charter bus. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. This is the very first fatality in the history of the Citi Bike program with over 43,000,000 rides taken so far.

This incident is under investigation by the NYPD.

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Time: 3:15

ISSUES: Community

NJ MAN DISCOVERS BURIED POLICE BADGES IN FAMILY GARDEN

Jonathan Sapaden didn't know what to think when he found more than a dozen police badges buried under eight inches of dirt in the backyard of his parents' new home in Pohatcong, Warren County. The grouping included numbered Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office "Special Investigator" badges, likely made of tin, and one copper county detective badge. With the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office unwilling or unable to verify where the badges came from, Alex takes the case. Who buried these badges, and why? An exclusive mystery only on Chasing News!

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Time: 2:50

ISSUES: Community

CANAL STREET VENDOR CLAIMS TO HAVE STARTED FIDGET SPINNER CRAZE

Fidget spinners have taken over the shopper's paradise of Manhattan's Canal Street, where some say the Fidget craze began.

The tiny gadgets are everywhere, lining every storefront, highlighting what's become America's latest obsession. The prices vary from \$5 to \$30. Some play music, others light up. Fidget spinner users say they relieve stress and even help with symptoms of autism or arthritis. Chasing News spoke with store owner Pierre Nguyen, who says he was the first to bring them to Manhattan's bargain shoppers.

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Time: 3:10

ISSUES: Community

NJ LEAGUE PLAYS BASEBALL ACCORDING TO 1864 RULEBOOK

Gloves? Who needs gloves? The sporting gentleman of the Monmouth Furnace Baseball Club play the game according to the rules of 1864: no gloves, underhand pitching and one-bounce fly outs. Oh, and did we mention linen jerseys and period-accurate neckwear? At an event at the Parker Homestead in Little Silver, New Jersey the Monmouth Furnace Base Ball Club face off against the New York Mutuals in a Mid Atlantic Vintage Baseball League rivalry, with Chaser Brian Donohue suiting up and playing center field. By the end, Donohue is hooked on vintage baseball.

Date: June 13, 2017

Time: 1:40

ISSUES: Community / Government/Politics / Transportation

GOVERNOR CHRISTIE UNVEILS \$2.4 BILLION NEWARK AIRPORT RENOVATION PROJECT

NJ Governor Christie appeared at Newark Liberty International Airport on Tuesday, where he announced a \$2.4 billion improvement plan that he says will make the airport more "survivable" for passengers. Under the plan, Terminal A will be rebuilt and three roadway bridges will be constructed, connecting the terminal to the surrounding airport. Governor Christie says the project will update the airport with the infrastructure needs of the day, but he stopped short of promising a more enjoyable travel experience. Christie also discussed the recent controversy over Special Counsel, Robert Meuller, who was appointed to lead the FBI investigation into Russia's possible meddling in the 2016 election.

Date: June 13, 2017

Time: 3:05

ISSUES: Community

APOLLO THEATER CELEBRATES 12TH ANNUAL SPRING GALA

Chaser Ashley hit the red carpet for one of the biggest nights in Harlem on Monday, the 12th Annual Apollo Spring Gala at the historic Apollo Theater. The benefit-concert was hosted by comedian Cedric the Entertainer and featured musical performances by CeeLo Green and NBC's The Voice Finalist Wé McDonald. The honoree of the evening was Peabody Award-winning director and producer Stan Lathan who was the force behind shows like "The Steve Harvey

Show," "Def Comedy Jam," and Dave Chappelle's recent special, "Deep in the Heart of Texas." The event raised more than \$2.1 million which will support the Apollo Theater's artistic and community programming.

Date: June 14, 2017

Time: 3:35

ISSUES: Community

VIDEO CAPTURES MAN BEATING DRIVER CAUGHT IN STOLEN CAR

The owner of the Honda Civic was on his way to report his car stolen when he spotted someone driving it around West 28th Street and Avenue C. Bayonne police said the owner called to report someone driving in his car but continued to follow before cutting the car off to confront the driver himself. When the cars stopped, the owner snatched the driver, Ephraim Diaz out of the car and started beating him.

Date: June 14, 2017

Time: 2:45

ISSUES: Community

EAGLES HOPEFUL RASHAUN SLIGH GETS A CHANCE WITH THE PHILADELPHIA SOUL ARENA TEAM

Rashaun Sligh from Philadelphia, has been camped outside of the Philadelphia Eagles practice facility for the last week in hopes of getting a tryout. Wednesday was Rashaun's lucky day. While the Eagles didn't make an offer, the world champion arena football team the Philadelphia Soul did. On Thursday morning, Rashaun will take the field at the Well Fargo center to tryout for a spot on their team.

Date: June 14, 2017

Time: 2:10

ISSUES: Community

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES AS COLUMBIA HIT RUN VICTIM REMAINS IN HOSPITAL

A hit-and-run has left a Columbia University student in critical condition. On June 5 around 12:30am, Shariq Jumani was crossing the street against the light when a car hit him and fled. The suspect, Braynard Arno, turned himself into police the next day. Police are charging him for leaving the scene and for driving without a license. A GoFundMe page for student Shariq Jumani has raised over \$200,000.

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Time: 3:35

ISSUES: Community

TRAVELING CIRCUS BRINGS BIG ACT TO SMALL TOWNS

While some circus acts and performances take over huge arenas and stay put for multiple days, the Kelly Miller Circus does it the old fashioned way, usually staying in a location for just one day. The Kelly Miller Circus traveled to Eagleswood, NJ near Long Beach Island, where they set up their tent and a mini circus city, for neighbors to come and enjoy how the circus used to be. The owner is John Ringling North, whose great -uncles were the famed Ringling Bros.

Date: June 14, 2017

Time: 2:30

ISSUES: Community

HOW DOES THE ARMY START ITS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION WITH A WORKOUT!

June 14 is the US Army's 242nd birthday. To see how the Army is celebrating, Allison Gormly headed to Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst in South Jersey. The day started at 6:30 a.m. with a 5K run by members of the Army, Air Force, Marines and Navy. Joining them was Fmr. Under Secretary of the Army, Patrick Murphy. A cake-cutting ceremony followed. The base is also celebrating its 100th anniversary with a summer concert series.

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Time: :50

ISSUES: Government/Politics

JUDGE THROWS OUT LAWSUIT CHALLENGING STATEHOUSE RENOVATION

Chaser Sibile Marcellus caught up with NJ State Senator Ray Lesniak and Assemblyman John Wisniewski at the Mercer County criminal courthouse, where they stood before a judge Wednesday and argued that Governor Christie's \$300 million Statehouse renovations plan should be stopped. The judge dismissed the case on the basis of mootness.

Date: June 15, 2017

Time: 2:35

ISSUES: Community

EAGLES HOPEFUL GIVES IT HIS ALL AT PHILADELPHIA SOUL TRYOUT

This is our third day covering Philadelphia Eagles hopeful, Rashaun Sligh on his quest to become a professional football player. While he hasn't heard back from the Eagles, yesterday Rashaun received an offer for a one-day tryout for the Philadelphia Soul arena football team. Chaser Ariane Datil met him at the Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia for his one-day try-out to see if he has what it takes to be a pro.

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Time: 2:50

ISSUES: Community

FISHERMEN REEL OVER PLAN TO CHANGE FLUKE LIMITS

The State of New Jersey and the federal government are in a standoff over the size of summer flounder (also known as fluke) recreational fisherman can take home and fishermen say an industry long part of the fabric of the Jersey Shore lies in the balance. The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Council has ruled the state's 18-inch, three-fish per day limit violates federal regulations calling for decreased harvesting of an overfished species. The feds are requiring a 19-inch limit. Operators of party boats and other fisherman say that inch, on top of size limits already imposed in previous years, could be the death knell for an industry that has been a fixture for generations. Chaser Brian Donohue hit the docks to talk to worried fishermen about the controversy.

Date: June 15, 2017

Time: 4:15

ISSUES: Community

STYLE CONSULTANT GIVES ONE DIVORCED MOM THE VA VA VOOM

Divorces can be messy, but it doesn't mean you have to look messy. New York City based image consultant Amanda Sanders helps people, including divorced moms, get their looks back on track. To learn more about her business, Chaser Allison Gormly spent the day with Amanda and her client, Lizzie, on Park Avenue. Lizzie, who has been divorced for six years, said that she's looking forward to change. Amanda charges \$250 an hour plus whatever your costs are.

Date: June 15, 2017

Time: 3:15

ISSUES: Community

WOMAN CAN TELL YOU WHAT'S ON YOUR PET'S MIND

Tracey Korotky of Toms River says she was born with the gift of speaking to animals. Tracey calls herself a professional animal communicator and said if you're curious to know what your cat or dog is thinking, she is the person to call. Tracey charges \$55 for a two-hour phone or text session about your animal and \$75 for an in-person session. Chaser Ashley Johnson met with Tracey at a farm in Howell, NJ to do a reading on Tallahassee, a rescue horse that was brought to the Broken Promises Animal Sanctuary from an abusive owner.

Date: June 15, 2017

Time: 2:40

ISSUES: Community

IN BROOKLYN, THE WINDOW BOXES ARE IN BLOOM

It's the busiest time of the year for gardeners and this year it's all about the windows! Window box planters are everywhere in New York. A must-have in Manhattan, the trend has now taken over Brooklyn with homeowners spending hundreds to thousands of dollars on colorful planters. Flos Gardens gave us a behind-the-scenes look at the set-up.

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Time: :30

ISSUES: Government/Politics

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI JOINS BILL SPADEA ON NJ 101 5

Assemblyman Wisniewski joined Bill Spadea on NJ 101.5 to talk about appealing the decision to continue \$300 million NJ State House renovation.

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Time: :35

ISSUES: Government/Politics

DAREDEVIL BREAKS RECORD HANGING OVER NIAGARA FALLS

Daredevil Erendira Wallenda breaks world record by hanging onto a hoop with her teeth, from a helicopter, 300 feet above Niagra Falls.

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Time: 3:15

ISSUES: Community

PAST LIFE AS DOMINATRIX JEOPARDIZES COP'S CAREER

Bayonne resident Kristen Hyman was recently sworn in as a Hudson County Sheriff's Officer, but her former life as a dominatrix may prevent her from protecting and serving her community. Hyman worked as a dominatrix for hire and appeared in several explicit bondage videos between 2010 and 2012, but maintains she stopped doing so years before she applied to become a sheriff's deputy. Officials with the sheriff's department argue her failure to disclose her past appearances in the films constitutes behavior unbecoming a member of the force. She was suspended without pay on May 26, just a week before she was slated to graduate from the police academy. Hyman's attorneys successfully got her suspension knocked down to modified duty, but her long-term status with the sheriff's department will be determined at a June 27 hearing. Retired NYPD Sgt. Joe Giacalone joined us via Skype.

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Time: 3:20

ISSUES: Community

MONKEYS RIDING DOGS: FUN OR CRUEL?

Love it or hate it, people can't stop talking about the Banana Derby. The traveling show is now in its 10th year, featuring monkeys dressed as horse jockeys strapped to the backs of dogs. Animal activists say its abuse, but owner Philip Dolci says it's nothing but good fun that crowds love. Chaser Diana Blass met Dolci on Long Island where the Banana Derby is performing at The Brookhaven Fair.

Date: June 16, 2017

Time: 2:55

ISSUES: Community

MISS NJ PAGEANT CONTESTANTS GET A FEW POINTERS

As the Miss New Jersey 2017 pageant got underway in Ocean City, Chaser Sibile Marcellus headed there to give the contestants a leg up on the competition before the crowning Sunday night. Sibile was a finalist at the Miss NY Teen USA pageant at age 15.

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Time: 3:45

ISSUES: Community

RUBBER MAT TOUR: HOW DO YOU FILL YOUR POOL?

In the suburban wilds of North Jersey roams a summertime Santa who travels from yard to yard delivering 7,000 gallons of summer fun: the pool water delivery guy. In the third installment of Chaser Brian Donohue's 2017 Rubber Mat Tour series, Brian rode along with Frank Paulozzo, a driver with Happie Time Pool Water in Roxbury NJ, to examine a niche industry he was gobsmacked to find out even existed. Brian took his rubber raft into freshly filled pools that varied from crystal clear oasis to swampy green health hazard.

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Time: 3:15

ISSUES: Community

JROTC INSTRUCTOR FACES LOSS OF CAREER OVER INFRACTIONS

Retired Sgt. 1st Class Keith Downs gave 20 years of decorated service to the U.S. Army. When he was done, he went back to work and has spent 19 years as a teacher instructing Junior ROTC cadets. He was headed into his 20th year teaching at Riverside, NJ High School when his license to teach was abruptly pulled by the Army. Why? A nationwide background check of all 7,000 JROTC instructors found eight infractions from his Army career -- some dating back decades. Two weeks ago Alex spoke with Downs, whose namesake son was on trial on robbery charges in Burlington County. Since then, Downs' son was found not guilty of all but one charge against him and could come home as early as next month. But his father is fighting a battle of his own. In the chaotic life of supervising 150 high school students, the review at first did not seem like a big deal. Now that he's suddenly out of their lives, he worries about them. "I'm more concerned about them, because I don't want to be just yanked out," he said. "I'm going to go back and say, 'Colonel, please let me be at graduation." Downs has one more chance: a hearing scheduled Monday, June 19, at Fort Knox, KY, at which he will attempt to clear his name and reinstate his teaching license. Riverside's graduation is a day later, and Downs wants to be there.

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Time: 2:20

ISSUES: Community

ARTIST SPINS CREATIONS INTO DRESSES & MORE

Serena Bocchino has been an artist her whole life. Her collection of lyrical abstraction paintings and installations have been showcased all over the world from San Francisco to China. And now with the help of a friend she is expanding her brand into fashion.

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Time: 3:45

ISSUES: Community / Transportation

MTA'S BUTTON FOR PREGNANT WOMEN PUT TO TEST ON CROWDED SUBWAY

If you're riding the New York City subway, you might notice expectant mothers sporting "Baby on Board" buttons. The Metropolitan Transit Authority launched the initiative Mother's Day in hopes of encouraging riders to offer their seat to a pregnant woman. Riders can order a free button online, and it should come in the mail within three weeks. Chaser Ashley tested how well the buttons work in a very unique motherly mission.

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Time: 2:05

ISSUES: Community

BEYONCE HAS TWINS SO IT'S TIME FOR A PARTY

It was announced last weekend that Beyonce Knowles and Jay-Z welcomed their twins. Astra, host on 92.3 Amp Radio, weighed in on what she thinks the genders are.

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Time: 3:05

ISSUES: Community

CHILDREN OF EX COP, WHO KILLED WIFE, SUE POLICE

Two years after ex-Neptune police Sgt. Phil Seidle gunned down his ex-wife Tamara on an Asbury Park street, the couple's nine children have filed a wrongful death lawsuit against cops and officials who they say were responsible. In addition to a failure to take action during a two and a half minute standoff with Seidle before he fired a second round of bullets, the lawsuit claims Neptune police failed to address Seidle's repeatedly violent and aggressive actions toward his family. In fact, the lawsuit claims fellow Neptune officers essentially covered for Seidle, breaking up domestic disputes and violating state law and policies by not fully reporting Seidle's actions and not disciplining him properly. The lawsuit names Neptune, Asbury Park, Monmouth County and the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office, along with members and officials in those agencies.

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ISSUES: Community / Education

GAY PRIDE FLAG GETS SCHOOL'S SUPPORT BUT QUESTIONS FLY

Ridgewood High School raised a gay pride flag on last week in honor of LGBT Pride Month. While a number of towns throughout the area have displayed the flag for the month of June, Ridgewood is believed to be the first high school in Bergen County, NJ to do so. While the school argues raising the flag sends a message of inclusion, critics claim it is pushing a liberal agenda and sends the wrong message to students. Ridgewood received national attention seven years ago after the death of Tyler Clementi, a Rutgers University student and Ridgewood High School alumnus who jumped off the George Washington Bridge to his death. The suicide brought to light issues facing LGBT youth.

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ISSUES: Community / Government/Politics

NEWARK DECLARES 'SANCTUARY CITY' STATUS

Newark Mayor Ras Baraka signed an executive order on Monday to strengthen Newark's sanctuary status. Under Baraka's directive, Newark cops are not obligated to cooperate with U.S. immigration and customs enforcement officials. "The city of Newark will not expend official time, funds, or resources, to facilitate the civil enforcement of federal immigration law, nor participate in the civil immigration enforcement operations, except when legally required to do so by federal law," Baraka said.

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ISSUES: Community

THE PARLOR, AN LBI INSTITUTION, GETS THE ULTIMATE JERSEY HONOR

If you've spent any time on New Jersey's Long Beach Island over the last half-century, you like know the second-story menagerie of silliness known as The Parlor. Formerly known as the Dollar Parlor, it's the place to buy all your vacation essentials. There are old favorites: like candy cigarettes and new, wonderful innovations, like the horse-head squirrel feeder that makes the rodents in your yard look like mythical beasts. Chaser Brian Donohue visited The Parlor as the LBI institution celebrates its 50th year and is bestowed with perhaps the ultimate New Jersey accolade: the naming of a sandwich in its honor.

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Time: 3:50

ISSUES: Community

WOMAN SUES AFTER CASINO REFUSES TO HAND OVER \$43M JACKPOT

A Queens woman who thought she won a \$43 million jackpot is suing Resorts World Casino in Queens after being told the slot machine had malfunctioned. Last August, Katrina Bookman said she won millions on the "Sphinx Lot Machine." but her joy was short-lived when officials told her the machine had malfunctioned and she didn't actually win, referring to a disclaimer on the machine which states, "Malfunction voids all pays and plays." The casino offered Katrina a steak, which she refused. Resorts Casino officials declined to comment.

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ISSUES: Community

FELT BODEGA ART INSTALLATION IS SOFT & SQUISHY & IN NYC THROUGH JUNE

NYC's hottest attraction is made of felt. A life-size bodega made entirely of felt is on display at The Standard, High Line, through June 30. It looked just like every other convenience store in New York, except that everything, 9,000 items, are handmade of felt. Chaser Diana Blass spoke with the artist, Lucy Sparrow, behind the venture, titled "8 'Till Late."

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Time: 2:10

ISSUES: Community / Transportation

TETERBORO PILOT STILL UNIDENTIFIED A MONTH AFTER CRASH THAT KILLED HIM

More than one month after a Lear Jet crash that killed two people while on approach to Teterboro Airport, authorities have not officially identified the pilot. While New Jersey native Jeff Alino was identified as the co-pilot shortly after the May 15 air disaster, officials have released few details about his pilot, saying they were waiting on DNA testing. Stephen Reithof, a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel and both officer and inductee of the New Jersey Aviation Hall of Fame, said it is unlikely investigators have no clue who the pilot is. Rather, they are withholding his name based on the wishes of family or officials working to determine the cause of the crash. Reithof was one of the first to hear about the fiery impact when his daughter, who was one building over, texted him saying she heard an explosion.

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ISSUES: Community

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF INFAMOUS BROOKLYN FUNERAL DIRECTOR

Doris Amen isn't going anywhere. The woman known as the "Victoria Gotti of Funeral Homes" successfully fought off \$165,000 in fines from the city related to illegal construction work at her funeral home. The Department of Buildings of NYC admitted it made a mistake. Amen is the owner and funeral director of Jurek Park Slope Funeral Home in Brooklyn. She's now back to work, and Chaser Diana Blass was there to see her in action. They stopped at all of Doris' favorite places, from the cemetery to the mechanic.

Date: June 20, 2017

Time: 3:35

ISSUES: Community / Government/Politics

COUNCILMAN'S CAR TOWED AFTER HE LED EFFORT TO SPEED UP CITY TOWING PROCESS

"Who towed my F---ing car?" Those are the words of Englewood, New Jersey Councilman Charles Cobb on the recently released recording of a 9-11 call he placed to Englewood Police in December. Was Cobb's unregistered car caught in a random sweep by police or was he targeted for spearheading a crackdown on the companies that hold towing contracts with the city? Chaser Brian Donohue went to Englewood to find out.

Date: June 21, 2017

Time: 3:50

ISSUES: Community / Education

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR EXPLAINS 'SHOULDERS' YEARBOOK QUOTE

A North Jersey high school senior's yearbook quote has gone viral on Twitter for taking a stance against her school's dress code. In her yearbook photo Tori DiPaolo, who is set to graduate from West Milford High School on Thursday, is wearing a traditional off-the-shoulder drape. Her quote underneath the photo reads: "I'm sorry, did my shoulders distract you from reading this quote?" Tori said she choose the quote because her school prohibits girls from wearing clothing that is "revealing or suggestive." She believes those standards are sexist. School officials declined to comment.

Date: June 21, 2017

Time: 3:25

ISSUES: Community

IN SEARCH OF THE ELUSIVE SPACESHIP CAR IN BROOKLYN

It's Brooklyn's ongoing mystery. Who owns the spaceship that's roaming the neighborhood? The spaceship is more of a space-car, which people have spotted everywhere from Williamsburg to Prospect Heights, even Coney Island for the Mermaid Parade. Pictures of it first popped up about a year ago on Reddit. On Monday, it was back again with people photographing it in Prospect Heights and Carroll Gardens.

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Time: 2:50

ISSUES: Community

RIDING AN ELEPHANT & MORE AT THE KELLY MILLER CIRCUS

Chaser Rohan Mohanty met up with the traveling Kelly Miller Circus again, this time at the Columbus, NJ Farmers Market, and this time as a performer.

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ISSUES: Community

SWIMSUITS FOR NANNIES KEEPING IT MODEST

It's officially summer in the city, and nannies will be taking their child-rearing duties on the road. But we've all heard the stories of celebrities running off with the nanny, so you wonder, what should nannies wear when their job takes them to a pool or the beach? Chaser Ariane Datil met up with Florence Ann Romano aka The Windy City Nanny to get the scoop.

Date: June 22, 2017

Time: 4:15

ISSUES: Community

COLLEGE PROF FIRED AFTER FOX NEWS APPEARANCE SPEAKS OUT

Essex County College Professor Lisa Durden was fired after a recent appearance on Fox News in which she argued with host Tucker Carlson about the Black Lives Matter movement. Lisa joined Chasing News in studio to talk about the incident.

Date: June 22, 2017

Time: 2:40

ISSUES: Community

FEDS INVESTIGATING OFFICERS' RESPONSE TO FIERY CRASH THAT INJURED MAN

With federal officials now on the case of an innocent accident victim allegedly beaten by Jersey City cops, the lawyer for Miguel Feliz said the 28-year-old is making a slow but painful recovery. During an interview at his West New York office, attorney Alex Locatelli said his client has had skin grafts from his knees to his arms after being burned in the fiery crash captured on cellphone video. Police were pursuing Leo Pinkston, who allegedly fled from officers June 4 and led cops on a 6-mile chase before slamming into Feliz's car. The actions of officers in the immediate aftermath of the crash, where they drag Feliz away from the wreck and appear to kick him in the head, have led to angry statements from Mayor Steve Fulop. The police union has said the officers were simply taking Feliz away from the inferno and dousing flames. Hudson County Prosecutor Esther Suarez has urged everyone involved to "withhold" judgment. In a statement Wednesday, the Jersey City Officers Benevolent Association said it supports her office's efforts.

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Time: 2:40

ISSUES: Community / Transportation

AS MTA ADMITS FAULT, SUBWAY DELAYS PERSIST

The NYC subway system is a mess. Despite the unveiling of a new Second Avenue subway line at the start of the year, subway delays caused by signal and equipment problems persist. A signal problem on Tuesday led to service delays from multiple train lines including the B, D, F, M, A, C, and E lines. Governor Andrew Cuomo has announced plans to take over control of the MTA. Chaser Sibile caught up with NYC commuters.

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ISSUES: Community

A DAY WITH THE RED BULL FREESTYLERS CONVERTS A SOCCER HATER

Chaser Rohan and Chasing News were invited to the Red Bull Arena in Harrison, NJ home of the New York Red Bulls professional soccer team. This Saturday, a huge rivalry game between the Red Bulls and the New York City Football Club will pack the arena. Rohan Mohanty, a self-proclaimed soccer hater, spent the day at the arena and learned how to play from the Red Bull Freestylers!

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ISSUES: Community

TRENTON WATERFRONT PLAN HAS TO START SOMEWHERE, BUT HERE?

Route 29 in Trenton, NJ has been called one of the highways in America most destructive to the quality of life for nearby residents. For decades, planners and advocates have called for it to be torn up so the Delaware River waterfront along which it runs can be turned into bike and pedestrian boulevard like New York's West Side Highway or Milwaukee's River Walk. But for now, Governor Chris Christie is proposing a far more modest proposal: a pedestrian footbridge over the highway to connect downtown Trenton to the river. Is this a good start to something bigger or just more disappointing, small-minded thinking in a state where poor urban planning is almost a given? Chaser Brian Donohue headed to the river to answer the question.

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ISSUES: Community

BABY DEER FINDS BACKYARD POOL PERFECT FOR A DAILY SWIM

The members of the Benincasa family of Freehold NJ have been sharing their swimming pool with an unlikely visitor: a fawn! Bambi, as the kids named it, lives in a field across the street from the home, and uses family's pool to cool off on hot summer days. Almost every day for the last week, the fawn has crossed the street, slipped through the fence and taken a dip in the pool. The family hopes the fawn will keep coming by until it is too big to fit through the fence.

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Time: 2:35

ISSUES: Community

LA-BASED ICE CREAM SHOP POPS UP WITH MACARONS IN NYC

Foodies and ice cream lovers gathered outside the Manhattan pop-up, The Milk Shop, for its grand opening last week. The Milk Shop has been a staple on the LA food scene for 10 years and is known for macaron ice cream sandwiches and specialty ice cream flavors. The shop broke down Sunday so Chaser Ariane Datil went to have some dessert before it was gone.

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ISSUES: Community / Health

LA-BASED ICE CREAM SHOP POPS UP WITH MACARONS IN NYC

Linda McFaline is warning women against the dangers of going under the knife, especially abroad. McFaline, 40, got a skin infection after breast surgery in the Dominican Republic. She contracted mycobacterium abcessus, which attacks the skin tissue in the body. She now has a hole in her right breast. The NY Department of Health is urging caution when undergoing surgeries abroad, reporting that 10 other patients in the United States have gotten a similar infection.

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ISSUES: Community / Transportation

TOWN OFFERING FRUSTRATED COMMUTERS SUPPORT IN FORM OF EXCUSE NOTES

Thousands of commuters who rely on NJ Transit's Morris & Essex line will be affected by Amtrak's plan to improve New York Penn Station's infrastructure, which gets underway July 10. South Orange Mayor Sheena Collum wanted to help and made a formal letter available for download on the township website. In the letter she asks employers to consider allowing their employees to work from home. Chaser Sibile Marcellus caught up with Collum in New Brunswick. "It's a little bit odd to be the mayor of a relatively small community of 16,000 residents and then Seton Hall University trying to reach employers in NYC, asking them to think about flexible hours, alternative work schedules, perhaps work from home, but we're looking for partners right now and our residents and our riders are our top priority," Collum said.

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Time: 3:15

ISSUES: Community

MILLENNIAL VS GENX: GPS VS MAPS

What do you do when you are driving to a place you've never been before? Bust out the GPS right? Wrong. Chaser Brian Donohue took Chaser Ariane Datil on a GPS-free road trip for the second installment of their millennial vs. Gen

X challenge. Ariane grew up in an age where she at least had MapQuest to help navigate a new route, so paper maps are a foreign concept to her. Brian on the other hand, has been using paper maps since he learned how to drive. Will Ariane be able to help navigate Brian out of Trenton to a well-known local landmark?

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ISSUES: Community

FORMER AIRMAN CONSIDERS OPTIONS AFTER DISCHARGE

A U.S. Air Force veteran airman says he was recently let go from his job because was six minutes late to a meeting with his commander. Mario Manago, 33, has been with the Air Force for 12 years and stationed at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst for seven of them. Last August, Manago asked to speak with his commander about mistreatment at the base. Manago said he was late to that meeting because things became busy at work. Months later, Manago was convicted at court-martial months later in March for failing to go to his "appointed place of duty." A week prior, Manago was demoted from staff sergeant to airman. The U.S. Air Force said Manago was honorably discharged because of tenure rules.

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ISSUES: Community

MUCKFESTMS RAISES MONEY FOR MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS RESEARCH

MuckFestMS came to South Orange, NJ over the weekend!

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ISSUES: Community

STEPDAD, WILL YOU ADOPT ME

For Father's Day, daughter gives adoption papers to her step father!

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ISSUES: Community / Government/Politics

NJ BAIL REFORM ATTRACTS TV BOUNTY HUNTERS' ATTENTION

New Jersey's bail reform law is nearing its sixth month of implementation, but the chorus of criticism against it grew louder as celebrity bounty hunters Duane "Dog" Chapman and his wife Beth arrived at the Statehouse Monday. The Chapmans traveled to New Jersey to lobby state officials to retool what they say is flawed legislation that eliminated traditional bail in the state. Critics like the Chapmans have pointed to shooting suspects and sex offenders who were released quickly after being charged with serious, violent crimes. Gov. Chris Christie championed bail reform, though Attorney General Chris Porrino in April asked the courts to tweak the rules to keep more violent offenders behind bars.

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ABANDONED BOATS PILE UP IN STATEN ISLAND HARBOR

Abandoned boats are drifting in Staten Island's Great Kills Harbor and no one seems to know what to do with them. Local residents are outraged. They say at least four boats have been recovered from the waters and told Chaser Diana Blass of Chasing News that dozens of abandoned moorings remain. The boats are hidden in high tide and have been described as a ticking time bomb. NYC's Parks Department said it is not responsible for abandoned boats and moorings in state-owned waters.

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THE ART OF WAR: INSIDE NJ'S 'VOODOO BUNKERS'

In the shallows of Sandy Hook Bay sits an abandoned World War II era military bunker whose walls are lined with strange and mysterious artwork figures that are half bird, half human, reptilian and primitive, tribal and surreal. And no one knows who painted them or why. Chaser Brian Donohue of Chasing News made the tick and poison-ivy infested hike to what locals call the "voodoo bunkers" to visit one of the New York and New Jersey area's most strange and unique places before it sinks into the sea.

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ISSUES: Community

CONEY ISLAND'S CYCLONE IS 90 & AS THRILLING AS EVER

The Coney Island iconic amusement ride The Cyclone has turned 90! Chaser Sibile was in Coney Island on Monday for the celebration and took a ride. The most dramatic drop amid the roller coaster's twists and turns is 85 feet.

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A SAILING LESSON TO START THE SUMMER SEASON

Summer is the perfect time for water sports, so with the sun shining, Chaser Ashley got her first sailing lesson at Sailors NYC in Jersey City, NJ with founder Nitzan "Nickie" Levy. It takes about six weeks to get a sailing certification, which requires knowing how to set up the boat as well as understanding weather patterns.

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BELMAR BEACH BUNNIES SHOW OFF SWIMSUIT TRENDS

Some people might not think of Belmar NJ as the epicenter of fashion, but Chaser Ariane Datil of Chasing News was pleasantly surprised when she spent the day scouting this season's biggest swimsuit trends! From the tiniest fashionistas, to tweens and teens who follow Instagram for the latest trends, it was clear that this season's top looks were well represented.

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ISSUES: Community

SPADEA HONORS FIREFIGHTERS AT SIX FLAGS

Bill Spadea salutes NJ and NY's bravest firefighters at Six Flags "Summer of Heroes" event.

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ISSUES: Community

SISTEEN CHAPEL AT THE OCULUS

Get a close-up look at Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel recreated at the Oculus World Trade Center transportation hub until July 23rd.

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ISSUES: Community LISA DURDEN FIRED

Essex County College fires Professor Lisa Durden after appearance on Fox News.

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ISSUES: Community

ARE CRICKETS THE NEW KALE: THEY'RE CRUNCHIER & HAVE MORE PROTEIN

Ready to eat crickets? David Binns is hoping so. He's the managing partner of the British-based company Nutribug, which produces food products made of insect powder. Chaser Diana Blass met David at the Fancy Food Show at NYC's Jacob Javits Center, where she dined on roasted crickets and a cricked-based protein bar. Crickets are praised for their high protein content. Binns also says eating insects can be part of a sustainable diet.

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ISSUES: Community

A WALK ON THE BICYCLE TRAIL WHERE A PATERSON FIREFIGHTER FELL TO HIS DEATH

A veteran Paterson firefighter died in a bicycling accident Monday morning at Mills Reservation in Cedar Grove, NJ. Kerry Rivera, 50, of Wayne, NJ was biking with his brother when his bike went off track and he fell 20 feet off a cliff. Bill Indek, a frequent visitor to the reservation, talked about the trail's safety with Chaser Ashley Johnson.

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MOTHER OF BOY WITH RARE DISEASE FEARS GOP HEALTH BILL FALLOUT

Alison Chandra's son has a rare disorder called heterotaxy syndrome. His internal organs are arranged abnormally and there are many other complications. Ethan's hospital bills are exorbitant but have been manageable so far, his mother said. Now, with TrumpCare looming, Alison and her family fear possible "lifetime caps" on insurance coverage could leave them with no way to pay. Senate Republicans on Tuesday delayed their vote on the new health care bill. The Chandras are happy they have a little more time.

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ISSUES: Government/Politics

TV BOUNTY HUNTER LOBBIES NJ LAWMAKERS OVER BAIL REFORM

"Dog the Bounty Hunter" stars Duane "Dog" Chapman and his wife Beth Chapman spent Tuesday trying to change minds and getting under New Jersey Governor Chris Christie's skin over the controversy surrounding the state's new bail reform law. New Jersey has all but eliminated cash bail in a series of reforms that took effect January 1, mandating defendants charged in Superior Court either be held until trial without bail or released. The Chapmans met up with Alex Zdan of Chasing News at the Statehouse Monday, where they lobbied state legislators and asked them to change the law. At a news conference Tuesday, Christie said he had no interest in meeting with the Chapmans to discuss changes to the bail reform law.

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ISSUES: Community / Transportation

BAYONNE BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION IS BAD FOR BUSINESS

Construction at the Bayonne Bridge has created a mess on Staten Island. Debris has been falling to the ground over the past four years, according to local business owner Vaughn Bellocchio. Hundreds of unoccupied cars have been damaged as a result. One solution, residents say, would be for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to install netting to catch the falling debris. The Port Authority temporarily halted construction Monday.

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ISSUES: Government/Politics

NJ IS LIKE VENEZUELA? HOW EMBARRASSING!

NJ Governor Chris Christie is attempting to grab \$300 million from the surplus of Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield, the state's largest health insurer, to use in the state budget. It's a move two-time Republican presidential candidate and businessman Steve Forbes compared to something you might see pulled off by the socialist regime in Venezuela. It's a striking comparison. But is it more embarrassing for Christie or Venezuela? Tongue firmly in cheek, Chaser Brian Donohue of Chasing News headed to the Venezuelan consulate in New York City to break down the analogy to discuss

the similarities - and huge differences between the Christie administration and the faltering socialist regime in Venezuela.

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ISSUES: Community

OLDEST LOG CABIN CAN BE YOURS FOR \$3 MILLION

One of the oldest surviving log cabins in the Western Hemisphere is for sale. It was built in 1638 and still stands right in the State of New Jersey. Gibbstown has been developed with shopping centers, schools and homes, but a piece of history has never left the area: the Nothnagle Cabin. Harry and Doris Rink purchased the property in 1968 and have kept it just as it was over 300 years ago. Now, the Rinks are selling the historic site for an asking price of \$2.9 million. There is one catch, however. They want the tours of the abin to remain free.

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ISSUES: Community

WE'RE ON A BOAT WITH THE STATE POLICE

With the July Fourth weekend right around the corner, Chaser Sibile hopped onto a NJ State Police boat in Point Pleasant to find out what our nation's birthday looks like from a cop's perspective. Sibile caught up with Sgt. Chris Jones, who talked about boating safety. "Seventy-five percent of vessel accidents involve alcohol," Jones said. "You're out here all day so think about the effects of the sun on you, the rocking of the boat, the waves pushing you back and forth. "You'll fatigue quickly then you start adding consumption of alcohol on that. It adds a synergistic effect to the level of impairment "Jones advises people to wear their life vests on boats and not to operate any vehicle, a car or a boat, while intoxicated. Sibile also talked to boater Brad Hanson, who said he never ventures out on the Fourth of July. "Absolutely not," he said, citing the crowded conditions and the speeders.

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ISSUES: Community

BLIND TASTE TEST: IS THE BEST PHILLY CHEESESTEAK ACTUALLY FROM NJ?

What makes a Philadelphia cheesesteak the best? Is it the meat? Is it the cheese? The bread? Does it even have to be from Philadelphia? Not according to chef Anthony Bourdain. Chaser Ariane Datil of Chasing News put his assessment to the test and drove to 4 different cheesesteak shops. The Chasing News staff did a blind taste test with cheesesteaks from Pat's and Geno's in South Philly, and Chick's and Donkey's (Bourdain's favorite) in South Jersey to find out who's is the best.

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ISSUES: Community

BEAR CUB FREED FROM NET

Ringwood detective frees black bear cub caught in a backyard batting cage net.

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ISSUES: Community / Transportation

MTA HIT WITH LAWSUIT & QUESTIONS ABOUT ZIP TIES

A Brooklyn woman is suing New York City's Metropolitan Transit Authority for \$5 million after suffering a spinal injury after an A train derailed at the 125th Street station in Harlem Tuesday morning. Sheena Tucker took video on her cellphone of frantic passengers after a southbound A train jumped the tracks and slammed into a wall, leaving dozens of passengers injured and hundreds inconvenienced . MTA officials declined to comment. On Thursday, NY Governor Andrew Cuomo declared a state of emergency for the subway system. Meanwhile, a commuter tweeted out a picture of a 7 train with the caption "zip ties used on the undercarriage of a #7 train - is this standard?" Chaser Sibile asked the MTA about the zip ties. "The ties are a back-up way of securing a cable (a secondary fastener) on the subway car," said MTA spokesman Kevin Ortiz. "It's used in conjunction with other fasteners. It's 100 percent safe and only used on

some cars on the #7 line. We have a specially-designed bracket that is being engineered and is set to be installed in the next few weeks. Again, this is just a back-up measure and it is safe." Sibile asked commuters how they felt about zip ties on their trains.

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THE HEAT IS ON FOR THE JULY FOURTH WEEKEND

Hot, hot, hot! That's what the tristate area can expect for Fourth of July weekend. NJ 101.5 meteorologist Dan Zarrow weighed in on the pending heat wave discussing everything from temperatures to dew points.

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STATE FUNDED DAY CARE CENTERS FACE CLOSURE AMID BUDGET CUTS

Over 400 children across New Jersey with developmental delays may see their state-funded day cares close on Friday amid state budget cuts. Parents who take their kids to the Step Ahead program, run by the Arc Mercer, had just 10 days' notice that the state Department of Children and Families was not providing another year's worth of funding for its day care and similar ones throughout the state. The cut affects six programs and totals \$1.8 million. The Step Ahead program received \$385,000 per year. Developmentally delayed children include autistic children, those with learning disabilities and potentially more serious intellectual disabilities that have not been diagnosed. The Step Ahead program serves kids from newborns to age 3, while other Arc programs in North Jersey include children up to 5. "The overall Children's System of Care budget continues to grow as we provide more Intensive In-Home services, such as Applied Behavioral Analysis and in-home therapy, to children with intellectual and developmental disabilities," the DCF said in a statement. "Since 2014, Intensive In-Home Services has grown nearly 600%, and this funding will help support this continued growth."

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SERIOUS CHARGES FILED AGAINST SUSPECTS IN LAKEWOOD FRAUD CASE

In Lakewood, NJ on Monday morning, a massive multi-agency fraud sweep resulted in 14 arrested for theft by deception. Local, state and federal agencies, in a coordinated sting operation, began their arrests of members of this large Hasidic Jewish community for what is being called widespread abuse of public assistance programs such as food stamps, Medicaid and Section 8 housing. All of those arrested have been charged with second-degree theft by deception. Former Morris County Prosecutor Bob Bianchi joined Chasing News via Skype and applauded the multi-agency approach to the sting.

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ISSUES: Community / Education

SYDNEY PHILLIPS EXPELLED SINCE LAWSUIT

NJ teen expelled after filing lawsuit to be able to play on the boys' basketball team.

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ALWAYS LOOK BOTH WAYS!

NY City Alerts released dashcam video, taken in Williamburg, of a boy being hit by a slow moving car then walks away unharmed.

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BROWDE RUNNING FOR TOWN SUPERVISOR

Kristen Browde is making headlines running for New Castle Town Supervisor position, as the first transgender woman to run for office with major party backing.

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ISSUES: Community / Transportation

HAWORTH DEALS WITH A MESS AT THE BUS STOP

Residents and town officials in Haworth, NJ are concerned about the Chestnut Bend NJ Transit bus stop in town. Mayor John Smart said NJ Transit workers have been leaving bottles and cans containing urine at or near the bus stop because there is no restroom for NJ Transit employees to use. The Haworth Department of Public Works is responsible for cleaning the bus stops in town, but workers removed the trash receptacle because of the unsanitary conditions, and now the bottles, cans and cups are left on the ground, grass and benches. Residents and Haworth officials are urging NJ Transit to provide proper accommodations for employees.

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ISSUES: Community

THE MOKE: BRITISH CLASSIC GETS AN AMERICAN MAKEOVER

The Moke, a classic British car, was created in the 1960s by the British military for use on aircraft carriers. In the late '70s, the Moke gained popularity in the as a beach buggy. Recently the Moke had a makeover: It's now American and it's electric. Chaser Ariane Datil went to Manhattan Motorcars in New York City to test drive the first model to hit American soil.

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ISSUES: Community

MOBILE VIETNAM VETS MEMORIAL ON DISPLAY IN WEST ORANGE

The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall arrived in West Orange Friday for the Fourth of July weekend, and a group of Vietnam vets and their families lent a hand to assemble the monument. The 3/5 scale model of the Vietnam memorial in Washington, DC still has the names of the 58,000 Americans who died during the war. It's personal for men like George Hesse, a Vietnam vet whose high school classmate Peter Kovach is one of four West Orange natives killed in the war. "Kind of like, it was surreal, it was a bad time anyway because the Vietnam War was not the most popular thing," said Hesse, who was drafted into the Army two weeks after Kovach was killed. Hesse showed up at the wall's assembly and made sure he moved the panel bearing Kovach's name into place. The wall was set up at West Orange High School and will be on display through Wednesday.

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MOUND OF COAL IS THE ONLY SIGN OF LIFE AT NJ POWER PLANT

President Donald Trump has vowed to revive the nation's coal industry, even pulling the United States out of the Paris Climate Accords. So six months in to his adminstration, how are things going at New Jersey's largest coal-burning power plants? Chaser Brian Donohue of Chasing News headed to the Hudson Generation Station in Jersey City where he found the coal resurgence is fizzling. The plant is closed and there's a giant pile of coal sitting there with no place to go.

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CONSTRUCTION RESTARTS ON AMERICAN DREAM PROJECT

Construction for the American Dream project at the Meadowlands has resumed after completion of a complex \$2.8 billion financing plan involving a \$1.1 billion bond sale. The borough of East Rutherford got \$21.5 million as a part of the financial agreement. Chaser Sibile Marcellus of Chasing News caught up with East Rutherford Mayor James

Cassella. "I'm happy for the unions, the tradespeople, doing what they do best and that is building and building buildings like this and so I look forward to them getting back to work," Cassella said.

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PICKLED HOT SAUCE IS LOCALLY SOURCED IN THE BRONX

The Bronx Hot Sauce is a locally sourced Serrano pepper-based pickled hot sauce that has six ingredients. Sadly, pickles are not one of them. The company's economic model is to try and empower community gardens throughout The Bronx to do what they do best which is grow delicious produce.