed.

[City Council calls for oversight of \\$2.8 billion in tax breaks](#)

POLITICO NY - Sally Goldenberg

New York City had to forgo \$2.8 billion in revenue from economic development tax breaks last year — money that would have been in the budget for traditional government expenses without these incentives. The forsaken funds, owed to a slew of incentives enjoyed by developers, are the subject of a report the City Council will release at a hearing on Thursday.

[\[PRO\] Officials say new staff will help city comply with new open data mandates](#)

POLITICO NY - Miranda Neubauer

[\[PRO\] Schumer says 911 services vulnerable to hackers](#)

POLITICO NY - Nick Niedzwiadek

[Al Sharpton Demands ‘Immediate Justice’ For Terence Crutcher, Man Killed by Tulsa Cop](#)

NY OBSERVER - Will Bredderman

Rev. Al Sharpton assembled at his National Action Network’s Harlem headquarters the family of an unarmed black man who police killed last week in Tulsa, Oklahoma—and with them demanded swift prosecution of the officer involved and an end to efforts to “smear” the reputation of the deceased.

Taking the podium at the 145th Street office, Sharpton lambasted what he claimed is an ongoing effort by certain authorities to justify Terence Crutcher’s killing by pointing out his time in prison before the shooting and the PCP discovered in his car after his death. Cops had responded on Friday to reports that the Oklahoman’s vehicle had stalled on the side of the road, and camera footage shows the Crutcher with his hands up and appearing to comply with police orders when Officer Betty Shelby fatally shot him.

[Jewish High Holy Days will see increased police patrols, NYPD says](#)

AM NY - Anthony DeStefano

The NYPD will provide a significant police presence around synagogues and other sites during the upcoming High Holy Days next month, police officials said on Wednesday. NYPD Commissioner James O’Neill and Chief of Department Carlos Gomez spoke at a special briefing for Jewish community leaders and clergy at police headquarters in advance of the High Holy Days, which commence at sundown on Oct. 2 with Rosh Hashana and run for 10 days. O’Neill said there would be significant police activity around Jewish houses of worship and other institutions, and referenced the Saturday bomb explosion in Manhattan’s Chelsea neighborhood, which injured 31 people.

[NYC traffic guide: NYRR Bronx 10-mile run street closures](#)

AM NY - Lauren Cook

The New York Road Runners club will be hitting the pavement in the Bronx on Sunday. The organization is holding a 10-mile race that kicks off at 8 a.m. And as runners take to the streets, several roads in the borough will be closed to motorists. So before you head out on Sunday, be sure to check this list of road closures. According to the city Department of Transportation, the following streets will be closed from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.:

[Slain jogger Karina Vetrano case will see arrest, NYPD chief says](#)

AM NY - Anthony DeStefano

A top NYPD officials on Wednesday expressed cautious optimism detectives might be able to solve the slaying of Howard Beach jogger Karina Vetrano. “I think we will make an arrest in the case,” chief of detectives Robert Boyce said when questioned about the Aug. 2 strangulation and sexual assault of the 31-year-old woman as she jogged in Spring Creek Park near her home. She went for a run about 5:30 p.m. that night and was found dead about 10:30 p.m.

[Editorial: The New York City Council’s autocratic unwritten rule](#)

AM NY - Editorial Board

There’s just one person in the room — and he, or she, has all the power. Do you want affordable housing, a new supermarket or a dog park? Do you want empty land transformed into something special or open space preserved? The decision appears to lie in the hands of the City Council’s 51 members. But that’s not true. In reality, one person often has an outsized say on land use and development. It’s not the mayor, or the council speaker. It’s the council member who represents the district where the project is being considered. It’s a long-standing unofficial rule: If that member says no, the project is derailed.

[Taste of Red Hook expands more than waistlines](#)

METRO - Kimberly M. Aquilina

Ten years ago, five or six new restaurants brought their food to a house in Brooklyn. Less than 100 people bought tickets for a tasting of the new businesses' wares. More than \$10,000 was raised for the Red Hook Initiative, a community nonprofit. It was a success. This year, tickets for the Taste of Red Hook are on sale for the Sept. 27 event, only this time, it isn't in a house and there will be at least 50 vendors offering samples of beer, wine, spirits and of course, food. ... Middle school and high school students are trained as peer mentors, researchers, community liaisons and even give presentations to government agencies like the Department of Education.

[Ferry captain lands role in 'Sully' after Hudson River rescue](#)

METRO - Eric Girard

Capt. Vince Lombardi had just started what was supposed to be a routine trip for his NY Waterway ferry, an eight-minute run across the Hudson River from Pier 79 in Manhattan to Weehawken, New Jersey. The run proved to be anything but routine.

... Within three minutes, his ferry arrived at the site, where, as many remember from the iconic photo, passengers waited on the wings of the plane. Everyone survived; 143 were rescued by NY Waterway crews from seven boats, while the rest were saved by the Coast Guard and the New York City Fire Department.

[NYPD: Unusual noise appears to be F-22 airplanes](#)

SI ADVANCE - Eddie DAnna

An unusual noise that rattled Staten Island residents Wednesday afternoon "appears" to have come from two jets in the area, according to an NYPD spokesman. The spokesman said the sound is believed to have come from two F-22 airplanes, although it was not clear why they were passing in the area. A similar noise was also reported in Queens and Nassau County, and the Oceanside Fire Department believes it stems from Air Force One's military escort coming in John F. Kennedy International Airport, according to WPIX. Temporary flight restrictions have been in place this week for the U.N. General Assembly in Manhattan.

[NYPD teases seizure of rifle in Clifton](#)

SI ADVANCE - Maura Grunlund

The NYPD posted a photo of a shotgun confiscated in Clifton in the vicinity of the Park Hill Apartments. "Nice job by PO's Otterbeck, Matteo, Erickson, & Biagini taking this shotgun off the streets of #ParkHill #onelessgun," said a post on the 120th Precinct Twitter feed. More information will be posted when it becomes available.

[North Shore rezoning hearing Wednesday night to focus on new school](#)

SI ADVANCE - Diane Lore

Plans for the first major school rezoning on the North Shore will be unveiled during a public hearing Wednesday evening. The Community Education Council (CEC31) and the Department of Education's Office of District Planning will hear feedback during the hearing, starting at 6:30 p.m. in Markham Intermediate School (I.S. 51), 20 Houston St., Graniteville. The proposal on the table is to create a zone for the new PS 68, the Port Richmond School for Visionary Learning, which opened in September. The former Verizon building, at 1625 Forest Ave., between Decker Avenue and Willowbrook Road, has been renovated by DOE for use as a school for children from pre-Kindergarten through fifth grade. It opened with pre-K and Kindergarten classes. The new school is designed to relieve overcrowding at four other North Shore schools: PS 19, West Brighton; PS 20, Port Richmond; PS 21, Elm Park, and PS 22, Graniteville.

[Brooklyn's Finest Pizza open for business after crash](#)

SI ADVANCE - Maura Grunlund

Brooklyn's Finest Pizza is open for business on Wednesday, the day after an 80-year-old man crashed a car into the eatery on Hylan Boulevard in Grasmere. No arrests have been made in the crash where a car slammed into the restaurant at 1250 Hylan Blvd. near Parkinson Avenue at about 5 p.m. on Tuesday, a spokesman for the NYPD's Deputy Commissioner of Information said. The driver apparently thought his car was in "reverse" rather than "drive" when he smashed through the storefront, according to a source with knowledge of the investigation. "WE ARE OPEN" is scrawled in large letters across a boarded up wall and windows a few feet from parking spaces in the lot. The FDNY has requested a Buildings Department inspection to determine whether the restaurant hit by a car is safe to be open for business.

[Police search for suspect in Clifton Wednesday](#)

SI ADVANCE - Paul Liotta

Police said they were searching for a suspect in Clifton Wednesday afternoon, but would give no other information at the scene. Residents of the Park Hill apartments were not told the reason for the police presence either. "We've never seen

anything like this before, so we know it's something major," said one resident who declined to give her name. Police were searching both 225 and 185 Park Hill Ave. Several residents added that their gas was shut off during the operation. National Grid was on the scene, and a spokesperson said the gas at 185 Park Hill Ave. was shut at the request of the Department of Buildings.

[Ex-S.I. cop accused of driving prostitutes to hotel trysts pleads guilty](#)

SI ADVANCE - Mira Wassef

An ex-cop from Staten Island accused of driving hookers, including an underage girl, to hotel trysts admitted he made some money from the prostitution ring. "I definitely benefited from it," Eduardo Cornejo told the judge after pleading guilty to conspiracy to engage in sex trafficking of a child Wednesday in Brooklyn Federal Court. "I agreed, with others, to drive females for the purpose of prostitution and waited to receive monies." Cornejo, 34, dressed in a light green shirt and jeans and sporting glasses and a goatee, also conceded he knew one of the prostitutes was under 18 years of age, and said he drove her to the hotels around five to 10 times.

[Police recover firearm after search in Clifton](#)

SI ADVANCE - Paul Liotta

Police said they recovered a firearm in Clifton after a massive search for a suspect Wednesday afternoon. An individual was spotted by police with a loaded firearm at 225 Park Hill Ave. who then fled on foot to 185 Park Hill Ave., a spokesman for the NYPD said.

... Several residents added that their gas was shut off at the same time as the operation. National Grid was on the scene, and a spokesperson said the gas at 185 Park Hill Ave. was shut at the request of the Department of Buildings.

[These Are the Men Who Might Have Accidentally Disabled the 2nd Chelsea Bomb](#)

DNA INFO - Murray Weiss, Trevor Kapp, Aidan Gardiner

These are the two men who may have foiled the second Chelsea bombing Saturday by swiping the suitcase the explosive device was in, the FBI said Wednesday. The duo spotted a rolling bag on West 27th Street between Sixth and Seventh avenues about 8:30 p.m., opened it, removed Ahmad Khan Rahami's pressure cooker bomb and walked away with the bag, officials said. "I think they were more interested, quite frankly, in the bag and not what they were taking out," said NYPD Chief of Counterterrorism James Waters.

[Chelsea Bomb Suspect Can't Contact Daughter Anymore, Judge Rules](#)

DNA INFO - Nicholas Rizzi, Ben Fractenberg, Murray Weiss

Suspected Chelsea bomber Ahmad Khan Rahami was barred Tuesday from contacting his daughter and the child's mother was granted full custody, court records show. The woman, who DNAinfo is not naming to protect the identity of the child, filed for custody of their child after she saw on television that Rahami was arrested during a bloody shootout with police for planting bombs around New York and New Jersey, court documents filed in New Jersey read. In the decision, Middlesex County Family Part Judge Peter Barnes denied her request to legally change the child's name and also said the court could not order counseling for the child or stop members of the media from contacting them.

[Judge Shocked Drunk Officer Accused of Killing MIT Student Regained License](#)

DNA INFO - Gwynne Hogan

An off-duty police officer accused of killing a college student when he plowed into four pedestrians on a Williamsburg sidewalk while drunk was given back his driver's license despite facing trial. Nicholas Batka, 28, who was arraigned in Brooklyn Supreme Court Wednesday on an aggravated vehicular manslaughter charge, was given full state privileges to drive by the DMV after his license was temporarily suspended following the July 16 crash, a judge heard. "The license should have been suspended. That's just common sense," said Judge William Miller, who re-suspended it.

[19-Year-Old Robbery Suspect Escapes Police Custody in Crown Heights](#)

DNA INFO - Rachel Smith

A handcuffed 19-year-old robbery suspect escaped a police vehicle while being transported to court and sparked a four-hour manhunt, the NYPD said. Dwayne McCleary, 19, is expected to be charged with robbery and escaping custody after he bolted from the vehicle at Atlantic and Troy avenues just before 8 p.m. Tuesday night, police said. He was being driven to Brooklyn's Central Booking to await his court arraignment. The teen was taken to the NYPD's 77th Precinct and was expected to be taken into court Thursday to face robbery charges for an earlier theft in Crown Heights, police said. The details of how he was able to escape were not immediately available. Police launched a search team, including helicopters, and cordoned off the area before finding him in the Weeksville public houses on Dean Street shortly after 11 p.m. The 19-

year-old is the second teen to escape from police in Crown Heights this year. In June, a 16-year-old farebeater escaped from the NYPD's Transit District 32, then turned himself into the 75th Precinct four hours later.

[IRS and Kidnapping Scams on the Rise in Queens, Precinct Commander Warns](#)

DNA INFO - Katie Honan

Local residents are getting caught up in a myriad of scams that demand cash to rescue kidnapped relatives, ask for iTunes gift cards to pay off IRS loans or demand money to access millions in lotto rewards, according to a precinct commander. Inspector Michele Irizzary, who came on as the commanding officer of the 115th Precinct over the summer, said officials are "seeing a lot of scams" over the past week. "You'll be home and you'll get a phone call and it's someone claiming that they are from the IRS and you owe back taxes to the tune of \$3K, and in order for you to get it to zero, they want you to go out and purchase iTunes gift cards," she said.

[NYPD Was 'Disrespectful' at Tribute For Boy Slain By Police in '94: Parents](#)

DNA INFO - Nikhita Venugopal

The NYPD interrupted an annual memorial for a 13-year-old boy who was shot dead by a police officer at Gowanus Houses in 1994, according to the family, who is now seeking department action against a lieutenant. In the two decades since Nicholas Heyward Jr. was killed, the community has come together every year to commemorate the teen. But this year's event on Aug. 27, which took place at the Boerum Hill park named after the teen, was sullied by an encounter with police officers, his father Nicholas Heyward Sr. said. "I have never had any police presence in the last two decades," he said Tuesday night at the 76th Precinct's community council meeting. Deputy Inspector Elliot Colon, commanding officer of the 76th Precinct, said the increased police presence had nothing to do with the event and everything to do with the safety of attendees.

[Natural History Museum's 'Spectacular' Expansion Plan Earns First Approval](#)

DNA INFO - Emily Frost

The American Museum of Natural History got its first approval to redesign a local park and build a new science center Tuesday when two Community Board 7 committees gave the project the green light. Museum executives sought buy-in from board members for their new \$325 million Gilder Center project, which would create a new entrance on Columbus Avenue and West 77th Street while taking a quarter-acre of existing public parkland. The board's Preservation and Parks committees approved the plans, which will go before the full 50-member community board for a vote on Oct. 5. The board's stance on the project is taken into account by the Landmarks Preservation Commission, whose approval the museum needs before it can break ground.

[Snug Harbor CEO Lynn Kelly Resigns to Take Post at New Yorkers for Parks](#)

DNA INFO - Nicholas Rizzi

Snug Harbor Cultural Center's CEO, Lynn Kelly, will step down from her post to serve as executive director of a parks advocacy group. Kelly was chosen by the board of directors as the new head of New Yorkers for Parks (NY4P), replacing outgoing Executive Director Tupper Thomas who announced her retirement earlier this year, the group said.

[City's 'Largest Urban Tech Space' Opens in Former Midtown Facebook HQ](#)

DNA INFO - Noah Hurowitz

A new incubator in the Facebook's former-New York headquarters celebrated its grand opening on Tuesday, pledging to help the city give Silicon Valley a run for its money as a center for technological innovation. The Hub@GCT, which occupies the fourth floor of 335 Madison Ave. and overlooks Grand Central Terminal, promises to offer discounted, short-term leases to growing startups in an effort to get around the real estate constraints that make growth difficult for companies in Manhattan, according to its founders. "For companies with 10 to 100 employees, it's really difficult to find space, because you're poised for growth, and so a long-term lease is really dangerous to take on, but you need secluded space to start" said co-founder Matthew Harrigan. "The Hub was built specifically to handle companies like that."

[ATV Driver Runs Over Officer as Motorcyclists Swarm DUMBO Street, NYPS Says](#)

DNA INFO - Alexandra Leon

Two men riding in a group of about 30 motorcyclists and ATV drivers were arrested after one hit a police officer with his motorcycle, causing him to fall off his motorized scooter, and another ran over the same officer with this ATV, breaking his ribs, authorities said. Graham Curtis, 34, and Jamaal Elder, 32, were arrested shortly after the riders swarmed the road at Hicks and Old Fulton Streets at 5:15 p.m. on Saturday, police said. Officer Artem Prusayev, 27, was responding to the

scene when he was struck by a 2001 Honda motorcycle driven by Elder, causing the officer to get knocked off his motorized scooter, officials said.

[Construction Worker Struck on Head on Gansevoort Peninsula, FDNY Says](#)

DNA INFO - Kathleen Culliton

A construction worker was hit on the head with a piece of metal at a Gansevoort Peninsula construction site, the FDNY said Wednesday. The worker was injured on Pier 52 off 11th Avenue between Gansevoort and Little West 12th streets around 8:10 a.m., according to an FDNY spokesman. The person was transported to Bellevue Hospital in serious condition, said FDNY. Gansevoort Peninsula houses a Department of Sanitation building that is currently being demolished to be replaced with a park and recycling station, city records show.

[Hunter College Faculty Dining Hall Shuttered by Health Dept. For Mice](#)

DNA INFO - Shaye Weaver

Hunter College's faculty dining hall was forced to close on Monday after inspectors found mice and flies, according to Department of Health records. During an inspection at the college's 68th Street campus at 695 Park Ave. on Monday, an inspector slapped the eatery with 33 health violation points and shut it down, records show. Deborah Raskin, a spokeswoman for Hunter College, said that AVI Foodsystems, an independent food service provider, is responsible for the dining room where food and drinks are served.

[Where's the Beef? 100 Percent NY Hamburger Debuts in City Schools Thursday](#)

DNA INFO - Amy Zimmer

New York City schools are debuting a new menu item on Thursday: a 100 percent New York beef cheeseburger. At first glance it might not seem like a big deal that the Department of Education is adding the locally sourced item to its menu. But in fact, it took a huge effort on the part of NYC SchoolFood, working with the State Department of Agriculture and New York-based farmers, to make the roughly 350,000 to 500,000 burgers appear on compostable lunch trays this Thursday, along with three more Thursdays this year, according to Eric Goldstein, the DOE's CEO of the school food office.

[Sanitation Worker Arrested for Driving Drunk Without Headlights On: NYPD](#)

DNA INFO - Noah Hurowitz

A sanitation worker refused a breathalyzer test after officers pulled him over for driving without headlights near Union Square, according to police. Gaetan Gaudin, 40, who's worked with the Department of Sanitation for 11 years, was driving a Jeep Wrangler on 14th Street with his headlights off just after 4:30 a.m. when officers pulled him over, police said. The officers smelled alcohol on his breath, described him as having bloodshot eyes and, when he stepped out of the SUV, he was unsteady on his feet, a police spokeswoman said.

[Chelsea Bomber's Bloody Notebook Mentioned ISIS Leader, Officials Say](#)

DNA INFO - Ben Fractenberg

Accused Chelsea bomber Ahmad Khan Rahami was captured with a bloody journal containing the name of an ISIS leader, government officials said. Rahami wrote in the notebook that his "guidance comes from" ISIS spokesman Abu Muhammad al-Adnani — who was killed in an airstrike — and that "God willing, the sounds of bombs will be heard in the streets," Congressional Homeland Security Committee Chairman Michael McCaul said during a hearing in Washington, D.C. Wednesday.

... NYPD Deputy Commissioner of Counterterrorism John Miller said during the hearing that federal investigators would look into whether he should have been more closely monitored.

[Park Slope Bike Lane Lawsuit Dropped After 5 Year Court Battle](#)

DNA INFO - Leslie Albrecht

The epic legal battle to remove the Prospect Park West bike lane ended Wednesday after the plaintiffs agreed to drop their lawsuit against the city, giving bike advocates something to cheer about. Neighbors For Better Bike Lanes and Seniors for Safety announced that they're ending their quest against the two-way, 19-block bike path, saying that they believed they've exposed the city's "bait and switch tactics."

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Local News:

[If You See Something, Say Something — and New Yorkers Have, in Droves](#)

NY TIMES - Ashley Southall

The scene that unfolded at a McDonald's in Times Square on Wednesday has played out more than 800 times across New York City in the days since a bomb rattled Chelsea. Police officers rushed into the fast-food restaurant, evacuated customers and their half-eaten breakfasts and shut down a busy thoroughfare. The police said there had been a call around 8:15 a.m. about a suspicious package: a rolling suitcase left unattended.

[Cuomo Called for 'Reboot' of School Standards. Officials Propose Tweaks Instead.](#)

NY TIMES - Elizabeth Harris

More interactive lessons for the youngest students. Reading more fiction. Delaying teaching the order of operations in math until the fourth grade. Those are some of the changes New York State public schools may see in their classrooms, under revised standards proposed on Wednesday by education officials. The state adopted the standards six years ago as its version of the Common Core, a body of knowledge that was supposed to unify and improve American education. But the Common Core quickly became a lightning rod, with opponents saying, among other things, that it stripped localities of some of their autonomy and its expectations were not age appropriate.

[Chelsea Bombing Witnesses Sought by Authorities](#)

WSJ - Pervaiz Shallwani

To the two men casually strolling through a Manhattan side street Saturday night, the rolling bag appeared to be nothing more than a perfectly good piece of abandoned luggage. For authorities, the unidentified men on a surveillance video may have inadvertently defused a second pressure-cooker bomb that was discovered shortly after an explosion injured 31 people in the Chelsea neighborhood.

[Blast Left New Yorkers Wary but Uncowed](#)

WSJ - Ralph Gardner Jr.

In the wake of Saturday's bombing in Chelsea, my daughter Gracie asked whether I'm vigilant about my surroundings and how often I think about the possibility of terrorism. The answer: always. As a matter of sad fact, I don't linger in places such as Grand Central Terminal, magnificent as it is, because I fear it would make an inviting target. I suspect that says more about me than about the possibility of catastrophe in New York City. Some of the blame goes to my father, who believed that anything that can go wrong will go wrong. I fight that curdled view of the universe, though it's hard to shake your genetic inheritance.

[N.Y. Plans Aid for Businesses, Residents Affected by Blast](#)

WSJ - Mike Vilensky

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said on Wednesday that he reached an agreement with legislative leaders to help businesses and residents affected by Saturday's bombing in Manhattan cover damages and injuries with insurance. The state Department of Financial Services will help those affected coordinate with state and federal programs that assist businesses hurt by disasters and crises, including a federal emergency-loan program for small businesses and a state office for crisis victims, Mr. Cuomo said.

[Pierhouse Condos Take a Bow in Brooklyn Bridge Park](#)

WSJ - Josh Barbanell

To stand in the living room of a condo in Pierhouse in Brooklyn Bridge Park, with its 18-foot ceilings, is to intimately experience the grandeur of New York. First visible is the greenery of the park itself, and a passing parade of cyclists, joggers and baby carriages. Beyond that is the East River, then the skyline of lower Manhattan with One World Trade Center at its center. To the north is the easternmost tower of the Brooklyn Bridge and to the south, ferry traffic in New York Harbor and the Statue of Liberty in the distance.

[Kristaps Porzingis, the Knicks' Biggest Kid, Teaches the Little Kids](#)

WSJ - Chris Herring

Kristaps Porzingis exceeded every reasonable expectation laid out for him during his rookie season in the NBA, blossoming into the star the Knicks were hoping for when they drafted him, almost anonymously, out of Latvia with the fourth pick in the 2015 NBA Draft. So it isn't all that surprising that the 21-year-old Porzingis held his own two-day

summer basketball camp for about 200 school-age children this past weekend in nearby Ardsley, N.Y. It's something that plenty of stars around the NBA do every summer.

[Ex-Cuomo Aide Joseph Percoco to Face Charges in Bribery Probe](#)

WSJ - Erica Orden, Rebecca David O'Brien

Federal authorities plan to unseal charges against a former top aide to New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo as early as Thursday in connection with an alleged bribery and kickback scheme involving the governor's signature economic-development program, according to people familiar with the matter. In addition to the former aide, Joseph Percoco, the U.S. attorney's office in Manhattan intends to bring public-corruption charges against a number of other individuals in connection with the wide-ranging investigation, these people said.

[Corrections officers accused of brutally beating inmate, keeping his dreadlocks as 'trophy' at Downstate Correctional Facility](#)

DAILY NEWS - Reuven Blau, Victoria Bekiempis

A pack of sadistic correction officers at Downstate Correctional Facility beat an inmate to near-death in November 2013 — and one kept a clump of dreadlocks torn from his head as a "trophy," bombshell court papers say. Kathy Scott, George Santiago, Jr. and Carson Morris are accused of violating inmate Kevin Moore's civil rights in relation to the beatdown.

[EXCLUSIVE: Uber now offers reserved rides in NYC, infringing further on conventional taxi services](#)

DAILY NEWS - Dan Rivoli

Uber is now taking reservations for prearranged rides in New York, taking aim at another piece of the for-hire taxi industry. The app famous for its on-demand service is rolling out the scheduled pickup option Thursday in the city. Prearranged rides were introduced in response to frequent requests from business travelers, according to Uber. The service will be available to every Uber user in New York, on the app's low-cost ride called UberX.

[Port Authority boss admits he signed off on bogus GWB 'traffic study' statement amid Bridgegate blowback](#)

DAILY NEWS - Stephen Brown

The Port Authority's top official admitted to lying Wednesday during the Bridgegate scandal, while defense lawyers accused him of using the scandal for political gain. Pat Foye, the executive director of the bi-state Port Authority, testified that he approved a statement to the press — crafted by two former P.A. officials, Bill Baroni and David Wildstein — that explained the four days of gridlock in Fort Lee, New Jersey, were the result of a traffic study that had concluded. "I was skeptical. I didn't believe it to be true," Foye said of the statement released the day he restored the normal traffic flow. "I saw this as Bill Baroni's mess, David Wildstein's mess. I was OK with it going out," added Foye, who answers to Gov. Cuomo.

[Anthony Weiner allegedly sexted with 15-year-old girl, sent her shirtless pictures: report](#)

DAILY NEWS - Jennifer Fermino, Jason Silverstein

Anthony Weiner's perversion apparently knows no bounds. The disgraced former congressman sexted a 15-year-old high school girl for months, allegedly writing her lewd messages and sending her shirtless pics of himself, according to a report Wednesday. "If the reports are true, it's possibly criminal and it is sick," Gov. Cuomo told reporters. "And frankly, I've heard enough about Anthony Weiner and I think that goes for all New Yorkers."

[Federal investigators won't say if more suspects are being sought for helping accused Chelsea bomber Ahmad Khan Rahami](#)

DAILY NEWS - Victoria Bekiempis, Larry McShane

Federal investigators declined to say Wednesday if additional suspects were wanted for abetting accused bi-state terrorist bomber Ahmad Khan Rahami. "The investigation continues," said Manhattan U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara without providing any new details in the case of weekend terror attacks on both sides of the Hudson River. William Sweeney, the FBI assistant director-in-charge of the New York office, deflected a question about whether Rahami's wife had said anything since her husband's Monday arrest after a Garden State gunfight.

[NYPD Bomb Squad clears suspicious package on 42nd St. in Times Square](#)

DAILY NEWS - Jefferson Siegel

With the city still on edge following Saturday night's bomb explosion in Chelsea, police were called to the Times Square on Wednesday morning after reports of a suspicious package. W. 42nd St. between 7th and 8th Aves. was shut down as

officers from the NYPD Bomb Squad approached the package near McDonald's. Carol Wang, 61, of Hell's Kitchen, saw something and said something.

[Accused Chelsea bomber Ahmad Khan Rahami praised Osama Bin Laden in blood-soaked journal](#)

DAILY NEWS - Cameron Joseph

Alleged Chelsea bomber Ahmad Khan Rahami praised Osama Bin Laden and ISIS in his journal — one that's now soaked in his own blood after he was wounded during his capture. House Homeland Security Committee Chairman Mike McCaul (R-Texas) held up a photo of the gory rantings during a Wednesday hearing with NYPD Deputy Commissioner John Miller as they discussed the threats of lone-wolf terrorists inspired by ISIS and other terror groups.

[Online campaign raises more than \\$16G for two men that discovered backpack full of bombs at N.J. train station](#)

DAILY NEWS - Laura Dimon, Rich Shapiro

If you see something, swipe something. A homeless man and his pal are the toast of their New Jersey town for directing cops to a backpack full of bombs — that they plucked off the street. Down-on-his-luck Lee Parker, 50, and Ivan White, 56, have already been hailed heroes by the mayor of Elizabeth — where they made their unexpected find.

[Dad of murdered Queens jogger Karina Vetrano wants to use \\$280G reward fund to pay investigator to find killer](#)

DAILY NEWS - Kerry Burke, Thomas Tracy

The grieving dad of a Queens jogger who was sexually assaulted and killed on her nightly run wants to hire a private investigator to dig up clues that can bring her killer to justice, he said Wednesday. "In case it goes cold, I'm going to have to bring someone in," Phil Vetrano said about the investigation into his daughter Karina Vetrano's death on Wednesday. "Someone like Perry Mason."

[Feds may hit former Cuomo aide Joseph Percoco with corruption charges for alleged upstate bribery scheme](#)

DAILY NEWS - Denis Slattery

A former top aide to Gov. Cuomo could be charged as early as Thursday in an alleged bribery and kickback scheme involving a multibillion-dollar plan to revitalize the upstate economy, according to The Wall Street Journal. Manhattan U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara intends to bring public corruption charges against Joseph Percoco, along with a number of others involved in the so-called Buffalo Billion economic program, the newspaper reported. Percoco, one of the governor's most trusted allies for years, was reportedly earning consulting fees from companies doing business with the state while heading up Cuomo's reelection campaign.

[Experts say police could pursue criminal charges if Anthony Weiner sent sexts to 15-year-old teen](#)

DAILY NEWS - Barbara Ross, John Marzulli

Anthony Weiner may have exposed himself to criminal charges and more child custody problems with his alleged inappropriate texting with a 15-year-old girl, legal experts told the Daily News. "He's crossed the bounds. At least he dealt with adults before this," former prosecutor turned celebrity lawyer Raoul Felder said of the 52-year-old Weiner's online relationship with a 15-year-old North Carolina girl. "Now you're in the 'Oh my God' area."

[Anthony Weiner may face criminal prosecution for allegedly sexting 15-year-old girl, sending her shirtless pictures](#)

NY POST - Jennifer Fermino, Jason Silverstein, Larry McShane

Carlos is in real danger this time. Selfie-sending sleaze Anthony Weiner targeted a 15-year-old high school sophomore with his latest round of creepy internet come-ons — and could now face hard time for his ceaseless sexting. The pervy politician's potential legal woes emerged after his cyber-squeeze of the past eight months was exposed Wednesday as an underage North Carolina girl. Texts showed that Weiner, a 52-year-old father of a 4-year-old boy, knew the recipient of his creepy correspondence was no adult.

[Woman who once traded sexy messages with Anthony Weiner thinks he has 'sickness' after alleged sexts with teen](#)

DAILY NEWS - Nancy Dillon, Denis Slattery

Even Anthony Weiner's former messaging mistresses think he crossed a line by sexting with an underage girl. "Obviously it's wrong. It's a 15-year-old girl," Traci Nobles, 40, told the Daily News. Weiner was outed Wednesday for carrying on creepy online conversations with a high school sophomore.

[Editorial: Maybe cops can stop him: By allegedly sexting a minor, Anthony Weiner may just have crossed a legal line](#)

DAILY NEWS - Editorial

Prisoner to his sexual demons, Anthony Weiner may follow them behind bars. A 15-year-old North Carolina girl has alleged that the former congressman engaged in explicit sexual communications with her, while knowing that she was underage. The girl kept screenshots of two alleged Weiner texts that explicitly describe rough vaginal penetration.

[Sonic boom from military planes scares blast-weary New Yorkers](#)

NY POST - Danielle Furfaro

A convoy of military planes returning from an exercise flew too low over eastern Queens, creating a sonic boom and scaring edgy residents, cops said. The F22 Raptors, which are used by the US Air Force, flew overhead at about 2:30 pm on Wednesday afternoon and were going so fast that it sounded like an explosion in the sky. “Heard a loud explosion in queens village,” Humphrey Makomva wrote on Twitter. “Lots of sirens.”

[Feds accuse jail guards of taking beaten inmate’s hair as ‘trophy’](#)

NY POST - Lia Eustachewich

Five former Dutchess County jail guards have been charged for allegedly beating an inmate to a pulp — and even taking a clump of his dreadlocks as a “trophy,” according to an indictment unsealed Wednesday. Kevin Moore was assaulted at the Downstate Correctional Facility in Fishkill on Nov. 12, 2013 by Sgt. Kathy Scott, who also goes by Kathy Todd, and correction officers George Santiago Jr., Carson Morris, Donald Cosman and Andrew Lowery, the Manhattan federal court papers say. Moore, 54, was transported to Downstate for just one night before being taken to Rikers Island. The sickening attack unfolded after he and another inmate pushed back against being confined in a unit designated for inmates with mental health issues, prompting a guard to radio for assistance from a supervisor, court papers say.

[Chelsea bombing suspect could face hearing in hospital bed](#)

NY POST - Reuters

A lawyer for an Afghan-born US citizen charged with bombings in New York and New Jersey over the weekend asked a federal judge to schedule his first court appearance for Wednesday, possibly in his hospital bed. Ahmad Khan Rahami was arrested on Monday after a gunfight with police in Linden, New Jersey. He is now receiving treatment for his wounds at a Newark hospital, where he could formally face his charges if he cannot travel to US District Court in Manhattan, his lawyer said.

[Uber will let NY users schedule their rides this week](#)

NY POST - Danielle Furfaro

Uber has increased its stranglehold on competitors with a new feature that will allow users to schedule cars ahead of time. The car app company is adding the feature in New York City Thursday morning. It lets customers book rides up to 30 days in advance. A passenger who has an early morning flight can now schedule their ride to the airport ahead of time, so that they have one less task to worry about on travel day.

[John Lennon mural unveiled for International Day of Peace](#)

NY POST - Elizabeth Rosner

A 2,500-square-foot mural of John Lennon was unveiled in Central Park on Wednesday. “Imagine Again” — at the Naumburg Bandshell — is the work of Texas-based artist Eric Waugh in celebration of the International Day of Peace. “I wanted to bring a little piece of love and peace into the world,” Waugh told The Post Wednesday.

[Pressure cooker found under Bronx highway is deemed not dangerous](#)

NY POST - Shawn Cohen

A pressure cooker was found under the Major Deegan Expressway in the Bronx on Wednesday afternoon, temporarily closing down streets and a portion of the highway. The kitchen gadget was discovered at East 134th Street & Alexander Avenue at around 7 p.m. — and later deemed not dangerous, police said.

[Chelsea bomb suspect’s blood-soaked diary full of ISIS praise](#)

NY POST - Chris Perez

This is the blood-soaked journal of Chelsea bomb suspect Ahmad Khan Rahami — who praised ISIS in rambling, often illegible rants made public Wednesday. The image was shown at a House Homeland Security Committee hearing in Washington, in which Chairman Mike McCaul (R-Texas) read several excerpts from the book and revealed how the Afghan native drew inspiration from deceased Islamic State spokesman Abu Mohammad al-Adnani.

[It’s no longer safe for the city’s senior citizens to go outside](#)

NY POST - Shari Logan, Shawn Cohen, Daniel Prendergast

They're robbed as they walk their dogs, go on moonlit walks or sit waiting for buses. They're robbed as they lean on their canes or sit in their wheelchairs. In some cases, they're shoved to the ground and even kicked while they're down. More than once a day on average this year, someone over the age of 65 was mugged somewhere in New York City. And the numbers are up, particularly in The Bronx and Manhattan.

[Cuomo pressured to kill Airbnb bill that fines short-term rentals](#)

NY POST - Kirstan Conley

Gov. Cuomo and state lawmakers have been deluged with more than 80,000 e-mails urging that they kill a bill that would impose fines of up to \$7,500 for advertising short-term rentals on Airbnb. But Cuomo has given no indication if he'll sign or veto the bill, which the Legislature passed in June. "It's a tough one," said one source. The politically powerful hotel-workers union has lobbied hard for the measure, arguing that the apartment-sharing service is illegally snatching potential hotel customers.

[Editorial: Schneiderman's chance to save face on his failing Exxon probe](#)

NY POST - Editorial Board

The Securities and Exchange Commission just handed Eric Schneiderman a face-saving way to drop his fast-imploding probe of Exxon. The Wall Street Journal reports the SEC is now investigating how Exxon values its assets (i.e., oil reserves), given "increasing climate-change regulation." That's the only issue that state Attorney General Schneiderman has left in his own Exxon probe.

[Christie appointee claimed high-level support for Bridgegate scheme, official testifies](#)

POLITICO NY - Ryan Hutchins

After the George Washington Bridge lane closures ended, the highest-ranking New Jersey official at the Port Authority demanded the decision be reversed because it was "important to Trenton," the agency's executive director testified on Wednesday. In two meetings that came after the four-day closure at the center of the Bridgegate scandal was reversed on Sept. 13, 2013, Deputy Executive Director Bill Baroni — an appointee of Gov. Chris Christie — tried to convince the executive director, Patrick Foye, to reconsider his order, Foye said.

[Liberal activists try to recapture Sanders' energy for November](#)

POLITICO NY - Jimmy Vielkind

Doug Bullock's message to his fellow Bernie Sanders supporters this election season is a little bit strange: he's asking them to go to the polls without telling them how to vote. "Top of the ticket, we're telling people to make up their own mind," said Bullock, an Albany County legislator and longtime liberal activist who was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention for the Vermont senator. "We're out there now, we're out for [Zephyr] Teachout, Sara Niccoli and Shaun Francis. ... Even if you don't vote for Hillary, vote. That's the case in itself."

[New York government entities spent \\$8.4 million lobbying each other in 2015](#)

POLITICO NY - Bill Mahoney

Early last month, SUNY Geneseo's president signed a \$2,084-per-month contract with Cozen O'Connor to lobby state government on "higher education and related issues." That may seem odd. The State University of New York and its campuses are themselves a part of state government. But it's far from uncommon, and Geneseo's spending would actually put it on the lower end of a list of more than 100 state and local government entities that reported payments to lobby each other last year. Government-on-government lobbying hit \$8.4 million in 2015, according to a POLITICO New York review of data maintained by the Joint Commission on Public Ethics.

[Stakeholders weigh impact of revisions to Common Core standards](#)

POLITICO NY - Keshia Clukey

Following the release of revised learning standards, education stakeholders throughout New York will now work to determine just how meaningful the alterations to the state's Common Core standards really are. The state Education Department released the draft of the state's revised learning standards Wednesday, with state Education Commissioner MaryEllen Elia touting "substantial changes."

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[PRO] [Port executive admits to approving inaccurate press release, blames Christie appointee](#)

POLITICO NY - Ryan Hutchins

[Giuliani accuses Obama and Clinton of 'dereliction of duty' in terror threat](#)

POLITICO NY - Madeline Conway

Rudy Giuliani on Wednesday ripped into President Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton for a "dereliction of duty" in their efforts to combat terrorism, while calling the Bush administration's failure to come to grips with the threat before the Sept. 11 attacks "excusable." Writing in USA Today, the former New York City mayor and current Donald Trump surrogate accused Obama and Clinton of investing "too much time and energy into the narrative that there is no ongoing War on Terror."

[Report: Andrew Cuomo's Righthand Man Faces Arrest in Corruption Case](#)

NY OBSERVER - Will Bredderman

Joseph Percoco, once known as Gov. Andrew Cuomo's political and physical muscle man and one of the most powerful figures in New York State, will face as-yet unspecified federal charges tomorrow courtesy of crusading U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara, the Wall Street Journal reports. Percoco, the governor's former executive deputy secretary, will be just one of several figures arrested on still unknown charges in relation to an alleged bribery and kickback scheme, according to the Journal. Percoco served under Cuomo's father and has been close to the governor for much of his life—so much so that Cuomo has described him as a brother.

[Cuomo Announces Emergency Funds for Businesses Hurt by Chelsea Explosion](#)

NY OBSERVER - Madina Toure

Gov. Andrew Cuomo, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie and State Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan announced that emergency funds will be made available to small businesses, homeowners and renters affected by the Saturday night explosion that injured more than 30 people. Afghani native and U.S citizen Ahmad Khan Rahami, 28, of Elizabeth, N.J., has been charged with using and attempting to use weapons of mass destruction, bombing and attempting to bomb a place of public use, destroying and attempting to destroy property by means of fire or explosive and use of a destructive device in furtherance of a crime of violence, namely, the use and attempted use of weapons of mass destruction, U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara announced today.

[Mother of bombing suspect Ahmad Khan Rahami's child gets full custody](#)

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[NYC rent prices to drop as inventory rises, experts say](#)

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[New York Public Library introducing a book train at main branch](#)

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National News:

[Immigrants Aren't Taking Americans' Jobs, New Study Finds](#)

NY TIMES -Julia Preston

Do immigrants take jobs from Americans and lower their wages by working for less? The answer, according to a report published on Wednesday by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine, is no, immigrants do not take American jobs — but with some caveats. The question is at the heart of the furious debate over immigration that has divided the country and polarized the presidential race. Many American workers, struggling to recover from the recession, have said they feel squeezed out by immigrants.

[Hillary Clinton Struggles to Replicate Obama's Small-Donor Juggernaut](#)

NY TIMES - Jonathan Martin

In 2012, B. Rowe Winecoff, a retired social worker from Newton, Iowa, contributed \$120 to President Obama's re-election campaign. But he has yet to give any money to Hillary Clinton in this election. "This year just seems dirtier than ever," said Mr. Winecoff, a Democrat, explaining why he has not contributed to the candidate he intends to vote for. Even as newly released financial disclosures reveal that Mrs. Clinton enjoys a substantial fund-raising advantage over Donald J. Trump, she is struggling to replicate the sort of small-dollar juggernaut that Mr. Obama enjoyed in his campaigns and Senator Bernie Sanders relied on in this year's Democratic primaries.

[Maternal Mortality Rate in U.S. Rises, Defying Global Trend, Study Finds](#)

NY TIMES - Sabrina Tavernise

One of the biggest worldwide public health triumphs in recent years has been maternal mortality. Global death rates fell by more than a third from 2000 to 2015. The United States, however, is one of the few countries in the world that have gone against the grain, new data show. Its maternal mortality rate has risen despite improvements in health care and an overwhelming global trend in the other direction. The United States has become an outlier among rich nations in maternal deaths, according to data released Wednesday by the Institute of Health Metrics and Evaluation, a research group funded by the Gates Foundation and based at the University of Washington.

[Fight Between Saudis and 9/11 Families Escalates in Washington](#)

NY TIMES - Julie Hirschfeld Davis

On Monday, a constellation of lobbyists for Saudi Arabia, which has spent more than \$5 million this past year to buy influence in Washington, called a crisis meeting to try to stop legislation allowing the families of victims of the Sept. 11 attacks to sue the Saudi government for any role in the plot. On Tuesday, the 9/11 families, represented in their multibillion-dollar lawsuits by lawyers including Jack Quinn, a former White House counsel with deep relationships in Washington, demonstrated outside the White House to pressure President Obama not to veto the legislation, as he has vowed to do.

[Chicago to Hire Many More Police, but Effect on Crime Is Debated](#)

NY TIMES - Monica Davey

An ambitious, costly plan to expand this city's police force by almost 1,000 officers to stem a surge in murders and shootings has opened a new question here: Do more police officers always mean an end to rising violence? On Wednesday, Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson stood before a room crowded with uniformed Chicago police officers and announced plans to increase the department by 970 sworn officers, the largest such expansion here in years. "We can't rob Peter to pay Paul when it comes to the safety of our city," Mr. Johnson said. "We need more patrol officers, and we need them where they're needed the most."

[Texas Threatens to Pull Out of Refugee Resettlement Program](#)

NY TIMES - Manny Fernandez

Texas escalated its fight with the Obama administration over refugee resettlements on Wednesday, threatening to pull out of the federal resettlement program if the state's plan to limit the number of refugees it accepts and to receive additional security assurances is not approved. Since the Paris terrorist attacks last year, conservative leaders in several Republican-dominated states have raised security concerns over Syrian refugees. Texas has been one of the most assertive, suing the State Department in federal court to try to bar Syrian refugees from the state and, on Wednesday, vowing to stop assisting the thousands of refugees from around the world who resettle in Texas annually.

[Why First Aid Is Often Lacking in the Moments After a Police Shooting](#)

NY TIMES - Richard Perez-Pena

After the police in Tulsa, Okla., released video footage of an officer fatally shooting an unarmed man, and then standing back rather than tending to the man's wounds, many people had the same reaction as a local activist, Marq Lewis, who voiced outrage that "they let him lay there two-plus minutes, bleeding." Anger at the treatment of the man, Terence Crutcher — not only his shooting last Friday, but also how officers behaved afterward — echoed concerns over other recent cases, mostly involving black males who died at the hands of the police. Notably, when Tamir Rice, a 12-year-old boy with a pellet gun, was shot to death in 2014 in a park in Cleveland, officers stood around for several minutes, waiting for an emergency medical team and offering no first aid.

International News:

[U.S. Allows Boeing and Airbus to Sell Planes to Iran](#)

NY TIMES - Thomas Erdbrink, Nicola Clark

The United States on Wednesday removed a final hurdle for Western aircraft manufacturers to sell planes to Iran, a country desperately in need of hundreds of new aircraft. The Treasury Department granted the aviation giants Airbus and Boeing licenses to deliver planes to Tehran. The decision is a boon not only for the two companies but also for Iranian politicians who want to expand Iran's engagement with the world now that sanctions linked to Iran's nuclear program have been lifted.

[World Leaders Agree at U.N. on Steps to Curb Rising Drug Resistance](#)

NY TIMES - Sabrina Tavernise

World leaders agreed Wednesday on steps to curb the rapid rise of drug resistance, the first global effort to stop the spread of dangerous superbugs that are fast becoming immune to many of the most critical medicines. Infectious disease doctors have long warned that overuse of antibiotics in people and in animals puts human health at risk by reducing the power of the drugs, some of modern medicine's most prized jewels. The problem is global, because the bugs are mobile. Overuse in pig production in China, for example, has spawned superbugs that have surfaced in the United States and Europe.

[John Kerry Urges Grounding of Military Aircraft in 'Key Areas' of Syria](#)

NY TIMES - Somini Sengupta, Michael Gordon, Anne Barnard

Secretary of State John Kerry on Wednesday called for an immediate grounding of all military aircraft in what he described as "key areas" of Syria — including where aid is delivered — as a last-ditch effort to save an agreement with Russia to reduce violence and ultimately halt a war that shows no sign of slowing. Speaking in an unusually pointed and partly unscripted session at a United Nations Security Council meeting on the Syria crisis, Mr. Kerry angrily accused Russia of living "in a parallel universe" and allowing President Bashar al-Assad of Syria to extend "the greatest humanitarian catastrophe since World War II."

[After Much Rancor, Obama and Netanyahu Meet, Likely for Last Time](#)

NY TIMES - Mark Landler

For seven years, they slogged through the sour rituals of a broken relationship: the strained meetings; the angry phone calls; the bitter recriminations; the slights, real and perceived. On Wednesday, President Obama and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met here for what is likely to be their last time as leaders of Israel and the United States. Their smiles said more than their words. "I want you to know, Barack, that you'll always be a welcome guest in Israel," Mr. Netanyahu said, noting there was a golf course next to his home for an ex-president reputed to have a "terrific" game.

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Agency Mentions:

Accused Chelsea Bomber Unable to Cooperate With Investigators Because He Is Unconscious

FOX 5 - Linda Schmidt - 4:58 pm

Investigators may be able to get a broader picture of the suspect once his wife returns to the United States. The wife of accused Chelsea bomber is on her way to New York. She is expected to arrive at JFK sometime early this evening. It has been reported that she is cooperating with authorities since she heard about the bombings. There has also been several reports that Rahami has not been cooperating, but FOX-5 has learned that is not the case. He hasn't spoken because he is unconscious. Terror suspect Ahmad Rahami was hit at least seven times during a shootout Monday with police in Linden, New Jersey. From that moment, he has not spoken to authorities – he would not even give police his name. A federal source, says since Rahami's surgery on Monday he has been unconscious and intubated using a ventilator to help him breathe. Although Rahami has been charged with five counts of attempted murder in New Jersey for the shootout as well as federal charges in both New Jersey and New York for the bombings sources say Rahami has not been conscious to hear the charges against him. Federal investigators have been unable to question him since the shootout Monday morning. The Joint Terrorism Task Force will eventually interrogate Rahami, but at this time that has not happened. Sources also say that the gun that Rahami used was bought legally in Virginia, but it was illegal to have in New Jersey. Rahami is not on life support.

FOX 5 - Lidia Curanaj - 5:00 pm

Just two days before the Chelsea bombing, Rahami was setting off explosives in his backyard. Rahami entered a salon with two men and two women on Saturday at around 3 pm. The women were dressed in Muslim garb. The two men there received haircuts and trimmed their goatees. The FBI released surveillance image of two unidentified men who apparently made off with a bag that contained one of the explosive devices on 27th Street allegedly planted by Rahami. Police insist that they are just witnesses at this point. According to the FBI, Rahami also bought bomb-making materials between June and August using his own name.

CBS 2 - Hazel Sanchez - 5:05 pm

Testifying before the House Homeland Security Committee, NYPD Deputy Commissioner for Intelligence and Counterterrorism John Miller explained how Rahami slipped through the cracks. Miller says it's not realistic to say every time someone comes on the radar that you'll be able to follow them or their friends for an extended period of time while

you have investigations on the front burner involving people who are dangerous. Rahami remains hospitalized, being held on \$5.2 million bail.

NBC 4 - Marc Santia - 5:00 pm

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ABC 7 - NJ Burkett - 5:00 pm

NYPD Received Over 800 Reports Since Saturday of Suspicious Packages; None Contained Explosives

CBS 2 - Kristine Johnson - 5:06 pm

With New Yorkers on edge following the bombing, reports of suspicious packages are on the rise across the five boroughs. The NYPD says they have received over 800 calls since Saturday night, which is up from 90-100 calls on typical days. None of the packages turned out to contain explosives. Despite that, the NYPD encourages people to report anything unusual.

FOX 5 - Dari Alexander - 5:03 pm

A stretch of Times Square was temporarily shut down this morning because of a package. An abandoned suitcase was found in front of the McDonald's on 42nd Street. Police closed off the street while the bomb squad investigated. The luggage turned out to be empty.

High School Student Arrested After Allegedly Bringing Loaded Gun to School

CBS 2 - Maurice DuBois - 5:03 pm

NYPD arrested a high school student accused of bringing a loaded gun to school in the Bronx. Police say the 20-year-old student had hid it in a book and had put it on the ground in a plastic bag outside of PULSE High School in East Tremont. A school security guard picked it up and found the gun. There are no metal detectors at the school.

NBC 4 - Sibila Vargas - 5:03 pm

ABC 7 - Rob Nelson - 5:30 pm

Former NYPD Officer Indicted in Fatal DUI Crash

FOX 5 - Dari Alexander - 5:07 pm

A former police officer has been indicted for a fatal DUI. 28-year-old Nicholas Batka faces 26 charges including aggravated vehicular homicide and manslaughter. He is accused of driving drunk in Williamsburg, Brooklyn in July. He jumped a curb and slammed into several pedestrians leaving one dead and several hurt. Batka pleaded not guilty. If he is convicted he is facing 25 years in prison.

NBC 4 - Chuck Scarborough - 6:06 pm

NYPD to Continue to Increase Patrols During The High Holy Days

FOX 5 - Dari Alexander - 5:33 pm

With the high holy days around the corner the City is in a heightened state of alert. Today, NYPD Commissioner, James O'Neill met with religious leaders for a security briefing with Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur beginning in just the next few weeks. Commissioner O'Neill says increased patrols will continue to be seen in sensitive areas. Commissioner O'Neill: "We will not allow anyone in New York City to attack or harass someone because of their faith. And we will do everything we can to ensure that all the people of the City can worship freely and live their lives free from fear." Commissioner O'Neill says holidays or not everyone must remain vigilant.

CBS 2 - Marcia Kramer - 5:34 pm

It's the confluence of events – the Chelsea bombing so close to the upcoming Jewish holidays – that has Police Commissioner James O'Neill warning people to be vigilant. O'Neill met with members from the Jewish community to tell them that police counter terrorism officials have their back, saying that the outreach was especially important after dozens were injured Saturday night in Chelsea. This comes as hate crimes and anti-Semitic incidents are on the rise. Hate crimes are up 21 percent – 250 so far this year compared to 206 in 2015. Anti-Semitic incidents are up six percent – 90 so far this year, 85 last year. The increased concern over terror has police increasing security around houses of worship and in various Jewish communities. Jewish leaders say they're happy the NYPD is giving them extra protection, especially after the bombings. There is also a concern about the increase of anti-Semitic incidents in the five boroughs. Community leaders are also being asked to consider increasing visible security measures, like hiring armed personnel at synagogues.

The NYPD routinely increases security during the high holidays, but this year officials say there will be additional resources.

IDNYC Card Expands Benefits, Offering Discounts at Barclays Center and Modell's

NBC 4 - Sibila Vargas - 5:45 pm

If you have an IDNYC card you can now take advantage of some new benefits. The City says the cardholders will now be able to get a 25 percent discount on items sold at Barclays Center like tickets to the Nets and the Islanders. They will also be entitled to a 10 percent discount at Modell's. You will also get free one-year membership to New York Road Runners.

Local News:

LIRR to Receive \$186 Million to Improve Infrastructure

NBC 4 - David Ushery - 5:34 m

The Long Island Rail Road is getting hundreds of millions of dollars from Albany for infrastructure improvements. That is the word from Governor Cuomo and the MTA at a news conference this afternoon. They announced plans to rebuild the Hicksville Station and improve the Jamaica station. The price is about \$186 million. The improvements in the works include glass enclosed heated waiting areas and WiFi and USB charging stations.

State Lawmakers Urge MTA to Install More Surveillance Cameras at LIRR Stations

NBC 4 - David Ushery - 5:15 pm

State lawmakers are calling on the MTA to install more surveillance cameras at LIRR stations and on trains in light of the recent bombings. Democratic Senator Todd Kaminsky spoke outside the railroad's Rockville Centre station. He says he has reached out to the agency urging authorities to move swiftly to install more cameras. Kaminsky believes an overall fear of surveillance may have kept bombing suspect Ahmad Rahami away from major transportation centers.

New York and New Jersey Agree to Build New Port Authority Terminal on West Side

FOX 5 - Steve Lacy - 5:33 pm

New York and New Jersey have agreed to build a new bus terminal on the west side of Manhattan. It will replace the 66-year-old Port Authority bus terminal. The new terminal will provide direct one seat service for the 110,000 commuters who use the buses daily. The port Authority says five proposed designs will be unveiled on Thursday.

Governor Cuomo, Lawmakers Strike Deal to Reimburse Businesses Impacted by Chelsea Explosion

CBS 2 - Kristine Johnson - 5:07 pm

Businesses damaged by the Chelsea blast got some good news today. Governor Cuomo and lawmakers brokered a deal to reimburse them for any losses not covered by insurance. The owners of King David Gallery say that will save them several thousand dollars. A mobile unit from the State's Department of Financial Services is in Chelsea to help business owners cut through the insurance red tape.

Federal Prosecutors Charge Three Correction Officers in Beating of Inmate

NBC 4 - Chuck Scarborough - 6:05 pm

Federal prosecutors have charged three New York prison guards in the beating of an inmate and the falsification of documents to cover it up. Prosecutors say the guards violated the civil rights of Kevin Moore in Downstate Correctional Facility in Fishkills when they brutally beat him with fists, boots, and batons. State correction officials say that to of the guards were fired, the third was suspended for ten months.

Homeless Man Who Discovered Pipe Bomb in Elizabeth Receives Help from Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless

FOX 5 - Steve Lacy - 5:03 pm

Some much needed help for the homeless man credited with finding the backpack filled with pipe bombs that police say were left by Ahmad Rahami near the Elizabeth train station on Sunday. The Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless is providing temporary housing to 50-year-old Lee Parker who along with a friend alerted police after finding the explosive. The coalition plans to help Parker find a permanent home.

Formula E Race Coming to Brooklyn Next Year

CBS 2 - Dana Tyler - 6:14 pm

The world's first fully electric racing car championship will speed into New York City next year. The Formula E race will be held in July at the Brooklyn Cruise Terminal in Red Hook. The track will not go through any streets. Organizers say the race will bring economic investment and tourism. The CEO of Formula E says it's a way to slow down the effects of climate change. Formula E is now in its third season.

Queens Residents Startled After Fighter Jets Pass Overhead

CBS 2 - Kristine Johnson - 5:01 pm

A loud rumble rattled some folks in Queens. A lot of people started calling police, saying they heard a boom and the ground shook. They also took to social media, saying Queens just heard a loud boom, like an explosion. It turns out there was no explosion. The U.S. Air Force says the sound came from F15 fighter jets that were providing cover for the meeting of world leaders at the United Nations.

NBC 4 - John Chandler - 5:01 pm

ABC 7 - Stacey Sager - 5:12 pm

FOX 5 - Steve Lacy - 5:03 pm

Anthony Weiner Allegedly Involved In Sexting Scandal With Minor

FOX 5 - Sharon Crowley - 5:04 pm

There is a new alleged sexting scandal involving Anthony Weiner -- and this one may be the worst yet. The disgraced former Congressman is accused of sending explicit messages to a 15-year-old girl. He is claiming that it is all a hoax. The DailyMail.com interviewed a 15-year-old girl who claimed she had an inappropriate online relationship with Anthony Weiner. The teenager says she reached out to him in January saying she was a big fan. That's when, she says, they started communicating via social media that went from friendly to lurid. Teenager: "He had some like rape fantasies it would be him showing up at my house when my dad was out of town and just start undressing me." The disgraced Congressman separated from Hillary Clinton's closest aide, Huma Abedin, after the New York Post exposed him sexting with a California woman while his child was in his bed. Weiner resigned from Congress in 2011 after accidentally sending a sexually explicit picture of himself to all his Twitter followers. He then tried to make a comeback by running for Mayor in 2013 until it was revealed he was still sexting. Anthony Weiner: "I have repeatedly demonstrated terrible judgement about the people I have communicated with online and the things I have sent. I am filled with regret and heartbroken for those I have hurt." While I have provided the Daily Mail with information showing that I have likely been the subject of a hoax, I have no one to blame but me for putting myself in this position. I am sorry."

CBS 2 - Maurice DuBois - 5:15 pm

ABC 7 - Kemberly Richardson - 5:15 pm

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Steps away from the site where a Dumpster was blasted into the air, the owner of King David Gallery on West 23rd Street took his first look at the shattered glass covering his windowless store in Manhattan on Tuesday morning. The owner, Daniel Peretz, watched as his employees swept up the debris surrounding at least a dozen broken mirrors — some worth nearly \$3,000 — that he would no longer be able to sell. One of the mirrors was smeared with blood.... The continued presence of elected city and state officials made the scene on 23rd Street seem even more out of the ordinary for those who live there. Mayor Bill de Blasio met with residents of Selis Manor — many of whom are blind — and asked them how the city could help in the aftermath of the explosion.

[Mayor de Blasio visits Chelsea days after bombing, chats with regulars at neighborhood diner](#)

DAILY NEWS – Jennifer Fermino

Nothing shows New Yorkers can't be intimidated like a good coffee klatch. Mayor de Blasio Tuesday visited the Malibu Diner in Chelsea that had been closed due to the terror bombing on W. 23rd St., sipping coffee and chatting with regulars to support the targeted neighborhood. The visit followed a blast site tour and a stop at the home for the blind, which lost windows in the bombing. Visions Executive Director Nancy Miller praised the city's response, particularly the first responders who took special care with the numerous guide dogs who also call the building home.

[Malibu Diner reopens after Chelsea explosion forced its doors to shutter](#)

DAILY NEWS – Kerry Burke, Ginger Adams Otis

A New York institution reopened for business Monday — to the delight and relief of its regular customers. The Malibu Diner on W. 23rd St., which was shuttered after Saturday night's terrifying bomb explosion, greeted guests with a smile and menu — but still hadn't gotten back to offering daily specials. "It feels good to be open but it's slow," said Roberto Huerta, 54, the manager of the 24-hour deli that's been a neighborhood fixture for decades. "People are just starting to come by to see if we are all right. We do have a lot of long-term customers and we expect them to come back." Malibu Diner was also looking forward to a special guest Tuesday — Mayor de Blasio.

[Cops arrest New Jersey resident Ahmad Khan Rahami, wanted for NYC and N.J. bombings, after he shoots police officer](#)

DAILY NEWS - Edgar Sandoval, Chelsia Rose Marcus, Graham Rayman

The bumbling terrorist who set off panic in Chelsea and a New Jersey town this weekend — but failed to detonate eight other explosives — was busted Monday after getting into a shootout with police.

...Mayor de Blasio called Saturday night's bombing on W. 23rd St. — and a second explosion in New Jersey earlier that day — as terrorism.

[Ahmad Khan Rahami could face federal terrorism or weapons charges for bombing spree](#)

DAILY NEWS - Jason Silverstein

The bumbling bomber who was arrested after a Monday morning manhunt could face federal terrorism or weapons charges — which would put him behind bars for life if he's convicted.

...Several top officials, including New York Mayor de Blasio and Gov. Cuomo, have already deemed Rahami's acts as terrorism.

[Cuomo: Ahmad Khan Rahami may have gotten outside help with Chelsea, N.J. bombings](#)

DAILY NEWS - Glenn Blain

Gov. Cuomo said the "predominate operating theory" among investigators is that bomber Ahmad Khan Rahami had assistance in conducting his bi-state terror spree over the weekend.

...Cuomo also downplayed talk of a rift between himself and Mayor de Blasio over hizzoner's initial reluctance to describe the bombings as an act of terrorism.

[De Blasio delays visit to Chelsea bombing site so he can work out](#)

NY POST – Gabrielle Fonrounge

Mayor de Blasio pushed back a meeting with a group of blind residents affected by the Chelsea terror attack on Tuesday — giving himself an extra half-hour to sip coffee with his wife and hit the gym. Hizzoner, whose poor attendance record includes once being late for airplane crash memoria in the Rockaways, was scheduled to express the city's sympathy to residents of the Selis Manor facility for damage caused by the pressure-cooker explosion on West 23rd Street. The meeting was set for 11 a.m., but city officials announced about an hour and a half earlier that de Blasio would be a half hour late.

[\[PRO\] De Blasio delivers message of reassurance to 23rd Street](#)

POLITICO NY - Azi Paybarah

[De Blasio Praises Residents at Home for Blind People Near Chelsea Explosion Site](#)

NY OBSERVER – Madina Toure

Three days after an explosion rocked Chelsea and injured 29 people, Mayor Bill de Blasio visited a nearby home for people with vision impairments, where the residents praised the city's response and weighed in on how it affected them. The mayor chatted with Nancy Miller, executive director and CEO of VISIONS at Selis Manor at 135 W. 23rd St. as well as some of the tenants. They discussed how residents were faring in the aftermath of the explosion just outside their building, as well as what they would like to see the city do to assist them. "You got a strong-willed group of residents here, that no one's taking their independence away," de Blasio said.

[Editorial: Dare Not Call It Terrorism](#)

NY OBSERVER - Editorial Board

Responsibility for the explosion Saturday evening in Chelsea—as well as the pressure cooker bomb found four blocks away and the explosive devices discovered in New Jersey—seems to belong to Ahmad Khan Rahami, a 28-year-old naturalized American who came here from Afghanistan. Whether he was acting alone, with others, directly or indirectly influenced by others we do not yet know. But within minutes of the events, Mayor Bill de Blasio declared them "intentional" but not the work of terrorists.

[During NYC Climate Week, mayor says city making progress with green initiatives](#)

AM NY – Ivan Pereira

The city has made strides in its efforts to make New York greener. In conjunction with Climate Week, Mayor Bill de Blasio released updates on city building retrofit programs that aim to reduce greenhouse emissions. The city is halfway in meeting its goal to cut building-based greenhouse emissions by 1.5 million metric tons by 2025, according to the mayor.

[Chelsea bombing suspect Ahmad Khan Rahami charged in Linden police shootout, prosecutor says](#)

AM NY – Staff

Ahmad Khan Rahami, the suspect in the weekend's bombing in Chelsea, has been charged with five counts of attempted murder related to a shootout with police in Linden, New Jersey before he was apprehended, the Union County prosecutor's office said. ...Mayor Bill de Blasio also called the bombing "an act of terror" during a news conference Monday afternoon. He added that there is no other suspect at this time. FBI New York Assistant Director William Sweeney Jr., however, said there was no indication that Rahami, a 28-year-old United States citizen from Afghanistan, is part of a larger cell operation.

[Mayor de Blasio tours Chelsea bombing area, residents show their resilience](#)

AM NY - Alison Fox

Rattled but resilient, the people of Chelsea returned to stores, restaurants and other businesses across 23rd Street as the thoroughfare reopened Tuesday, just days after an explosion rocked the neighborhood.

Burton Schein, dining on a bowl of fruit at the Malibu Diner, said he was nearby when the bomb went off on Saturday, but resolved that it wouldn't affect his daily life. "I'm a New Yorker since birth. For me, it's a terrible thing that happened, but I'm not in fear," said Schein, 65. "I keep my eyes and ears open, but I do my thing." Mayor Bill de Blasio toured the neighborhood on Tuesday afternoon, meeting with residents of Visions at Selis Manor, an independent living facility for people who are blind or visually impaired, located just steps from the site of the explosion that injured 29 people.

[Editorial: Don't let political division be legacy of Chelsea bombing probe](#)

AM NY - Editorial Board

Phase one of the Chelsea bombing investigation ended Monday when suspect Ahmad Khan Rahami was taken into custody in New Jersey after quick and impressive police work. It was a tense few days — three bombs, one unexploded, another undetonated bag of pipe bombs, all of which were ultimately connected to one person. There were injuries, but mostly there were close calls. Officials said their investigation continues to look for a motive and other possible conspirators, but there was no indication that Rahami was part of a terror cell. No link to foreign actors was established. ... Some officials, like Mayor Bill de Blasio, appeared leery to use the loaded word early on even to describe an act that seemed designed to inspire terror, perhaps given the words' connotations — fear and panic, but also an association with Islam due to the predominance of the Islamic State.

[Column: Baptism by fire for NYPD's James O'Neill](#)

AM NY – Leonard Levitt

James O'Neill, who was publicly sworn in yesterday as NYC's 43rd police commissioner, is nothing if not a humble guy. Decent and smart, he started as a transit cop and rose to chief of department, the NYPD's highest uniformed position. O'Neill's success will largely hinge on how he handles crime and public safety — including investigations like the one underway into the Chelsea explosion that led to 29 injuries. "It's a pretty tough way to start my new position," O'Neill said yesterday after Ahmad Kahn Rahami was taken into custody in the explosions in Chelsea and in New Jersey....Also important to O'Neill's success is how he copes with Mayor Bill de Blasio, who is distrusted by much of the NYPD and who has sagging approval ratings. Specifically, O'Neill must keep de Blasio out of the NYPD's daily business, à la the mayor's midnight telephone call to a deputy chief six weeks after becoming mayor that led to the release of a prominent political supporter held on two warrants.

[Chelsea returns to normal](#)

EL DIARIO - Camille Padilla Dalmau

Maria Aquino spoke by phone with his son last Saturday night when he heard a loud bang. "I was trembling with fright. We thought the building was going to fall , "the woman of 54, who lives in Visions at Selis Manor, a building for disabled, most blind as it is located on 23rd Street in Chelsea, right next to say where it occurred the explosion that left 29 wounded.

... And although they feel safe, residents and area workers who spoke with El Diario said they remain more vigilant. "Now when I see a dumpster go to the other side , " said Ana Cruz, who works at Malibu Diner, local to where he arrived Mayor Bill de Blasio Tuesday to support the community.

[Homeland Security Chief Tours Chelsea Bomb Site With De Blasio](#)

DNA INFO - Maya Rajamani

The head of the federal Department of Homeland Security joined Mayor Bill de Blasio Tuesday on a visit to the block of West 23rd Street where a bomb blast injured 29 people over the weekend. "I just want to stress, if you see something, say something," Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson said before touring the apartment building at 124 W. 23rd St. damaged by the Saturday night blast.

[De Blasio and I Worked 'Hand in Glove' During the Chelsea Bombing: Cuomo](#)

DNA INFO - Jeff Mays

Gov. Andrew Cuomo says he and Mayor Bill de Blasio "worked hand in glove" during the Chelsea bombing crisis even though they were hardly seen together and gave separate press conferences where they differed on whether the blast was an act of terrorism. The day after Saturday night's bombing it looked like Cuomo and de Blasio weren't going to appear together at all and that their longstanding public feud would seep into yet another public crisis as it had, for example, during the deadly Legionnaires' disease outbreak. Still they managed to tour the blast site together for a bit — in between separate press conferences they both had. And before that tour, they hugged.

[Bitter Feud Still Divides Mayor and Governor, Even During Response to Chelsea Bombing](#)

NY 1 – Courtney Gross

Tragedy often brings people together. But that might not be the case for Mayor Bill de Blasio and Governor Andrew Cuomo. In the wake of the Chelsea bombing, both the mayor and governor were urging calm. But the message was delivered separately, often just an hour or two apart. The governor gave a briefing Sunday morning. "We will be deploying an addition one thousand police and national guard people," Cuomo said. Two hours later the mayor did. "You should know you will see a substantial NYPD presence this week," de Blasio said.

MISCELLANEOUS MENTIONS

[Queens affordable housing project scrapped as Mayor de Blasio's home-building push takes another hit](#)

DAILY NEWS - Erin Durkin

The developer of a Queens affordable housing project has scrapped the proposal amid opposition, another defeat for Mayor de Blasio's home-building push. Phipps Houses yanked the application to build 209 apartments in Sunnyside, all of them income restricted, a day before the City Council was set to hold a hearing. Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer (D-Queens) had vowed to oppose the plan, making approval all but impossible on the Council, which usually follows the lead of the local member on development projects. "I think it was best for all to withdraw it," said Van Bramer, who objected to the height of the building, proposed rents he considered too high, and Phipps' record at its existing building nearby where he said they neglected needed repairs.

[New website developed to help NYC get voting info from one place](#)

DAILY NEWS – Jennifer Fermino

Now all you have to do is decide who to vote for. For the first time, New Yorkers can now go to one website — voting.nyc — to get all the information they need to cast a ballot, including help finding their polling site, if they're registered, and info on candidates. That info was scattered all over the web before, making it hard to get information. The site was developed in a collaboration between NYC Votes — the non-partisan engagement campaign most famous for giving out stickers on election day — and the Mayor's Office of Technology and Innovation, and designed to be extremely user friendly.

[EXCLUSIVE: NYC municipal ID cards now come with perks, discounts for Nets, Islanders games at Barclays Center](#)

DAILY NEWS – Erin Durkin

New Yorkers who have city municipal ID cards are in for some new perks. Card holders will be able to get a 25% discount at Nets and Islanders game, boxing matches, and certain other events at Brooklyn's Barclays Center, officials are set to announce Wednesday. The IDNYC will also come with a 10% discount at Modell's Sporting Goods stores in the city. And ID-holders can get a free one-year membership to the New York Road Runners running and fitness group.

[Enrollment thrives under new principal at Brooklyn's Boys and Girls High School after years of a shrinking student body](#)

DAILY NEWS – Ben Chapman

Brooklyn's embattled Boys and Girls High School is making big enrollment gains, city schools boss Carmen Fariña said Tuesday. Speaking on a visit to welcome new principal Grecian Harrison to her first year leading the struggling school, Fariña said Harrison already managed to grow preliminary enrollment to 412 students for the school year that began Sept. 8. That's far above the city's forecast for about 269 students and up from 383 students in the previous year.... Once called the "Pride of Bed-Stuy," Boys and Girls has suffered enrollment declines, academic shortfalls and safety issues for years. And Mayor de Blasio has only mixed results to show for a series of high-profile efforts to fix the school.

[EXCLUSIVE: City blames lack of affordable housing for record number of homeless New Yorkers](#)

DAILY NEWS – Jennifer Fermino

The number of New Yorkers living in homeless shelters reached an all-time high over the weekend, a sad milestone that officials blame on a lack of affordable housing and support services for the poor. A whopping 59,698 people — roughly the population of upstate White Plains — slept in a shelter in the five boroughs on Sunday night, according to stats released by the Department of Homeless Services.

...Lauren Gray, a spokeswoman for the city's Department of Homeless Services, said that the problems have been festering for decades and Mayor de Blasio is working to address them.

[City slaps businesses that violated paid sick days law with \\$1.2 million in fines](#)

DAILY NEWS – Erin Durkin

Businesses were hit with \$1.2 million in fines for breaking the city's paid sick days law in the 2016 fiscal year — a dramatic spike from just \$50,050 the year before, newly released stats show. On top of the fines, 13,675 workers got money from their employers to compensate them for violations of the law, according to data in the annual Mayor's Management Report — up from 97 in 2015. Employees took in \$2.1 million in restitution during the year that ended in June, compared to \$54,961 over the previous 12 months.... The law, expanded soon after Mayor de Blasio took office, took effect in April 2014, and a formal grace period with no fines for businesses with under 20 employees ended six months later.

[Letters: Readers sound off on brave cops, Social Security and Wells Fargo](#)

DAILY NEWS – Voice of the people

Thank you, brave law enforcers Brooklyn: Thank goodness for the professionalism of our law enforcement and especially alert citizens in preventing a larger tragedy in the New York and New Jersey terrorist attacks. However, that the perpetrator is a naturalized Muslim citizen from Afghanistan, coming after the San Bernardino and Boston Marathon attacks also perpetrated by naturalized Muslims, should remind us that we do not need any more Syrian refugees in the U.S.... Manhattan: Now that the perpetrator is in custody, it's safe to say that the scariest element of the Chelsea bombing was Mayor de Blasio's confused analysis. Despite the infancy of the police investigation, he rushed to face cameras only three hours after the blast to assure New Yorkers there was no evidence pointing to terrorism, though he did acknowledge the bombing was "intentional."

[Bronx officials fume at de Blasio's failure to remove homeless from motel](#)

NY POST – Kirstan Conley

The city is reneging on a promise to remove the homeless from a motel in Riverdale where an accused bank robber had lived, angry Bronx officials charged Tuesday. Homeless individuals were indeed moved out — but they were replaced by homeless families. "This is the ultimate in hypocrisy and lies and just a sign that this administration has no clue on how to conduct a homeless policy," fumed state Sen. Jeff Klein (D-Bronx). The Post reported in May that 48-year-old motel/shelter resident Paul Taylor was arrested in front of the Van Cortlandt Motel and charged with two bank heists in February.

[Editorial: Team de Blasio's school-space game](#)

NY POST- Staff

As predicted, the city Department of Education is maneuvering to deny space to charter schools looking to open or expand next fall. This, despite a Citizens Budget Commission study that shows lots of underused schools in precisely the neighborhoods where 25 charters are requesting space. The city educrats even got Politico to report on this summer's rebuttal by Deputy Chancellor for Operations Elizabeth Rose to a pro-charter study that found 150,000 excess seats in the 10 districts in question. That figure, she wrote, "does not accurately reflect the space available for new and/or expanded co-locations."

....The de Blasio administration should quit playing games and give these schools the space they need — so that the schools can give more New York City children the opportunities the regular public schools now deny them.

[Mayor's report indicates slight improvements by agencies after increased spend](#)

POLITICO NY - Laura Nahmias

More money has meant fewer problems for Mayor Bill de Blasio in the fiscal year that ended June 30, with progress made on hundreds of benchmarks the mayor's administration set for dozens of city agencies, according to the annual Mayor's Management Report released Monday. The report, de Blasio's third so-called "agency report card" since he took office in January 2014, spans 356 pages on 44 agencies with roughly 2,000 different data indicators, and shows the state of some of the mayor's key priorities.

[City's clean fleet reaches 500 vehicles](#)

POLITICO NY - David Giambusso

New York City's fleet of vehicles is getting cleaner. Mayor Bill de Blasio's administration will announce on Wednesday morning that it has deployed 500 electric vehicles since it launched its clean fleet initiative last year, with 500 more in the pipeline. The city's total fleet is roughly 29,000 units, or vehicles, showing the breadth of the task City Hall faces. The mayor's goal is cut municipal vehicle emissions in half by 2025 and by 80 percent by 2035.

[De Blasio administration proposes sweeping changes to street fairs](#)

POLITICO NY - Laura Nahmias

Mayor Bill de Blasio's administration is proposing changes to the city's street fairs intended to end the corporate flavor of many of the festivals, addressing a long-standing complaint from civic groups and elected officials that the fairs are a costly headache and do little to benefit the communities where they're held. Under proposed rules scheduled for a public hearing on October 13, at least fifty percent of vendors participating in a street fair would have to be businesses with locations inside the same community board where the event is being held. That proposal marks a major change that could remake the character of the roughly 200 street fairs the city currently allows each year.

[\[PRO\] City to spend \\$113M on new career and technical education programs](#)

POLITICO NY - Eliza Shapiro

[\[PRO\] City Council ends debate over application of city's new housing policy](#)

POLITICO NY - Sally Goldenberg

[\[PRO\] City and tenants challenge lawsuit to cancel rent freeze](#)

POLITICO NY - Khorri Atkinson

[\[PRO\] Administration announces voter registration forms in Greek, Tagalog and Yiddish](#)

POLITICO NY - Miranda Neubauer

[\[PRO\] Glen, Torres-Springer open new tech hub in Midtown](#)

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[New tech startup 'Hub' opens near Grand Central station](#)

AM NY - Heather Senison

Manhattan is getting a new "Hub" for tech startups. The New York City Economic Development Corporation, along with the mayor's office and other partners, on Tuesday launched The Hub at Grand Central Tech, a new incubator next to Grand Central Terminal. At 50,000-square-feet, it's the largest center for growing companies in New York, and is located in Facebook's former headquarters at 335 Madison Ave., which also houses the GCT accelerator, the Build Grand Central co-working space, among other tech tenants.

... "Our investment here is part of a bigger strategy to secure the space, train the talent and provide the infrastructure our tech ecosystem needs to thrive and compete," Alicia Glen, deputy mayor for housing and economic development, said in the statement.

[Column: The singing staff of Ellen's Stardust Diner go quiet](#)

AM NY - Mark Chiusano

It's an old joke in the theater world, says Meg Doherty. When you meet someone new, the first question is: "What's the restaurant where you work?" At Ellen's Stardust Diner, Doherty's former employer, both professions are put together. At the kitschy, chaotic, joyful, retro, red-booth filled eatery on Broadway and 51st, the waitstaff sings from Rent and Hamilton while fetching your side order of ranch dressing.

... Maintaining livable conditions for hourly workers is an issue across the city — Mayor Bill de Blasio proposed legislation concerning similar scheduling requirements for fast food employers last week.

[Opinion: Creating a fair workweek for New Yorkers](#)

AM NY - Bill de Blasio, Hector Figueroa

When Flavia Cabral leaves her first job at 5 p.m. to head to her second job at a midtown fast-food restaurant, she has no idea when she'll see her family or even when she'll get a full night's sleep. Flavia's schedule — like that of 65,000 fast-food workers in New York City — is at the whim of her employer. Fast-food chains aren't required to provide hourly workers with reasonable advance notice of upcoming shifts — how many they're getting or even when those shifts are.

[De Blasio announces early progress on green initiatives across NYC](#)

METRO - Kimberly Aquilina

Mayor Bill de Blasio announced on Tuesday early progress on green building programs in conjunction with the eighth annual Climate Week held in the city. NYC's Climate Week runs from Sept. 19-25. With a new president of the United States being elected in just weeks, "Climate Week NYC 2016 will gather leaders from business and government to demonstrate how continued investment in innovation, technology and clean energy will drive profitability and lead us toward net zero emissions," according to the website.

[New York jail guard pleads guilty to cover up in inmate's death](#)

METRO - Nate Raymond

A suspended guard at New York City's Rikers Island jail complex pleaded guilty on Tuesday to charges that he tried to cover up an assault by a fellow officer that led to the death of an inmate in 2012.

...Mayor Bill de Blasio has sought to implement a number of reforms to help rectify problems at Rikers Island, which with about 10,000 inmates is one of the country's largest jail facilities.

[First Lady calls for victims of domestic violence seek help](#)

EL DIARIO - Edwin Martinez

Domestic violence continues to affect thousands of New Yorkers much , that sometimes being dominated by fear and grief to denounce these acts, but the victims are not alone and the City is committed to help them , if they allow it. This was stated by First Lady of New York, Chirlane McCray, who made a call to those who pass through that situation to use support services that are in the five boroughs of the Big Apple, and break the chains of violence from their aggressors.

[De Blasio's Pre-K Push Doesn't Address School Segregation Issues: Study](#)

DNA INFO - Amy Zimmer

New York City public schools are among the most segregated in the nation, and mayor Bill de Blasio's universal pre-K push is not reversing the trend, according to a report from a public policy think tank released Tuesday.

[Phipps Houses Drops Bid for Affordable Sunnyside Building](#)

DNA INFO - Jeanmarie Evely

The developer behind a controversial plan to build a 209-unit all-affordable building on Barnett Avenue has dropped an application to get permission to build, according to City Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer who'd vowed to oppose it.

...Mayor Bill de Blasio supported the plan. "Let's not mince words: this is bad for our city and for working families struggling to pay their rent," de Blasio spokeswoman Melissa Grace said in a statement Tuesday.

[The Mayor's Rezoning Plan Is 6 Months Old. Here's How it's Going So Far](#)

DNA INFO - Amy Zimmer, Danielle Tcholakian, Carolina Pichardo, Maya Rajamani

In the six months since the City Council passed Mayor Bill de Blasio's Mandatory Inclusionary Housing plan to help build 80,000 new affordable units over 10 years, the policy has seen challenges, triumphs and failures. MIH requires developers to build a certain percentage of affordable housing in any new development that requires rezoning. Its deepest affordability option sets aside 20 percent of a project's units for families earning 40 percent of the Area Median Income, or roughly \$31,000 for a family of three.

[Opinion: How will Uber help drivers when its cars don't have any?](#)

CRAIN'S NY - Nancy Soria, Placida Robinson

With the news that Uber is pioneering driverless cars, the cat is out of the bag as far as the company's claims that its business model provides tremendous opportunity for so-called gig workers. Rideshare companies like Uber have claimed that contracting workers rather than employing them lowers costs and provides drivers the flexibility they want. Left out of the self-serving misdirection is that contract workers don't get the same legal protections as employees, such as a guaranteed minimum wage and overtime pay. ...Take New York. Last year Uber slapped down Mayor Bill de Blasio's proposed one-year cap on the e-hail giant's growth by devising a clever ad campaign that revolved around the theme of racial justice. The company presented itself as "an indispensable tool for economic mobility," as writer Latoya Peterson put it.

Agency Mentions:

[Rikers Officer Pleads Guilty to Helping Cover Up Fatal '12 Beating of Inmate](#)

NY TIMES – Benjamin Weiser

A correction officer at Rikers Island pleaded guilty on Tuesday to helping cover up the fatal 2012 beating of a 52-year-old inmate who had kidney problems and walked with a cane. Prosecutors had accused the officer, Byron Taylor, 32, of helping to hold the inmate, Ronald Spear, face down with his hands behind his back while another officer kicked him repeatedly in the head. Mr. Spear was pronounced dead a short time later. Mr. Taylor, who was scheduled to be tried next month with the other officer, Brian Coll, admitted on Tuesday in federal court in Manhattan that he had conspired with others to obstruct an investigation into Mr. Spear's death. He said that he had made false statements to the New York City Correction Department and the Bronx district attorney's office, and that he had lied before a federal grand jury.

[EXCLUSIVE: Two cops injured in clash with goons on dirt bikes and ATVs as NYPD battles growing plague of the illegal vehicles](#)

DAILY NEWS – Christina Carrega-Woodby, Rocco Parascandola, Graham Rayman

Two motorbike fanatics were arrested for running over a cop and breaking two of his ribs, while bruising the hip of a second officer during a dustup in Brooklyn this past Saturday. Graham Curtis, 34, of Middle Island, L.I., and Jamaal Elder, 32, of Queens, were part of a group of 50 dirt bike and ATV riders who descended on Old Fulton and Hicks Sts. between DUMBO and Brooklyn Heights about 5:20 p.m. The confrontation was the latest example of the all-terrain vehicle and dirt bike scourge that has plagued the city's streets — particularly on weekends — and came in the midst of a yearlong NYPD crackdown on the illegal bikes.

[Brooklyn teens 'are lying' after accusing assistant principal of child sex abuse, lawyer says](#)

DAILY NEWS – Christina Carrega-Woodby

Two high school students who accused an assistant principal in Brooklyn of sexually preying on them “are lying,” his defense attorney said during opening statements on Tuesday. William Abreu, 47, was indicted in 2014 for raping a 17-year-old inside his office at Progress High School in June 2009 and sexually molesting another student in March 2011. In the 2009 case, Abreu allegedly approached the girl with her mother and sister on her graduation day and told her that if she worked for him he could help her get an immigration lawyer and into college.

[Activists fight to stop Chelsea building owner from adding penthouse suite to Underground Railroad landmark](#)

DAILY NEWS – Laura Dimon, Leonard Greene

Activists trying to save the last spot in New York where slaves were given shelter urged the city's Landmarks Preservation Commission to block the building's owner from adding a penthouse suite. Chelsea's Hopper-Gibbons House is the city's last link to the Underground Railroad, and to the abolitionists who pushed to end slavery in 19th century America. A building owner's bid to add a fifth-floor, rooftop apartment to the renovated structure at 339 W. 29th St. would desecrate a piece of important history, opponents of the addition said. The building received landmark status in 2010.

[NYPD cop leaps into Hudson River to rescue man trying to commit suicide](#)

DAILY NEWS – Graham Rayman

A courageous cop jumped into the Hudson River early Tuesday and rescued a 49-year-old man who was trying to drown himself, police said. Officers Rajub Bhowmik, 28, and Ismael Mercedes, 28, were called to the scene where a man was reported to be in the water at the South Cove near Battery Pl. at about 1:20 a.m. When they got there, Bhowmik, who's been on the force for four years, and Mercedes, who has seven years' experience, spotted the man struggling in the water. Bhowmik took off his gun belt, jumped into the water and grabbed the drowning man. Mercedes radioed for the NYPD Harbor unit. Two divers came and took the man to the North Cove Marina.

[Opinion: Why Congress drags its feet on Zika: New York City's health commissioner blames racism](#)

DAILY NEWS – Dr. Mary Bassett

The public health community is watching in astonishment as Congress continues to drag its feet on funding to fight Zika, a disease that threatens one of the most basic human functions — the ability to produce healthy babies. The usual political gridlock is playing a role, but there's something else that few people acknowledge: Zika is perceived as a disease of the south, mostly affecting people of color. The media have bombarded us with images of brown babies with microcephaly who live in the Caribbean and Latin America. Our Congress, which is dominated by an increasingly anti-immigrant party, may not feel a sense of urgency to respond to this evolving tragedy.

[EXCLUSIVE: Driver rapes 21-year-old NYU student after picking her up in Midtown](#)

DAILY NEWS - Rocco Parascandola

A 21-year-old New York University student was raped over the weekend by a man she believed to be a cab driver, officials said. The woman told police she had gone out for the evening about 10 p.m. Friday, sources said. Around 1 a.m. on Saturday, she hailed a van that she thought was a cab on 33rd St. in Midtown. Police could not say definitively Tuesday whether it was a cab or just a regular vehicle.

[Rikers officer admits he covered for ex-guard charged with beating inmate to death](#)

DAILY NEWS - Victoria Bekiempis

A Rikers correction officer on Tuesday copped to covering up an inmate's death at the hands of a co-worker. Byron Taylor, 32, admitted to obstructing the investigation into the December 2012 death of Ronald Spear after a beating from Correction Officer Brian Coll — and then lying about the incident in front of a federal grand jury.

[NYC councilman pushing for bill to punish ATV drivers with fines up to \\$500](#)

DAILY NEWS - Erin Durkin

All-terrain vehicle drivers like the one who ran over a cop in Brooklyn this weekend could face jacked up penalties under a bill being pushed in the City Council. Councilman Andrew Cohen's legislation would slap anyone who drives an ATV on city streets or parks with a \$500 fine — and allow the NYPD to seize the potentially dangerous vehicles.

[Bronx DA to open satellite office on Rikers Island; new unit will tackle long case delays](#)

DAILYNEWS - Reuven Blau

The Bronx District Attorney's Office is opening a satellite office on Rikers Island to expedite criminal cases against inmates and officers. The office is located next to the Robert N. Davoren Complex at the lockup by the East River. The new bureau comes in response to complaints about how multiple criminal cases in the troubled city jail system languished for weeks without charges filed.

[Calls about suspicious packages more than double NYC's usual rate following Chelsea terrorism](#)

DAILY NEWS - Rocco Parascandola

New Yorkers have seen something and said something — more than 400 times in the aftermath of the Chelsea bombing, police said Tuesday. On a typical day, when the city is not recovering from a terror attack, police log about 90 to 100 suspicious package calls. But in under 48 hours — from the explosion on W. 23rd St. at 8:30 p.m. Saturday to 4 p.m. Monday — jittery New Yorkers called in their sightings 406 times.

[Decomposed body found in crate at Bronx marina](#)

NY POST – Amanda Woods

Cops are investigating a decomposed body that turned up inside of a crate at a Bronx marina early on Tuesday. The body was found in a crate at the Locust Point Marina on Reynolds Avenue at about 12:15 p.m. Police did not immediately know whether it was a male or female body, or how the person died. The city Medical Examiner's office will determine the cause of death.

[More New Yorkers apply for emergency grants to stay in their homes: report](#)

NY POST – Yoav Gonen

The number of New Yorkers applying for emergency grants to stay in their homes is skyrocketing — as the number of people staying in homeless shelters reached an all-time high last weekend, records show. There were 82,306 applications for one-time emergency grants to prevent evictions in fiscal 2016, up 26 percent from 65,138 requests the previous year, according to the Mayor's Management Report.

The city's fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30. Without the aid — which comes from city funds and was approved in roughly two-thirds of the cases — even more families would likely have entered the shelter system.....Officials at the Department of Homeless Services argue there isn't a direct correlation between evictions and the homeless-shelter population because people enter the system for numerous reasons, including leaving doubled-up apartments.

[Chelsea bombing suspect's wife left US days before attack](#)

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POST – Jamie Schram, Tina Moore, Yaron Steinbuch

The wife of the Afghan immigrant suspected in the New York and New Jersey bombings left the US for Pakistan just a few days before the attacks, according to reports. The woman, who has not been named, has been intercepted by authorities in the United Arab Emirates, the Los Angeles Times reported. Officials are working with authorities in Pakistan and the United Arab Emirates to question her about what she knew about her husband's plans, a law enforcement source told CNN.“They're going to look at friends, family, go through all of his records and social media, his phones

and we'll see if he acted alone," New York Police Commissioner James O'Neill said Tuesday morning on CBS' "This Morning."

[Rikers guard admits he helped cover up inmate's fatal beating](#)

NY POST - Lia Eustachewich

A Rikers Island guard admitted Tuesday to covering up and lying about the brutal beating of an inmate, who died after being repeatedly punched and kicked in the head by another officer. Byron Taylor, 32, pleaded guilty in Manhattan federal court to obstruction of justice and perjury charges for lying to a federal grand jury about the death of Ronald Spear. "I knew what I was doing was illegal and wrong," Taylor told Judge Loretta Preska. "Since my arrest, I've been doing everything to try to make this right and move forward in life. Today is me accepting responsibility for my wrongdoings."

[Manhattan bomb threats deemed false alarms](#)

NY POST - Tina Moore, Natalie Musumeci

The NYPD's bomb squad was dispatched to investigate suspicious packages at two separate locations in Chelsea and the East Village on Tuesday — and both were deemed false alarms, police sources said. Cops checked out the potential threat at West 26th Street near 10th Avenue after a 911 call was made at 10:53 a.m., sources said. Minutes later, the bomb squad was also dispatched to Avenue A and East 12th Street for another report of a suspicious package, sources said. Both packages were deemed safe, police said.

[Chelsea bombing suspect's wife and mother left US days before attack](#)

NY POST - Jamie Schram, Tina Moore, Yaron Steinbuch

The wife and mother of the Afghan immigrant suspected in the New York and New Jersey bombings left the US for the Middle East just a few days before the attacks, according to reports.

..."They're going to look at friends, family, go through all of his records and social media, his phones and we'll see if he acted alone," New York Police Commissioner James O'Neill said Tuesday morning on CBS' "This Morning."

[NYU student says she was raped by cabbie](#)

NY POST - Tina Moore, Daniel Prendergast, Natalie Musumeci

A 21-year-old New York University student was raped by a cabbie early Saturday after a night out with friends in Manhattan, police said Tuesday. The victim was out partying at Tavern29 in Murray Hill before hailing a cab about a block away at East 29th Street between Fifth and Madison avenues sometime between midnight and 1 a.m., she told cops, according to sources.

[Talk of 7 train to Secaucus resurfaces in Port Authority study](#)

POLITICO NY - Dana Rubinstein

As West Side politicians and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey fight over the fate of a new bus terminal on Manhattan's west side, the Port is expected to release the results of its bus terminal design competition this week. Sources say that some of the designs for the multi-billion facility call for a modular structure, while others would have it built underground.

[Signaling a truce, Port Authority and West Side officials announce 'comprehensive planning process'](#)

POLITICO NY - Dana Rubinstein

The Port Authority and the West Side elected officials who have been engaged in a protracted battle over plans for a new bus terminal in Midtown Manhattan appear to have signed some sort of peace treaty. On Tuesday morning, they issued a joint statement endorsing "a new expanded, comprehensive planning process," one that allows for the consideration of "potential temporary and additional bus facility sites" and takes into account "how a new bus facility should be integrated with current and future regional transportation assets."

[Former Rikers Island correction officer pleads guilty in cover-up of inmate's death](#)

POLITICO NY - Gloria Pazmino, Colby Hamilton

A former Rikers Island correction officer pleaded guilty Tuesday to helping cover up the death of an inmate who was beaten by a co-worker. Byron Taylor, 32, admitted to perjury, conspiracy to obstruct an investigation and lying to a federal grand jury after the death of Ronald Spear, a pre-trial detainee at Rikers Island who was beaten by correction officer Brian Coll in 2012.

[\[PRO\] Council members rewrite waste cap bill, but industry is wary](#)

POLITICO NY - David Giambusso

[Q&A: NYC Health Commissioner Dr. Mary Bassett Still Hears the Voices of Her Patients](#)

NY OBSERVER – Jillian Jorgensen

Dr. Mary Bassett doesn't just talk the talk at press conferences; she walks the walk. The woman who calmed the city's jangled nerves when Ebola was diagnosed here spent years in Africa caring for patients during the AIDS crisis. Charged now with battling an opioid epidemic, as a young doctor at Harlem Hospital she once discovered her own intern being admitted with an overdose—and she described in detail how she injected life-saving Narcan directly into his jugular. Dr. Bassett even takes her own medical advice: When the Observer met her in the Health Department's headquarters, a Band-Aid on her shoulder covered the injection site of a flu shot she had received that morning.

[Editorial: The Right Man for New York's Toughest Job](#)

NY OBSERVER - Editorial Board

NYC Commissioner of Correction Joseph Ponte delivered a speech on Friday. It was the same day that six Rikers guards were sentenced to prison for the 2012 beating of an inmate and in the shadow of former Chief Judge Lippman's commission assessing the future of the prison island. In his introduction of Ponte, the host, New York Law School professor Ross Sandler—who was Mayor Koch's cleanup transportation commissioner—described the role of correction commissioner as “the toughest job in New York.” Ponte's no-nonsense, no-hedging talk made it clear that description was not an exaggeration.

[Editorial: Have You No Shame, Jimmy Van Bramer?](#)

NY OBSERVER - Editorial Board

Last week the Observer railed against the unlegislated veto power given to City Council members over proposed projects in their districts. It is an informal agreement of “I'll scratch your back, you scratch mine” between members. It is ostensibly intended to give Council members more leverage when negotiating with developers and businesses wanting to locate a project in a member's district. All too often, it is used to enforce NIMBY parochialism.

[Official proposal released for world's first underground park](#)

METRO - 6sqft

Just a couple months ago, the NYC Economic Development Corporation granted preliminary approvals to the Lowline, the world's first underground park. This came after the city put out a Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI) late last year for the 60,000-square-foot abandoned trolley terminal below Delancey Street. The Lowline proposal was the only one received, and initially the 154-page document was only to be publicly available through a Freedom of Information Law request, but the group worked with the EDC to release it to the community. The Lo-Down got a look at the document, which reveals everything from the projected cost of the project (\$83 million) and operating hours (6am to 9pm, five days a week) to specific design elements like a “ramble” and 1,600-square-foot cafe/bar.

[Cops rescue apparent suicidal man from Hudson River](#)

METRO - Cristabelle Tumola

A man who jumped into the water near Battery Park City early Tuesday morning was rescued by police after he apparently tried to take his own life, authorities said. Two officers with the NYPD's Critical Response Command were alerted at about 1:20 a.m. that there was a man in the water near 50 Battery Pl. Officers Rajub Bhowmik and Ismael Mercedes both responded to the South Cove Park, where they found a 49-year-old man struggling in the water.

[Chelsea bombing investigation: NYPD seeks men who found bag with second device](#)

AM NY - Reuters

Police investigating the bombing in Chelsea over the weekend said on Monday they wanted to question two men who appeared to stumble over the second device made from a pressure cooker that had been left inside a bag lying on a city street. In a lucky break that helped authorities to thwart a second detonation on Saturday, the men walked away with the bag after taking out what turned out to be a homemade bomb and leaving it exposed on the pavement on West 27th Street. Police discovered the device soon after a bomb exploded four blocks away on West 23rd Street and left 29 people injured. The two men, caught on surveillance video footage, are considered potential witnesses, not suspects, in the bombing, said NYPD Chief of Detectives Robert Boyce.

[Want to report drug activity? You can use D.A.'s tip line.](#)

SI ADVANCE - Irene Spezzamonte

If you see something, say something. That is District Attorney Michael E. McMahon's advice to Staten Islanders who want to report information they might know regarding drug-dealing activities.

[Live Updates: NYPD 123rd Precinct Community Council meeting](#)

SI ADVANCE - Paul Liotta

The NYPD's 123rd Precinct is holding its monthly community council meeting Tuesday night. The public meeting will be at Virgin Mary & St. George Coptic Orthodox Church at 190 Main St. at 7:30 p.m. Check back here in the comment section here for live updates from the meeting.

[Editorial: Don't pass up chance to have a say on how your taxes are spent](#)

SI ADVANCE - Editorial Board

It's called "participatory budgeting" and it gives community residents a direct say in how tax dollars are spent. For the first time on Staten Island, North Shore residents will have that opportunity Tuesday and Thursday evening. We all know that it's easy to complain about how the city spends our hard-earned money, but here's an opportunity to turn that around and be involved in the decision-making. Councilwoman Debi Rose is the first to conduct these sessions on Staten Island, and we commend that decision. We also think our South Shore and Mid-Island representatives should reconsider their decisions not to employ the process.

[TriBeCa Traffic Agent Punched in Face, Left With Bloody Nose, Police Say](#)

DNA INFO - Irene Plagianos

An NYPD traffic agent was left with a bloody nose after getting into an argument with a man on Canal Street, police said. The 51-year-old traffic agent told police that his assailant got riled up over "instructions" he'd given him and they got into a dispute on Canal Street and Sixth Avenue at about 7 p.m. on Sept. 17, according to authorities.

[Red Hook Project Seeks Volunteers to Check on Neighbors Ahead of Crises](#)

DNA INFO - Nikhita Venugopal

A new initiative is looking to create a neighborhood support system of volunteers to help Red Hook's senior and infirm residents in times of need.

...The deadly storm swept through Red Hook in Oct. 2012 and left a devastating impact on the neighborhood as most tenants of NYCHA's Red Hook Houses lost electricity and heat for weeks.

[Uptown Youth Aren't All 'Angels,' New 33rd Precinct Council President Says](#)

DNA INFO - Carolina Pichardo

An uptown community board meeting to discuss a recent event to connect the NYPD with community youth devolved into a shouting match after the newly elected head of the area's precinct community council warned that all young people uptown aren't "angels."

[St. John's Terminal-Pier 40 Deal May Be In Jeopardy, Report Says](#)

DNA INFO - Danielle Tcholakian

The deal to save Pier 40 and develop a five-building complex of retail, condos and affordable housing across from it may be in jeopardy due to the flagging residential market and the lapsing of the 421-a tax incentive, according to a report in Crain's New York.

...The City Planning Commission held a hearing on the development plan last month, and is expected to vote on the project — and potentially demand changes to it — by Oct. 17, before it moves on to review by the City Council.

[Block of W. 23rd Street Partially Opens as Bomb Probe Continues](#)

DNA INFO - Maya Rajamani

A neighborhood restaurant and hotel pitched in to provide free rooms and meals to residents affected by Saturday's explosion on West 23rd Street, as the block remained closed most of Monday for the ongoing investigation into the bombing that injured 29 people.

[Cadman Plaza Park Maintenance Building to Become Food Stand, City Says](#)

DNA INFO - Alexandra Leon

The city is looking for a food vendor to serve healthy, ethnically diverse cuisine from a forthcoming concession stand at Cadman Plaza Park. The Department of Parks and Recreation released a request for proposals (RFP) Monday for a cafe

operator to take over the maintenance building at Tillary Street and Cadman Plaza West for the concession stand. The new concession stand operator would be responsible for restoring the one-story, 450-square-foot building that's currently used by parks maintenance staff.

[Correction Officer Pleads Guilty to Covering Up Death of Rikers Inmate](#)

DNA INFO - Eddie Small

A correction officer pleaded guilty to helping cover up the death of an inmate at Rikers Island, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office. Ronald Spear was suffering from renal disease while awaiting trial at Rikers Island on Dec. 19, 2012, when he left his housing area early in the morning to see a doctor, according to law enforcement. He was stopped outside of the doctor's office by a correction officer and told the doctor was not available to see him, after which Spear and officers began fighting and he was pronounced dead at the scene soon after, the U.S. Attorney's Office said.

[Tenants Demand Repairs at Bronx Building Run by City's 'Worst Landlord'](#)

DNA INFO - Eddie Small

Tenants in one of the buildings run by the city's number one "worst landlord" say they are dealing with problems ranging from a rusty bathtub to a ceiling that is in danger of collapse — and that requests for repairs go unanswered. "They just come and paint. That is all. They don't do anything else," said Mohamed Gafur, who lives at 825 Gerard Ave. in the South Bronx. "No repairs. They just paint. That is all."

... His 11 buildings and 720 units have racked up 2,369 violations, according to the public Advocate. The building at 825 Gerard Ave. currently has 15 open violations with the Department of Buildings and 226 open violations with the Department of Housing Preservation and Development.

[NYPD Receives More Than 400 Suspicious Package Calls After Chelsea Bombing](#)

DNA INFO - Ben Fractenberg

The NYPD has received more than 400 calls for suspicious packages since the Chelsea bombing Saturday night, police said. Authorities received 406 calls between 8:30 p.m. Saturday, just after a bomb exploded on Sixth Avenue and 23rd Street, and 4 p.m. Monday. The NYPD averages 90 to 100 suspicious package calls on a typical day, the New York Daily News reported.

[Bring Back Full Women's Hours at Metropolitan Pool, Swimmers Say](#)

DNA INFO - Gwynne Hogan

A group of Hasidic women are calling on the city to reinstate the full female-only swim time at the Metropolitan Recreation Center, after the Parks Department announced it would be cutting it from four days to two. The swimmers have circulated a petition calling the limited single-sex pool time an "insult to women who still want to hang onto the right morals." "We respectfully ask the Parks Department to restore at once the full hours that we previously had, to insure the health and well being of the community who have no other resource for recreation & health," the Sept. 14 petition states.

Local News:

[Ahmad Khan Rahami Charged in New York and New Jersey Bombings](#)

NY TIMES – Marc Santora, Adam Goldman

The man who the authorities say set off powerful bombs in Manhattan and on the Jersey Shore over the weekend planned the attacks for months, conducted a dry run just days before unleashing his assault and took inspiration from "Brother Osama bin Laden" and other international terrorists, according to a criminal complaint filed in federal court on Tuesday. The man, Ahmad Khan Rahami, 28, was charged with several crimes, including use of weapons of mass destruction and bombing a place of public use, and the criminal complaint against him outlines how close the attacks came to causing death and even more destruction.

[Retracing a Suspect's Journey: From a Bomb Site to a Quiet Doorway](#)

NY TIMES – Rick Rojas

A few minutes after 7 o'clock, the evening sky over the train station, which was just the color of Tang, has settled to a deep purple. The rain that fell during the day on Monday has relented, finally. But the air is still sticky. Very, very sticky. Every so often, a flood of people descend the stairs of the station here, arriving on trains from Newark and New York City, and scatter onto the plaza underneath and into the streets, swiftly clearing away. A much smaller crowd is left hanging back. They are waiting around the platform for the next train, or sitting on benches, one group talking trash about

someone they all know who is not there. Several men have sneaked off to a dark crevice to drink beer, invisible until their aluminum cans clink against the pavement, giving away their location.

[Bombing Suspect's Hometown Is a Magnet for Immigrants](#)

NY TIMES – Liz Robbins

Along the commercial corridor of Elmora Avenue, Salvadoran pupusas are sold next to kosher California rolls and across the street from a salon where three Colombians, a Cuban and a Uruguayan cut hair. Past Las Américas Bakery, the owner of another salon is the proud daughter of southern Italian immigrants. And on that same street, which decades ago used to be populated by Orthodox Jews, there stands an outlier: First American Fried Chicken, owned and operated by the Rahami family, immigrants from Afghanistan.

[Minimum-Wage Rift May Lead to Competing Pay Scales at New York Area's Airports](#)

NY TIMES – Patrick McGeehan

The governors of New York and New Jersey have staked out such starkly different positions on the minimum wage that their discord could result in uneven pay scales for thousands of workers at the airports that serve New York City. Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo of New York, a Democrat, has fully embraced a union-backed campaign for a \$15 minimum wage, but Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey, a Republican, vetoed a bill that would have raised his state's minimum wage to \$15.

[In a Fictional Pub, a Tale of a Bombing. A Block Away, a Very Real Explosion.](#)

NY TIMES – Jim Dwyer

The curtain had gone up on the play "Quietly" about 25 minutes earlier. On stage, two middle-aged men in a pub, Jimmy and Ian, spoke about the atrocities they had lived through. They sat at a bar that was the portrait of ordinariness, a place no one would have given a second thought or glance. "You look younger than me — life done you less damage," Jimmy said. "We've seen the same thing," said Ian. At that instant, a tremendous bang echoed through the theater. The stage shook, the seats trembled. Was it the thunderclap of a late summer night? Perhaps a sound effect?

[Fort Lee Officials Recall Chaos and Turmoil as Lanes to Bridge Were Closed](#)

NY TIMES – Kate Zernike, Noah Remnick

Almost as soon as Chris Christie was sworn in as governor of New Jersey in 2010, his administration began an elaborate courtship of Mayor Mark Sokolich of Fort Lee. There were private tours of ground zero for the mayor and his cousins, free tickets to the governor's box at Giants football games, a ceremonial flag from the World Trade Center site, and money for firefighting equipment and shuttle buses in Fort Lee. The governor went to Fort Lee to tape a national television talk show at the town's high school; invited the mayor to his Christmas cocktail party; and had him over for an intimate lunch in the private dining room at the governor's mansion, which Mr. Sokolich called "a bucket-list item for a small-town mayor."

[Donald Trump Stands by Chris Christie Despite Revelations in Bridge Closing Trial](#)

NY TIMES – Maggie Haberman

When Donald J. Trump campaigned in South Carolina in December, in a crowded and tightening Republican primary, he made a pointed declaration about one of his opponents, Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey. "He totally knew about it," Mr. Trump told his supporters, referring to the 2013 shutdown of the George Washington Bridge by Christie aides, allegedly to punish a political foe. "They're with him all the time, the people that did it." Mr. Christie, who was not charged, has repeatedly denied such claims. But in a federal courthouse in Newark on Monday, a prosecutor from the United States attorney's office affirmed Mr. Trump's view of the scandal, which helped scuttle Mr. Christie's hopes for the presidency.

[Video Caps State's Case in Trial Over Potsdam Boy's Killing](#)

NY TIMES – Jesse McKinley, Natasha Haverty

Banking their hopes on an array of circumstantial evidence, prosecutors in the murder trial of an upstate boy rested their case on Tuesday after showing a video of the suspect's car in proximity to the boy as he was heading home, minutes before the fatal attack. The state has characterized that surveillance video as the most critical piece of evidence linking Oral Nicholas Hillary to the strangulation of the boy, 12-year-old Garrett Phillips, in his mother's apartment in nearby Potsdam in October 2011.

[Terrorism-Insurance Picture Is Uncertain in Chelsea](#)

WSJ – Leslie Scism, Mara Gay

While many Americans consider the bomb that went off Saturday in New York City to be terrorism, some property owners who sustained damage have reason to shy away from that term when it comes to insurance. So far, it appears that the damage from the blast was contained to a limited area near where the device detonated in Manhattan's Chelsea neighborhood. That means property owners will have less to repair, and they may have less reason to worry about the potentially costly complexities of a federal terrorism-insurance law.

[New Port Authority Bus Depot for West Side Gets a Boost](#)

WSJ – Josh Barbanel

Plans for a new bus terminal on Manhattan's West Side have inched forward after a group of elected officials in New York City agreed in a joint statement that the \$10 billion replacement depot was needed. But in exchange, the officials won a commitment for "a new expanded, comprehensive planning process" for the mammoth project, according to the statement. They said that process could force the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which operates the bus terminal, to go back to the drawing board and consider other options, including other bus facilities, along with overall regional transportation needs.

[A Fizzy Favorite Makes a Comeback](#)

WSJ – Charles Passy

PepsiCo Inc. on Wednesday is opening a shrine to its signature flavor. But the Meatpacking District bar, Kola House, won't feature Pepsi in its drinks. Instead it plans to use the kola nut, incorporating it into cocktails such as the Curcuma, billed as an "enhancing appetizer of African and arabesque aromatics" with turmeric, lemon and honeydew, and the Kola Love, a "dessert elixir and libido enhancer" with red wine, vanilla and whipped cream. "We like to give people a flavor experience they haven't had before," said Kola House "flavor chemist" Alex Ott, who trained as a biochemist in Germany.

[Meals Delivered, Stories Told](#)

WSJ – Ralph Gardner Jr.

Living on the fourth floor of a walk-up can be challenging at any age, but particularly for James Romeo, an 82-year-old who has lived in the same East 78th Street apartment for over 40 years. "I have trouble with that," Mr. Romeo acknowledged as he sat in his bedroom one morning last week. It was crammed with antique cameras, a career's worth of his work as a professional photographer, and shelves whose books suggested a lively intellect. "I work my way up and down," he said.

[Retrial in Patz Case Puts Potential Jurors' Views in Play](#)

WSJ – Thomas Macmillan

Hundreds of New Yorkers have filed into a Manhattan courthouse in the past week as attorneys search for the 12 jurors who will hear the retrial of Pedro Hernandez, the man accused of killing 6-year-old Etan Patz in 1979. Attorneys on both sides of the retrial declined to comment on jury selection. But lawyers and legal experts following the case, as well as one of the jurors in the first trial, have made predictions as to the kinds of people they are likely to consider. The defense may hope to find another juror like the lone holdout who last year said the evidence didn't convince him that Mr. Hernandez is guilty, forcing a mistrial. The prosecutors could seek team players who would be swayed by the emotional nature of the evidence.

[Fort Lee Mayor Testifies in Bridge Trial](#)

WSJ – Corinne Ramey

The office of Chris Christie wooed the mayor of Fort Lee, N.J., with football tickets and lunch before the mayor declined to endorse the Republican governor for re-election, setting off what prosecutors say was a plot to close lanes at the George Washington Bridge as payback for the snub. "That's a bucket-list item for a small-town mayor to be able to have lunch with a governor," Mayor Mark Sokolich testified Tuesday at the trial of two former Christie associates charged with helping carry out the lane closures.

[Court to Hear Appeal of Education Ruling](#)

WSJ – Joseph de avila

The Connecticut Supreme Court agreed Tuesday to hear an appeal of a lower-court ruling that ordered the state to overhaul how it funds public-school education. Superior Court Judge Thomas Moukawsher's ruling earlier this month

found that the state's funding program for public schools violated the state constitution. The state attorney general's office asked the high court last week to review the ruling.

[Student Debt Doubled in the Past Decade](#)

WSJ - Associated Press

New York state residents owe a combined \$82 billion in student loan debt, a figure that has more than doubled in the past decade. The numbers released Tuesday by state Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli show the number of borrowers and the amount they owe increased sharply as the cost of higher education went up. The state now has 2.8 million borrowers, who each owe an average of \$32,200.

[New Area Code 838 Added to 518 Region](#)

WSJ - Associated Press

New York regulators say the new telephone area code that will be added to eastern New York's 518 region will be 838. The Public Service Commission last week approved the "overlay" in the 17-county region to meet demand for new phone numbers. Existing numbers will keep the 518 area code and new ones will begin with 838.

[Swastika surfaces in Long Island Rail Road train](#)

DAILY NEWS – Daniel Good, Graham Rayman

Authorities are trying to figure out who carved a swastika into a seat on a Long Island Rail Road train. The offensive symbol was carved at some point before a photo of it was tweeted by commuter Jake Adler at about 5 p.m. Monday. "This is a new one @LIRR swastika carved into seat in car 7170 511 train to FR (Far Rockaway)," Adler tweeted. "This goes way beyond poor service."

[Chelsea bombing victim rips 'despicable' terror suspect Ahmad Rahami, says injured son is afraid to leave house](#)

DAILY NEWS – Edgar Sandoval, Denis Slattery

Tsitsi Merritt, one of the 29 people who miraculously walked away from the Chelsea bombing with minor injuries, had some harsh words for the man accused of orchestrating the attack. "He's a terrorist," Merritt said Tuesday of suspected bomber Ahmad Rahami. "I would tell him he's a sorry excuse for a human being. He's despicable." Merritt was wrapping up a quiet Saturday night out with her 10-year-old son Josenauld Apollon when the back window of her Honda Fit was shattered into a million pieces and she felt the heat and concussion of the blast. The 42-year-old mom had just made a u-turn on 23rd St., near Sixth Ave., ready to head home to Brooklyn, when the homemade pressure cooker bomb detonated behind a nearby Dumpster.

[Suspected J'Ouvert shooter's lawyer says grand jury rushed to indict his client in 'witch hunt'](#)

DAILY NEWS – Molly Crane Newman, Christina Carrega-Woodby

The lawyer for a Brooklyn man indicted in the killing of an aspiring accountant during the J'Ouvert celebration says his client was denied a fair shake before a grand jury. Last week, a Brooklyn grand jury indicted Reginald Moise, 20, in the second-degree murder of Tiarah Poyau, 22, on Sept. 5.

Calls about suspicious packages more than double NYC's usual rate following Chelsea terrorism

DAILY NEWS – Rocco Parascandola

New Yorkers have seen something and said something — more than 400 times in the aftermath of the Chelsea bombing, police said Tuesday. On a typical day, when the city is not recovering from a terror attack, police log about 90 to 100 suspicious package calls. But in under 48 hours — from the explosion on W. 23rd St. at 8:30 p.m. Saturday to 4 p.m. Monday — jittery New Yorkers called in their sightings 406 times.

[New Port Authority bus terminal plan gets approval from West Side pols](#)

DAILY NEWS – Dan Rivoli

West Side pols have agreed to put at least part of a new Port Authority Bus Terminal in their backyard, according to a statement from the officials and the agency on Tuesday. The deal to open up the planning process to the community and keep the terminal in Manhattan was called a "win-win" by State Sen. Brad Hoylman (D-Manhattan). "We always realized that a new terminal had to be built and part of it had to be on the West Side," he told the Daily News, adding that Manhattan officials had not committed to building the entire terminal in the area. "At least a major component, of course, has to be on the West Side," he said.

[Editorial: Enemy of good sense: The deeply misguided calls by Donald Trump and others to treat Ahmad Khan Rahami as an enemy combatant](#)

DAILY NEWS – Staff

The surest way for politicians to sound like they know how to protect the homeland from terror is to call for declaring the likes of the Chelsea bomber an enemy combatant. To do so in this case, under the facts as they now appear, would be a gross and counterproductive abuse of presidential power. No surprise: Donald Trump cavalierly labeled Ahmad Khan Rahami as an enemy combatant while betraying typical ignorance about grave issues of national security and the Constitution.

[Suspected bomber Ahmad Khan Rahami's dad says the FBI cleared his son in 2014 after he stabbed his brother](#)

DAILY NEWS - Chelsia Rose Marcius, Larry McShane

Don't blame the dad. The father of accused terrorist bomber Ahmad Khan Rahami says he contacted the feds in 2014 when his son turned violent after he returned to New Jersey from a trip to Afghanistan. "Two years ago, I called the FBI," Mohammad Rahami said Tuesday outside his First American Fried Chicken takeout restaurant. "My son, he's doing really bad, OK?"

[Student debt has more than doubled for New Yorkers in past 10 years](#)

DAILY NEWS - Glenn Blain

Student debt carried by New Yorkers has more than doubled over the past decade, state Controller Thomas DiNapoli revealed Tuesday. DiNapoli's report found that New Yorkers' total student debt jumped from \$39 billion in 2006 to \$82 billion in 2015, an increase of 112%. The average New Yorker with college loans owed \$32,200 in 2015, higher than the national average of \$29,700 and an increase of 47% over the past decade.

[Bombing suspect charged by feds in blast that rocked Chelsea](#)

NY POST – Lia Eustachewich

Federal charges have been unsealed against Chelsea bombing suspect Ahmad Rahami in a complaint that provides eerie new details behind the weekend terror attacks — including that he ubought some of the bomb supplies on eBay. Rahami, 28, is charged with four counts — use of weapons of mass destruction, bombing a place of public use, destruction of property by means of fire or explosive and use of a destructive device during and in furtherance of a crime of violence, according to the complaint that was unsealed Tuesday in Manhattan federal court.

[All electric Formula car race slated for Brooklyn](#)

NY POST – Rich Calder

It's known worldwide as a haven for hipsters, but Brooklyn is about to boast another claim to fame — the first city borough to host a high-speed championship car race. Officials plan to announce Wednesday that the 15-acre Brooklyn Cruise Terminal in Red Hook will be the site of the FIA Formula E Championship racing series on July 29 and 30, 2017. In keeping with Brooklyn's sensibilities, all the cars are electric.

[Attacks on the elderly becoming a trend after incident in Brooklyn](#)

NY POST – Amanda Woods

In a continuing string of attacks on the elderly, a man assaulted a 72-year-old woman in broad daylight and snatched her purse in Brooklyn, police said Tuesday. The victim was at Avenue T and East Second Street in Midwood on Sept. 13 at about 11:05 a.m. when the thug knocked her to the ground from behind, punched her in the face and snatched her purse containing \$5,000, cops said. The woman suffered facial cuts.

[Chelsea Diners are eating at home](#)

NY POST – Lisa Fickenscher

New Yorkers have been slow to return to some of their favorite haunts in Chelsea after last Saturday night's harrowing experience. Since the bomb exploded on West 23rd Street, some neighborhood restaurants have seen a steep drop-off in customers. Tres Carnes, a Tex-Mex fast-casual eatery located a block away from the explosion, on West 22nd Street, has seen business fall by 50 percent since Saturday, said owner Michael Sinesky. The Juice Shop next door has seen a similar decline, while nearby Flavors Café has not seen many of its regular customers return, an employee said.

['I called the FBI 2 years ago!': Chelsea bombing suspect's dad](#)

POST- Kevin Sheehan, Yaron Steinbuch

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The father of bombing suspect

Ahmad Khan Rahami said Tuesday morning that he had called the FBI on his son. After closing his New Jersey fried chicken restaurant, Mohammad Rahami was asked by reporters whether he had called the feds on his son. “Yes, I called the FBI,” he said as he drove off in his Chevy Suburban after speaking with FBI agents in Elizabeth, where he lives above his First American Fried Chicken joint.

[How hero bar owner helped cops catch Chelsea bombing suspect](#)

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NY POST – Reuven Fenton, Larry Celona, Bruce

As thousands of cops hunted for a terrorist who planted 10 bombs from the Jersey Shore to Chelsea and succeeded in detonating two of them, their suspect was hiding in plain sight outside a dank New Jersey pub. He was “sleeping like a baby,” said mechanic Chris Ricco, who thought Afghan immigrant Ahmad Khan Rahami was a bum when he spotted him in the doorway of Merdie’s Tavern in Linden around 10:30 a.m. Bar owner Harinder “Harry” Bains roused Rahami, 28, from his slumber — only to get cursed out by the country’s most-wanted fugitive.

[‘I called the FBI 2 years ago!’: Chelsea bombing suspect’s dad](#)

NY POST - Kevin Sheehan, Yaron Steinbuch, Jamie Schram

Ahmad Rahami’s father told authorities two years ago that his son was a terrorist — prompting the feds to investigate the future New York and New Jersey bombing suspect, The New York Times reported Tuesday. It also emerged that during his shootout with cops Monday, Rahami was carrying a notebook containing his pro-jihadist writings, including a reference to slain al-Qaeda terrorist Anwar al-Awlaki, a law enforcement source told The Post.

[State-approved medical marijuana company falters amid 'financial constraints'](#)

POLITICO NY - Dan Goldberg

One of the five organizations approved by Gov. Andrew Cuomo's administration to grow and distribute medical marijuana is facing “financial constraints” that could threaten the state's nascent program, which was created by legislation passed in 2014. The firm, Bloomfield Industries, has for the past several months been seeking investors who could help recapitalize the company, including MedMen, a California consulting firm with a \$100 million venture capital arm.

[Mohawk Valley Health Systems issued RFP for new Utica hospital](#)

POLITICO NY - Josefa Velasquez

Mohawk Valley Health Systems on Tuesday announced it had issued a Request for Proposals from architects, engineers and construction managers to begin the design and construction of a new hospital in Utica, but has encountered some delays with the site. The health system has sent information about the project to 14 architects, 11 engineers and seven construction management firms, according to a press release.

[PSC cites 3 energy service companies for deceptive practices](#)

POLITICO NY - Scott Waldman

The state Public Service Commission has cited three energy service companies for deceptive practices, including signing up customers for services they did not know they were receiving, failing to cancel contracts upon request and misrepresenting themselves as being from the local utility.

[New dispute emerges in wage fight between real estate, unions](#)

POLITICO NY - Sally Goldenberg

The ongoing feud between developers and construction unions over wage mandates, which peaked with the expiration of the 421-a property tax break, has expanded to include groups that negotiate labor deals on behalf of contractors. A top official at the city's real estate trade group told POLITICO the president of the Building Contractors Association admitted to supporting a multi-million-dollar campaign to promote the position of unions battling developers over the extension of 421-a last year.

[Brooklyn councilman calls for a 'freight-capable' Gateway, setting off a political spat](#)

POLITICO NY - Dana Rubinstein

If the feds and the states are going to spend billions of dollars to build a new, two-track tunnel under the Hudson River, they might as well make it accessible to both passenger and freight trains. Or so goes an argument advanced by Councilman David Greenfield of Brooklyn, who, together with 12 other elected officials, has sent a letter to U.S. transportation secretary Anthony Foxx, Amtrak president Charles Moorman, and NJ Transit interim executive director Dennis Martin, arguing that the new Gateway tunnel should be “freight-capable.”

[In Bridgegate trial, Sokolich details pressure to endorse Christie](#)

POLITICO NY - Ryan Hutchins

Fort Lee Mayor Mark Sokolich testified in U.S. District Court on Tuesday that an aide to Gov. Chris Christie repeatedly pressured him to endorse the Republican's re-election campaign, first telling him that other Democrats had done so before eventually asking directly for his support. The request by Matt Mowers, a staffer in the governor's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, came in the weeks leading up to the George Washington Bridge lane closures — as did the mayor's refusal to do so, Sokolich said on Tuesday as he took the stand in the trial around the George Washington Bridge scandal.

[Where the Assembly math stands, seven weeks before Election Day](#)

POLITICO NY - Bill Mahoney

The biannual elections for the Assembly almost always draw less interest than the Senate races that take place the same day. That's largely because the end result is a foregone conclusion. While the party that has won the most seats in the Senate has alternated each year since 2006, Democrats have controlled the Assembly since the post-Watergate races in 1974 and are unlikely to relinquish their advantage anytime soon.

[Hearing likely on Assembly poll disclosure dispute](#)

POLITICO NY - Jimmy Vielkind

A dispute in the race for a State Assembly seat in the North Country may lead the State Board of Elections to clarify state rules about releasing private campaign polls, election officials said. Risa Sugarman, the enforcement counsel for the State Board of Elections, on Monday sent an email to the campaign of Billy Jones asking the campaign to give her the full results of a private poll it shared with the Plattsburgh Press-Republican. It showed Jones, a Democrat, with a nine-point lead.

[Klein only State Democratic Committee vice chair candidate not to be approved](#)

POLITICO NY - Josefa Velasquez

As Sen. Jeff Klein and his Independent Democratic Conference amass power heading into the November elections, Democrats are still weary of the group of breakaway Democrats. At a Monday meeting of the New York State Democratic Committee in Buffalo, the executive board upheld a motion to block Klein, a Democrat from the Bronx, from being named as a vice chair of the committee.

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National News:

[Obama, in Farewell to U.N., Paints Stark Choices for Unsettled World](#)

NY TIMES – Mark Landler

It was President Obama's last appearance on the marble dais of the United Nations General Assembly hall, and his farewell speech on Tuesday revealed a man whose eye was fixed as much on the next seven weeks of the American political campaign as on his place in history. Mr. Obama delivered a stinging rebuke of those who would build walls, a message aimed at foreign leaders who he said had fueled rising nationalism, sectarian hatred and economic inequality — but, unmistakably, at Donald J. Trump, as well. “A nation ringed by walls would only imprison itself,” Mr. Obama said of the protectionist impulse to resist the forces of global integration. At another point, he declared to the packed chamber in New York, “the world is too small for us to simply be able to build a wall” to keep out extremists. Lest anyone miss the point, he said of the spreading Zika virus, “mosquitoes don't respect walls.”

[California Voters Face Choice: End Death Penalty, or Speed It Up](#)

NY TIMES – Jennifer Medina

Beth Webb remembers talking with friends at her sister's Christmas party several years ago, wondering aloud if she would support the death penalty if someone she knew were murdered. Then, in 2011, her sister, Laura Webb Elody, was killed along with seven other people as she worked at a hair salon in nearby Seal Beach. For weeks, Ms. Webb wanted revenge. And the local district attorney promised she would get it in the form of the death penalty. But five years later, the man who killed her sister and wounded her mother is still alive, and Ms. Webb is now helping to lead the campaign to abolish the death penalty here.

[Man Killed by Tulsa Police Posed No Threat, His Family Says](#)

NY TIMES – Timothy Williams, Manny Fernandez

The family of Terence Crutcher, an unarmed black man whose fatal confrontation with the Tulsa, Okla., police was recorded on video, said Tuesday that Mr. Crutcher had posed no threat and that his hands were in the air when he was shot. "We watch the video and it's clear to see that Terence did not have a weapon in his hand," a lawyer for the family, Damario Solomon-Simmons, said at a news conference Tuesday. "It's clear to see that Terence was not being belligerent." The shooting, the family and its lawyers said, was a clear case of excessive force.

International News:

[U.S. Officials Say Russia Probably Attacked U.N. Humanitarian Convoy](#)

NY TIMES – Eric Schmitt, Michael R. Gordon, Somini Sengupta

Russia was probably responsible for the deadly bombing of a United Nations humanitarian aid convoy in Syria, American officials said Tuesday, further shredding what remained of a severely weakened agreement between the United States and Russia aimed at halting the war. Aghast at the attack on Monday night, United Nations officials on Tuesday suspended all aid convoys in Syria, describing the bombing as a possible war crime and a cowardly act. The suspension was announced as the United Nations was convening its annual General Assembly meetings in New York, where the five-year-old Syria war has become the organization's most anguishing challenge.

[Canada Agrees to Talks on Extradition Treaty With China](#)

NY TIMES – Dan Levin

Canada has agreed to negotiate a bilateral extradition treaty with China, breaking with a longstanding opposition over concerns about China's lack of due process and other human rights violations, according to a joint communiqué quietly posted on the website of the Canadian prime minister's office. The announcement, which has prompted criticism by human rights advocates, came a day before Beijing deported a Canadian missionary, Kevin Garratt, who had been detained in China on espionage charges for more than two years. The government of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau last week denied that it had made any concessions for Mr. Garratt's release, though the timing has led many to believe the deportation was part of a deal that will also grant the Chinese authorities an official role in identifying Chinese nationals who entered Canada illegally.

[China Announces Inquiry Into Company Trading With North Korea](#)

NY TIMES – Jane Perlez, Chris Perez

The police in northeastern China have announced a criminal investigation into a Chinese conglomerate that does extensive trade with North Korea, which researchers in South Korea and the United States say included materials that can be used in the production of nuclear weapons. The Public Security Department of Liaoning Province said on a government website last week that the Hongxiang conglomerate, based in Dandong, a major trading center with North Korea, was suspected of "serious economic crimes."

[It's Not Like Hollywood: Why U.S. Airstrikes Go Awry](#)

NY TIMES – Mathew Rosenberg

If there is a single link between the wars fought by the United States in the Middle East and Afghanistan, it is the long list of errant airstrikes carried out by American warplanes. Weddings, funerals, hospitals and friendly forces have been mistakenly attacked, with each strike prompting fresh outrage. While most of those killed have been civilians — in Afghanistan alone, the United Nations recorded 1,243 civilians killed in airstrikes between 2009 and 2015 — American-led forces have repeatedly struck friendly forces. It is a pattern that was repeated last weekend with a pair of separate airstrikes in Syria and Afghanistan that have again cast a harsh spotlight on the seeming inability of the United States to avoid hitting the wrong targets in its air campaigns.

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